

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

NORTH CANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



2012

The North Canton Fire Department had an active year for 2012. The North Canton Fire Department responded to a total of 470 calls, this was the third busiest year for the Fire Department over the last decade. Of the 470 calls, 379 were emergency calls with an average response time of 7 minutes per call. There were 73 non-emergency calls with an average response time of 10 minutes per call (non-emergency calls include Carbon Monoxide alarms without symptoms, motor vehicle crashes of a non-emergency nature and fire investigations of a non-emergency nature). There were 18 times that the Fire Department was cancelled en route while responding to a call.

In 2012, The Fire Department responded to seven structure fires in the City and was called for structure fires outside the City 15 times. This year saw the City's first major arson fire in more than five years when two houses on McKinley Ave. SE were set on fire. The City's total fire loss for the year was \$462,700.

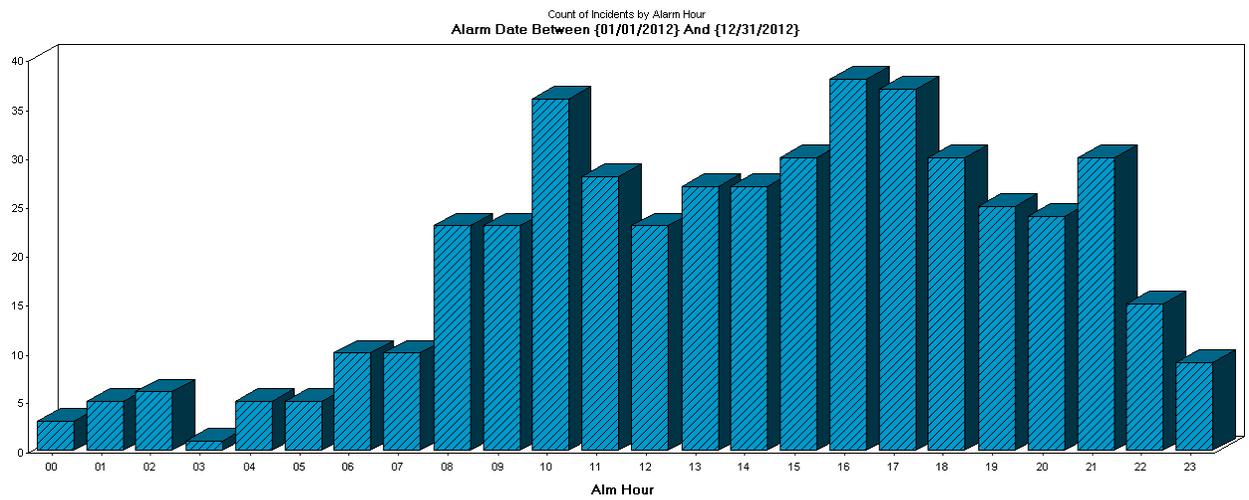
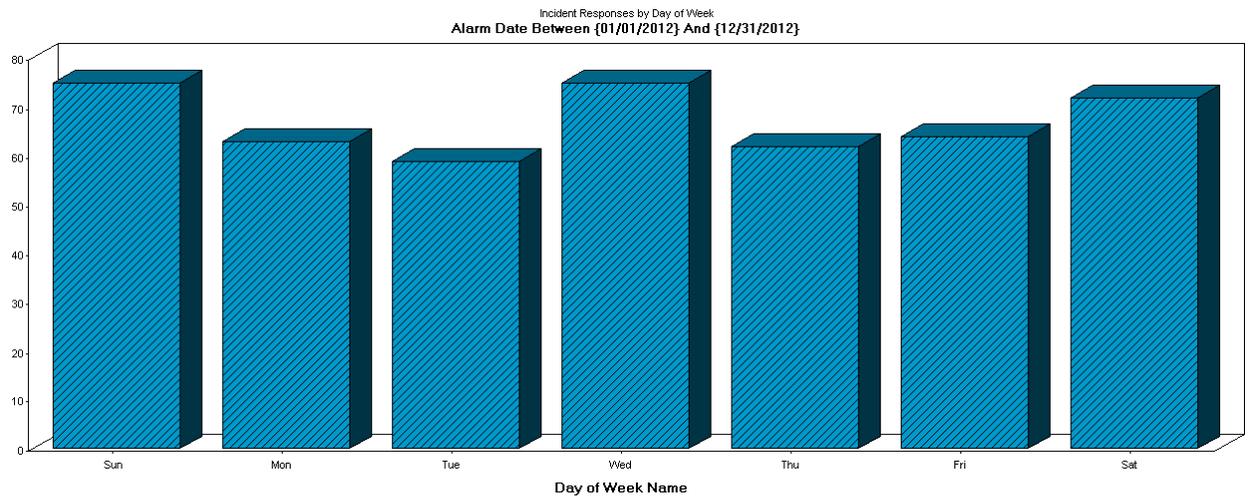
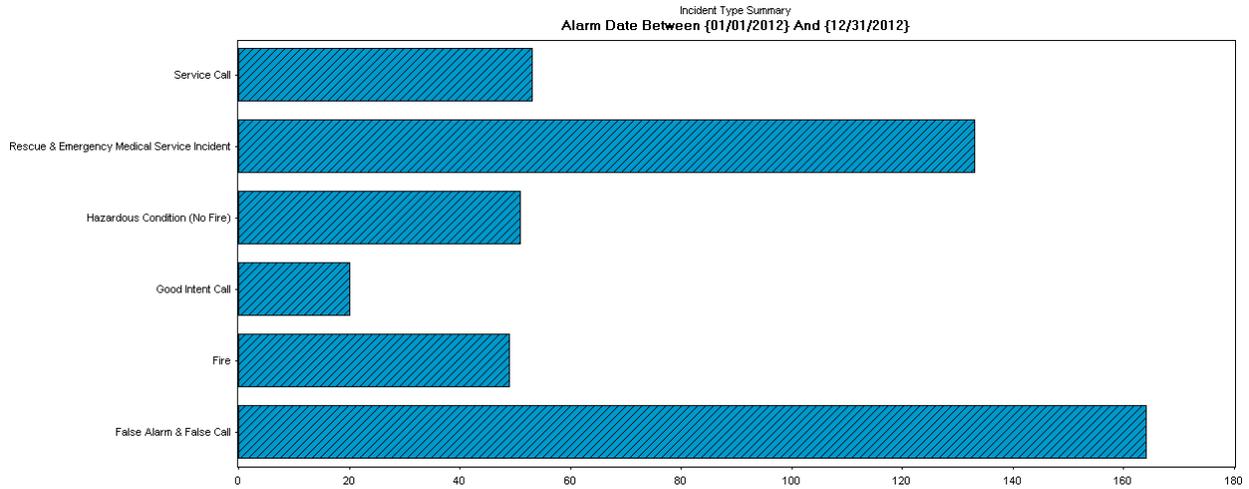


Estimated losses per incident are as follows:

<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Estimated Loss</u>
Structure Fires	\$321,500
Cooking Fires (confined to container)	\$100
Vehicle Fires	\$125,000
Mulch Fires	\$100
Dumpster Fires	\$1,000
Water Damage (due to sprinkler activation)	\$15,000



The graphs below are a breakdown of the types of incidents, the alarm hours and calls on the days of the week:



2012 also saw the fourth busiest year over the past decade for the Fire Prevention Bureau who conducted 1,527 inspections. Of those 1,527 inspections, 383 were general inspections which are considered the businesses "annual inspection". There were 268 re-inspections of those businesses that were inspected but had some type of fire code violation which required a Fire Inspector to go back to the business to make sure of code compliance. The Fire Prevention Bureau also conducted 165 fire drills in the City's public and private schools, local daycares, Walsh University and local Stat Cares.

The Fire Prevention Bureau also inspected over 100 car seats for the year with a 58% misuse rate which means that the car seat was installed or somehow misused in some way. This is the fourth straight year of over 100 car seats checked with an average misuse rate of 67% which is better than the national average of 85%. The Fire Prevention Bureau also issued 260 permits for recreational fires.

The Fire Prevention Bureau also welcomed local kindergarteners from the North Canton City Schools and from St. Paul's Catholic School to the fire station for their annual safety talk and



tour of the building and apparatus in May and September.

The first full week in October was Fire Prevention Week which is kicked off at the Fire Department with its annual "Open House" welcoming the public to come



and view the fire trucks, building and witness demonstrations of the "jaws of life" and the use of a fire extinguisher.



In 2012, the Fire Prevention Bureau and the City of North Canton for that matter witnessed a major accomplishment at the Hoover complex with the removal of a 30,000 gallon underground storage tank that was located in the visitor parking lot on the south side of East Maple Street right next to the Y. The underground storage tank had been in the ground since at least 1970. The removal took three days and a lot of equipment.



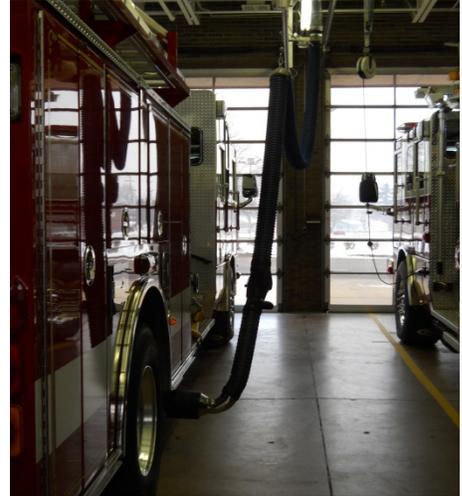
In an effort to assist the City in purchasing new equipment, the Fire Department has regularly applied for grants since 2002. In that time, the Fire Department has been awarded \$618,806 through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program offered through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). With that money being awarded to the Fire Department, the City has only had to contribute \$35,391 as their share of the awards.

Starting most recently in 2009, the Fire Department received \$87,500 in grant money to install a diesel exhaust removal system. The system is designed to removal the diesel exhaust from building when the trucks are started in the building, making the air in the building safer and healthier to breathe.

In 2010, the Fire Department received \$245,500 for a new radio communications system. The Fire Department is now the 800 MHz frequency and is a part of the Multi Agency Radio Communications System



(MARCS) which is a statewide system. The Fire Department has the ability to communicate with any department in the State that is on the system. The North Canton Fire Department is the first fire department in the county to be on this system with possibly three more departments in the county soon to join.



In 2011, the Fire Department received \$160,000 to purchase LifePak 15 heart monitors for all of the City's ambulance. This technology brings the Fire Department up-to-date on ever-changing issues in the emergency medical field.

The North Canton Fire Department is now more than ever before prepared for any emergency that may arise and any assistance that the citizens of North Canton may need.

The North Canton Fire

