

Beiseker Fire Department

Annual Report
2021

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a fire station. On the left, a firefighter's jacket with yellow and grey reflective stripes is hanging on a wall. The wall itself has a silver, diamond-plate metal texture. To the right, a yellow fire truck is partially visible. In the bottom right corner, a black and white firefighter's helmet with the number '130' in white is resting on the same diamond-plate surface. The text of the vision, mission, and values statements is overlaid on a semi-transparent orange rectangle in the center of the image.

Vision

To be a leader in providing professional volunteer fire services

Mission

Committed to the safety of citizens through fire prevention, education, accessibility, and emergency response.

Values

Courage, Integrity, Service, Community

Introduction

Beiseker Fire Department re-opened on 1 January 2021. It provides fire suppression, fire prevention, rescue and medical first response to the Village of Beiseker and surrounding area through an agreement with Rocky View County.



The station is manned 24 hours per day on all days through the generous support of numerous volunteers who take time away from their everyday lives to train and respond to emergencies. The BFD responds with three apparatus, an engine, rescue, or tender based on the nature of the call.

Overall, in calendar year 2021, firefighters volunteered 34 488 man hours to provide around the clock emergency response to the residents of Beiseker and the surrounding area.



Members and Training

Number	Position
1	Chief
1	Deputy Chief
1	Chaplain
1	Tender Driver
14	Captains
66	Firefighters
84	Total

Of these members, qualifications include:

- 31x Members qualified to NFPA 1001 Standard for Professional Firefighters (Proboard and IFSAC)
- 13x Members qualified as Primary Care Paramedics
- 22x Members Qualified as Emergency Medical Responders
- 16x Members qualified as either Advanced First Aid or Medical First Responder

Other qualification held by members of the department include NFPA 1006 High Angle Rescue, 1002 pump operator, 1041 Fire Service Instructor, 1031 Fire Inspector, 1035 Fire and Life Safety Educator, 1002 Aerial Apparatus Operator, 1021 Fire Officer, and 472/1072 Hazardous Material Operations (Proboard and IFSAC).

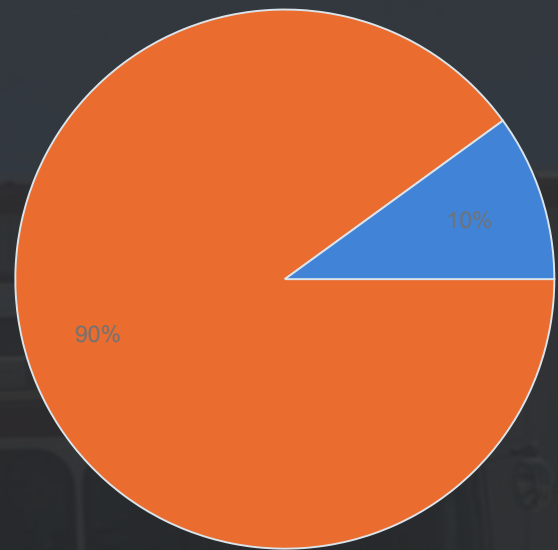
With the support of the International Fire Services Training Association (IFSTA), the BFD currently delivers industry standard training in the following areas for internal qualification (not tested for certification by Municipal Affairs):

- 1001 Firefighter Level 1&2
- 1002 Pump Operator
- 1041 Fire Service Instructor
- 1021 Fire officer
- Principles of Vehicle Extrication
- Structural Fire Initial Response and Strategy
- Fire Service Hydraulics and Water Supply

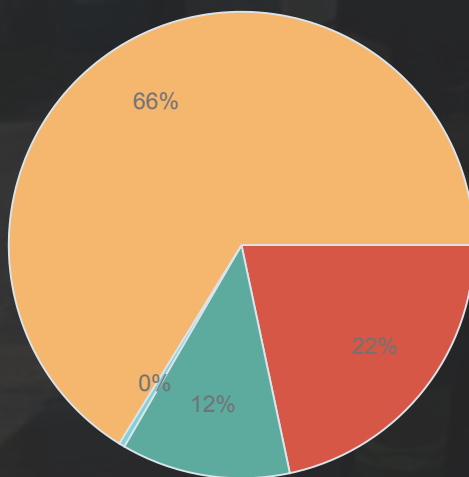
As well, the BFD was able to facilitate two series of Advanced First Aid for members, qualifying 14 individuals. Additionally, structured medical training and fire training occurs on each shift to ensure all firefighters are adequately prepared to respond to emergencies.

Staffing

In Rocky View County a fully staffed engine is considered to have four firefighters. On 68% percent of shifts BFD possessed the capability to meet this with staff at the hall only. This rises to 90% with the addition of respond from home members on call. The fire hall was staffed to capacity (5 FFs) 38% of the time. On 100% of days, crews were staffed to a level to respond to any emergency within the village, or to send a rescue truck or tender into the county.



- Adequate staffing for county engine 90
- Adequate Staffing for village, or for county rescue and tender 10



- Fire 22
- Motor Vehicle Collision 12
- Gas leak/Odour 0
- Medical 66

2021 Emergency Responses

The Beiseker Fire Department conducted 51 runs over 2021. Of these, 20 runs occurred in Rocky View County, and 31 runs occurred within the village. While the majority of calls are related to medical assistance, the BFD also responded to the following:

- 1x Vehicle Fire
- 6x Motor Vehicle Collision
- 3x Outside Fire
- 2x Structure Fire
- 2x Gas leak/ Odour
- 4x Brush/grass fire
- 1x Explosion

Budget 2021

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2021 Operating Budget

General Ledger	Description	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2021 YTD Budget	2021 YTD \$ Variance
FIRE SERVICES REVENUE						
23-590-00-00	REVENUES FROM SERVICES	34,171.50	(10,760.60)	4,920.00	1,000.00	(3,920.00)
23-591-00-00	ROCKY VIEW FIRE SERVICE CONTRACT	12,960.00	11,155.00	3,490.00	0.00	(3,490.00)
23-770-00-00	TRFRS. FROM INDIVIDUALS/GROUPS	6,416.99	3,680.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL REVENUE	53,548.49	4,074.40	8,410.00	1,000.00	(7,410.00)
FIRE SERVICES EXPENSES						
23-110-00-00	FIREFIGHTER HONOURARIUMS	3,000.00	5,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-148-00-00	TRAINING	2,424.52	57.14	(57.14)	500.00	557.14
23-214-00-00	MEMBERSHIPS, SUBSCRIPTIONS	545.19	150.00	(233.60)	150.00	383.60
23-215-00-00	ROCKY VIEW COUNTY FIRE CHARGES	5,120.00	1,280.00	11,250.00	11,250.00	0.00
23-217-00-00	TELEPHONE/TV/INTERNET	5,649.72	5,277.92	3,773.24	4,000.00	226.76
23-220-01-00	CALGARY 911 DISPATCH FEES	4,432.90	5,994.31	5,739.10	6,300.00	560.90
23-221-00-00	PROMO/FIRE PREVENTION	228.58	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
23-237-00-00	INSURANCE - BUILDINGS	2,247.62	1,704.85	2,254.37	2,254.00	(0.37)
23-238-00-00	FIRE DEPT BUNKHOUSE 2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-240-00-00	RADIO LICENCE	557.00	527.34	536.78	540.00	3.22
23-250-00-00	FIREHALL R/M	2,565.39	13,296.64	634.28	1,500.00	865.72
23-251-00-00	VEHICLE R/M	9,526.92	3,587.27	16,291.54	10,000.00	(6,291.54)
23-253-00-00	SMALL EQUIPMENT	5,600.57	1,623.10	5,903.25	1,500.00	(4,403.25)
23-254-00-00	COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT	0.00	1,481.87	383.45	1,420.00	1,036.55
23-260-00-00	INSURANCE - VEHICLES	3,382.99	2,475.00	2,457.00	2,457.00	0.00
23-261-00-00	INSURANCE - EQUIPMENT	146.77	509.04	100.82	101.00	0.18
23-270-00-00	FIRE FIGHTER INSURANCE	393.00	393.00	0.00	401.00	401.00
23-510-08-00	FIREHALL SUPPLIES	626.59	996.92	1,335.27	2,000.00	664.73
23-511-00-00	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	678.17	259.98	679.98	2,500.00	1,820.02
23-512-00-00	OFFICE/SECRETARIAL SUPPLIES	126.84	361.07	0.00	300.00	300.00
23-513-00-00	HOSES & NOZZLES	228.65	562.24	0.00	500.00	500.00
23-519-00-00	AIR REFILLS/OXYGEN REFILLS	1,322.60	70.51	634.26	400.00	(234.26)
23-521-00-00	VEHICLES - GAS	3,637.95	2,335.11	1,481.62	2,000.00	518.38
23-540-00-00	FIREHALL UTILITIES	8,670.10	6,899.60	6,750.53	9,731.00	2,980.47
23-590-00-00	FIREFIGHTERS GEAR	416.00	12,643.06	1,180.00	4,500.00	3,320.00
23-760-00-00	AMORTIZATION EXPENSE	21,256.24	21,256.24	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-764-00-00	TRANSFERS TO RESERVES	2,518.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	85,302.31	88,942.21	62,594.75	66,004.00	3,409.7
NET FIRE SERVICES		(31,753.82)	(84,867.81)	(54,184.75)	(65,004.00)	(10,819.25)

As per the detailed breakdown above, Beiseker Fire Department brought in 8410.00 in 2021, and expended 62 594.75, with a net cost of 54 184.75. This works out to the provision of fire services for \$66.16 per resident of the village. Additional funding was provided by the generous support of the community and organizations:

- \$5000 from Beiseker Chamber Commerce for Primary Care Paramedic Program
- \$1000 from Cooperators Insurance for fire equipment
- \$40000 from Calgary Foundation for purchase of bunker gear
- \$12000 (possible) in additional grants for the purchase of fire equipment
- \$1000 raised by firefighter's bottle drive

Looking Toward 2022

The outlook

for 2022 is optimistic. As the BFD was restricted to the village for the first four months of 2021, the BFD anticipates greater revenue from county and highway calls in calendar year 2022. As well, 2022 will see the introduction of a structured fire training curriculum to standardize on shift training across all captains. Furthermore, summer 2022 will see the completion of BFD's in house 1001 course with certification testing and live fire training being carried out in partnership with Olds Fire Department.



This will allow BFD to qualify 20 firefighters to IFSAC and Proboard standards of Professional Firefighter. It will also allow BFD to retain those newly trained firefighters for one year post testing. In early 2022, BFD will be moving medical response capabilities to the Primary Care Paramedic level under the Alberta Medical First Response Program. Current level of service is emergency medical responder.

Looking Toward 2022

During the majority of 2021, Covid restrictions prevented many community engagement activities that would otherwise have occurred. BFD is hopeful that 2022 will allow us to conduct events such as pancake breakfasts, school visits, smoke detector checks, blood pressure clinics and open houses. It should be noted however, that as Station 130 is a community resource, no member of the community will ever be turned away provided they adhere to public health guidelines.



Of immediate concern is the state of BFD's vehicle extrication tools. These tools were donated by STARS air ambulance in the 1990's and demonstrated on a recent call that they are inadequate to ensure the safe and timely extrication of those who become trapped in a vehicle. While fundraising is a viable option to offset the cost of long term project such as SCBA bottles or replacement apparatus, the immediacy of this issue precludes the time and uncertainty associated with grants and fundraising.

The Beiseker Fire Department would like to thank Mayor and Council for their support as well as several community groups and the residents of the village. Your ongoing interest in the safety of your community allows the BFD to continue in its goals of ensuring that the village of Beiseker receives the best possible emergency response and planning.

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