

Ramsey Fire Department

Year End Report for 2014

Departments Mission Statement:

The Ramsey Fire Department will train and respond to minimize our citizen's losses. We will treat the injured effectively with kindness and respect. Through education of the public, and ourselves we will strive for a safer community today and tomorrow.

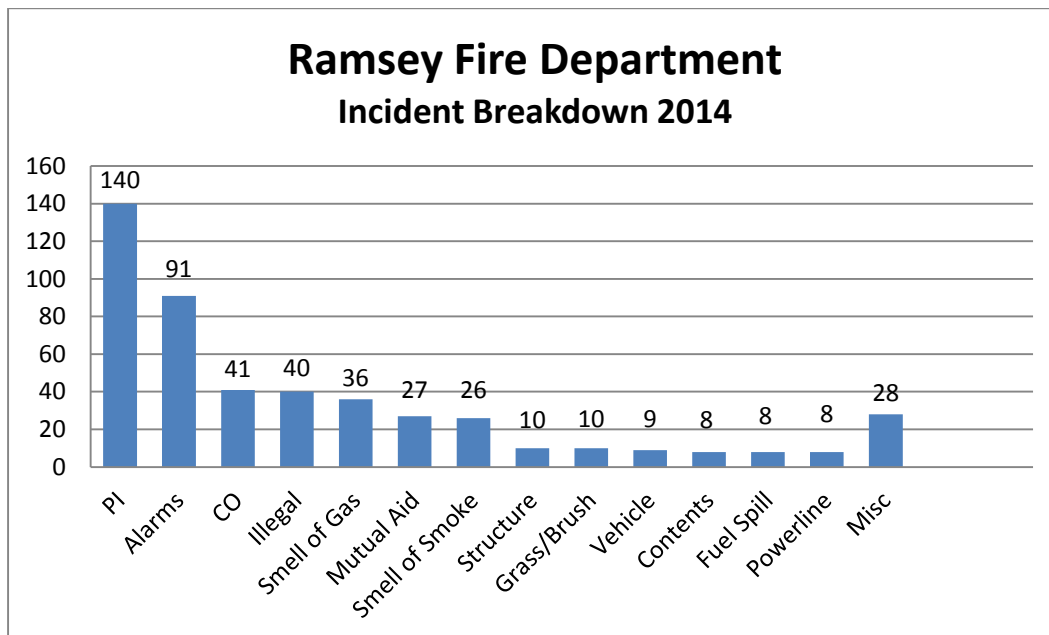
Emergency Response

2014 ended with activity being slightly above the prior few years at 486 total calls. Structure fires ramped up to 10 total which was up from 3 in 2013 and 9 in 2012. Although not technically structure fires there were an additional 8 incidents involving contents within structures.

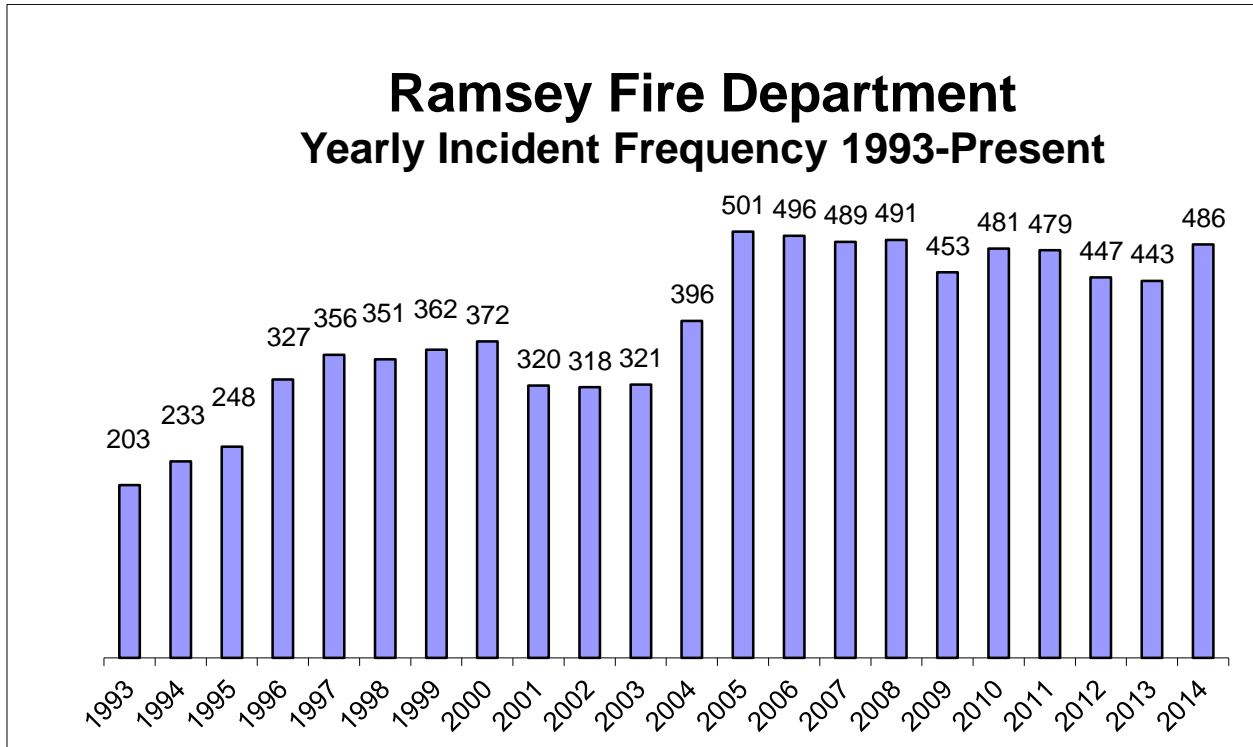
With the total calls numbered 486, this compares to last six years in decending order: 443, 447, 479, 453, 491, and 489. Personal Injury incidents were once again the biggest response at 140 or 29% of the total. Alarms were the next largest response at 91, up from 60 in 2013 which represents 19%. Responses into Nowthen totaled 65 as compared to 62 in 2013 and 76 in 2012.

As in the last several years, a Duty Officer or single person response is used for less urgent calls such as Illegal Burning, CO alarms without illness, etc. This response accounted for 172 in 2014 as compared to 129 in 2013 and 126 in 2012.

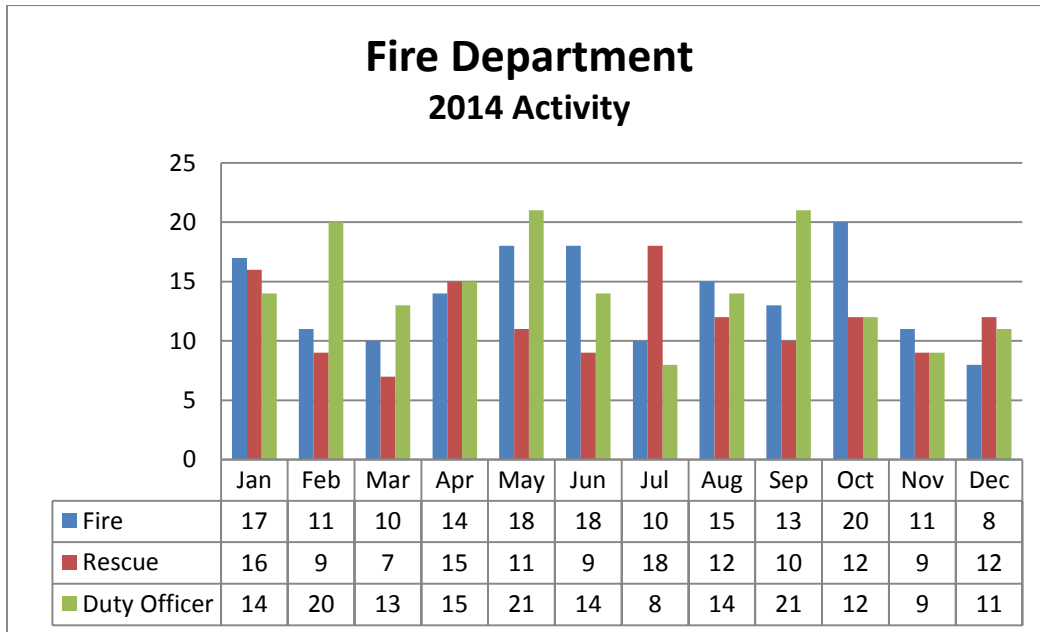
The chart below categorizes all responses:



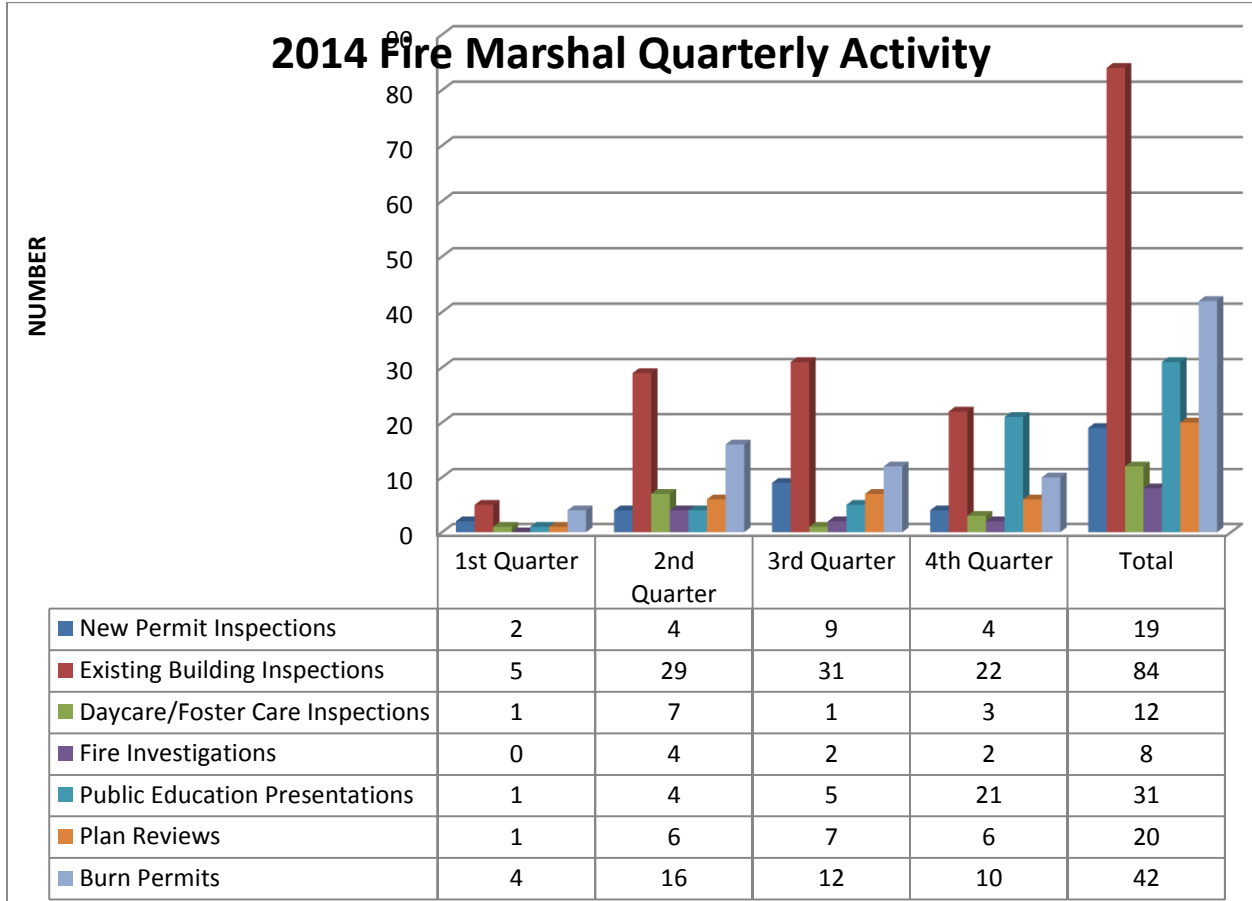
The chart below illustrates the call trend from 1993-present:



The chart below illustrates the breakdown between Fire, Rescue and Duty Officer responses:



Fire Prevention



Fire Department Officers

In 2014 the following provided leadership to the Fire Department

- Fire Chief- Dean Kapler
- Assistant Chief #2- Matt Kohner (Station #2)
- Assistant Chief #3 Carey Schiferli (Station #1)
- Assistant Chief #4 Bart Hayft (Station #3)
- Captain #11- Brad Jorgensen
- Captain #12- Dave Weigmann
- Lieutenant #2- Jim Block
- Lieutenant #4- Don Yamauchi
- Lieutenant #5- Chad Sacre
- Lieutenant #6/Training Officer- John Atchison

New Fire Department Staff

2014 witnessed 6 Firefighters added to the ranks; (Ramsey Stations) Jason DeRosa, Mark Hager, Vladimir Panko, and Dylan VanAvery. (Nowthen Station) Ray Junge and Kelly LaForce.

Ramsey/Nowthen Service Fees

Per the Joint Powers Agreement, Ramsey and Nowthen pay fees for apparatus and staff for training and response for each community. In 2014 Ramsey fees totaled \$6100 for apparatus fees. Nowthen reimbursement for staff training and meetings totaled \$11,231.36, staff costs for response to Nowthen totaled \$7843.92 apparatus costs totaled \$6300. It should be noted that per the JPA Nowthen also paid \$3708 to the Relief Association, \$6416 for Administrative costs, \$4500 for an Assistant Chiefs rate, \$2520 for a Lieutenants rate, and \$6574 for Workman's Compensation Insurance for firefighters at the Nowthen Station.

Training

The Fire Department must keep up an aggressive training schedule to meet all requirements of on-going certifications, NFPA (National Fire Protection Agency) guidelines and OSHA requirements. Listed below are the training topics covered in 2014:

Date	Topic	Date	Topic
Jan 7	Major Maintenance	June 18	Defensive Driving
Jan 21	EMS	June 25	Hose Testing
Jan 28	RR& Pipeline Awareness	July 9	Annual Physical
Feb 5	Illicit Drug Use	Aug 6	EMS
Feb 19	Water Rescue (Class Rm)	Aug 20	Open Water Rescue
Feb 26	Situational Awareness	Aug 27	FF Survival/RIT
Mar 5	Ice Rescue (Prac)	Sept 17	Auto Extrication
Mar 19	Wildland Fire Interface	Sept 24	Agility Testing
Mar 26	CPR Certification	Oct 1	RIT/Search and Rescue
April 2	Medical Assessment	Oct 15	Live Burn
April 16	Gas Monitors	Oct 22	Ventilation
April 23	Map Drill/Radios	Oct 29	Major Maintenance
April 30	Major Maintenance	Nov 5	EMS
May 7	EMS	Nov 19	Mayday/RIT
May 21	Pump Ops Practice	Dec 3	Dept Jeopardy
May 28	Pump Ops Testing	Dec 17	EMS
June 4	Airways/Respiration/O2		

Fire Department Fleet

The fire department fleet is made up of apparatus some on which is owned by Ramsey, while others owned by Nowthen.

In late 2014 Ramsey took delivery of the new Tanker #21 which serves as both a tanker and an engine. The existing tanker was purchased by the City of Nowthen and delivered.



Listed below are the Ramsey owned apparatus and specifications of each:

Vehicle	Pump Capacity	On-Board Water	# of Staff Carried
1999 Engine #11	1500 gpm	1000 gallons	6
2007 Engine #21	1250 gpm	1000 gallons	6
1994 Tanker #11	n/a	3000 gallons	2
2014 Tanker #21	1250 gpm	1850 gallons	5
2003 Ladder #21	1500 gpm	300 gallons	6
2004 Rescue #11	n/a	n/a	5
2002 Rescue #21	n/a	n/a	5
2003 Grass #11	Not Rated	225 gallons	3
1989 Grass #21	Not Rated	200 gallons	3
2002 Asst Chief's Vehicle	n/a	n/a	2
2011 Fire Marshal Vehicle	n/a	n/a	2
2003 SCBA Trailer	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rescue Boat	n/a	n/a	8
2004 Duty Officer Truck	n/a	n/a	2
2008 Chief's Vehicle	n/a	n/a	4

Listed below are the Nowthen owned apparatus and specifications of each:

Vehicle	Pump Capacity	On-Board Water	# of Staff Carried
2012 Engine #31	1250 gpm	1000 gallons	6
1989 Tanker #31	n/a	1850 gallons	3
2008 Grass #31	Not Rated	225 gallons	3

Shared Services

Members from the communities of Ramsey, Nowthen, St Francis and Bethel met throughout 2014 working out details on a possible shared fire service structure. Towards the end of 2014 it was decided to not pursue further efforts to consolidate but to utilize the achievements made to date.

Rebuild of Station #2

It was decided in 2014 to move forward with the design of a replacement fire station for Station #2 at 15153 Nowthen Blvd. The new station will be located at the intersection of Alpine Dr. and Helium St.

Fire Administration to Station #1

In February of 2014 Fire Administration (Fire Chief and Fire Marshal) moved their offices to Fire Station #1. This was done in an effort to improve communication and assessability to the firefighters. The move has been very successful on both fronts.

Emergency Management

In 2014 supervisory members of Police, Fire and Public Works met to perform a tabletop exercise dealing with a mock train derailment. Goals of the session were to:

- Get to know the players from all departments
- Structure short-term priorities for the simulation
- Continue with long-term plan for needed services