

DUNDURN  
FIRE DEPARTMENT



IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

# DUNDURN FIRE DEPARTMENT

A YEAR IN REVIEW - 2020

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## DFD MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Dundurn Fire Department is to protect the life and property of our residents, businesses, and visitors through the efficient and effective delivery of fire suppression, emergency medical services, and community education programs.



# MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF TOM WILLMS

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Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Tom Willms and I am the Fire Chief of the Dundurn Fire Department (DFD). I have been a member of the Dundurn Fire Department for the past 15 years, serving as Deputy Fire Chief for ten of those years. As the Deputy Chief, I served for eight years under the leadership of Fire Chief Laura Friesen as well as two years under Fire Chief Ryan Bradley. I was appointed the Dundurn Fire Department Fire Chief in February of 2020. I would like to give my personal thank you to both Laura and Ryan for their service as Fire Chiefs to the department and our communities.

It is my privilege to give you a look into the inner workings of the Dundurn Fire Department in this past year of 2020. Notable milestones include the establishment of the Dundurn and District Fire Commission, a board of appointed delegates represented by three members from the R.M. of Dundurn council, two members the Town of Dundurn council, and one member from each of the councils of the Resort Villages of Thode and Shields. This group of individuals, in conjunction with the Fire Chief, oversee the financials of the department and reporting to their respective councils.

Currently, a levy of \$100 is assessed per ratepayer on property taxes. The Dundurn Fire Department operates on an annual budget from this levy. Fixed costs such as electricity, heating, and water, as well as variable costs such as vehicle fuel, depend on this funding. The DFD takes on the personality of a business with all associated administration and operative costs. Equipment, maintenance, radio licensing, dispatching fees, and additional purchases must also be included in the operational expenditures. As an example, it costs approximately \$6,000.00 to properly equip each firefighter with the necessary PPE. Regulatory codes dictate certain equipment has a shelf life and must be replaced and/or upgraded in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. NFPA standards are also applicable to equipment such as the "Jaws-of-Life", Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), and vehicles.

Utilizing the \$100 tax levy, we were able to upgrade our wildland firefighting ability with the purchase of our latest truck, the Wildland. This vehicle allows us the ability to get off-road and more effectively work any field fire. DFD took possession of the Wildland truck on October 29th, 2020.

We have also made considerable changes in our recruitment process. The DFD has consulted and hired Chelsey Mack, a Human Resources advisor, as well as a full-time administrator, Jamie Coulson. These introductions helped us create and adhere to the professional standards that we have outlined and implemented in our Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG). This document outlines the structure of the DFD, our mission statement, protocols, and more. Each member is required to sign the SOG indicating understanding and ability to conduct themselves in accordance with these standards.

Our new recruitment process helped us advertise and appoint 5 new probationary members. These new members are Naomi Fugle, Dana Young, Remi Letourneau, Desiree Hennig, and Andrew Servetnyk. "Proby" members are on a one-year member status until a time that the probation period is complete and they are introduced as full members of the DFD.

Like most of the world, having to face the COVID-19 pandemic put a wrench in the plans for 2020. Our members have had to train in response to emergency calls regarding COVID-19 as well as the proper use of the necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The DFD adapts daily to adhere to the most up to date COVID-19 regulations as mandated by the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA).

Going forward, we are looking at more improvements to our fleet. One such improvement includes replacing our current Tanker truck. Following the NFPA standards, it has been deemed that our Tanker truck is not currently up to proper safety codes. We will be discussing with the Fire Commission and Councils the potential to increase the property tax levy by \$30 annually to \$130 per ratepayer for approximately 10 years to accommodate the purchase of a new Tanker truck. With this addition, it would allow us to supply over 3,000 gallons of water to any location we would be firefighting. Additionally, it would have a large enough pump to allow the Tanker to be a back up to our current primary fire truck.

Our response area is unique. We protect open land, our town, resort villages, homesteads, and acreage developments, which requires us to change strategies of attack dependent on the situation. We are working every day to have the best response plan in place so that as our communities grow, we can adapt effectively.

Finally, I would like to personally acknowledge and thank our members for their hard work and dedication to our community. Their commitment and passion to providing safe emergency services makes me proud to be the Fire Chief of the Dundurn Fire Department.

Best regards,

Tom Willms  
Fire Chief



# SUMMARY

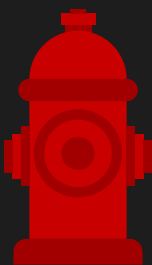
## DFD STATS 2020



**1330.5** PERSON HOURS

**24**

DEPARTMENT  
MEETINGS &  
TRAINING SESSIONS



**53**

CALLS FOR MEDICAL  
ASSISTANCE

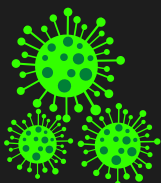
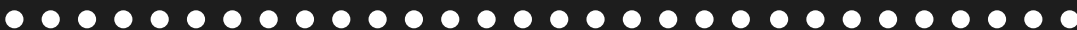
**19**

MOTOR VEHICLE  
COLLISIONS  
(MVC)



**15**

FIRE RELATED  
INCIDENTS



DUNDURN FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS UNDERWENT TRAINING ON HOW TO SAFELY RESPOND TO COVID-19 RELATED EMERGENCIES. THIS INCLUDED OBTAINING ALL THE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) NECESSARY TO DO OUR JOBS SAFELY.



# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE 2020



**EMO COORDINATORS**  
THODE - MARLENE SCHWENKER  
SHIELDS - DEBBIE HEIDT

## DFO FIRE COMMISSION

DELEGATES FROM THE COUNCILS OF TOWN OF DUNDURN, RM OF  
DUNDURN, RESORT VILLAGES OF THODE AND SHIELDS



**FIRE CHIEF**  
**TOM WILLMS**



**HR ADVISOR**  
CHELSEY MACK



**CAPTAIN**  
COLTON RESCHNY



**CAPTAIN**  
BRIAN HARRISON



**CAPTAIN**  
RYAN BRADLEY



**CAPTAIN**  
DWAYNE NIZINKEVICH



**ADMINISTRATOR**  
JAMIE COULSON



## DFO FIREFIGHTERS & FIRST RESPONDERS

LES CHURKO  
CODY DERINGER  
JENA DOMBROWSKY  
LYLE DOMBROWSKY  
TAREQ HALABI

REASCHELLE HIGGINBOTHAM  
ANITA KARMAK  
TRENT KNOBEL  
ANDREJ MOLITORIS  
ELIZABETH SANSOM

JASON STEWART  
GLEN WEISBROD  
LUKE WOLLMAN  
MARTIN WOLLMAN



## PROBATIONARY MEMBERS

DANA YOUNG REMI LETOURNEAU ANDREW SERVETNYK NAOMI FUGLE DESIREE HENNIG



# AWARDS & RECOGNITION

## YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

35

BRIAN HARRISON

20

MARTIN WOLLMAN

15

TOM WILLMS

10

RYAN BRADLEY  
REASCHELLE HIGGINBOTHAM  
JENA DOMBROWSKY  
LYLE DOMBROWSKY  
DWAYNE NIZINKEVICH

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COLTON RESCHNY  
CODY DERINGER  
TAREQ HALABI  
GLEN WEISBROD  
LUKE WOLLMAN

# OUR FLEET



## ENGINE 1

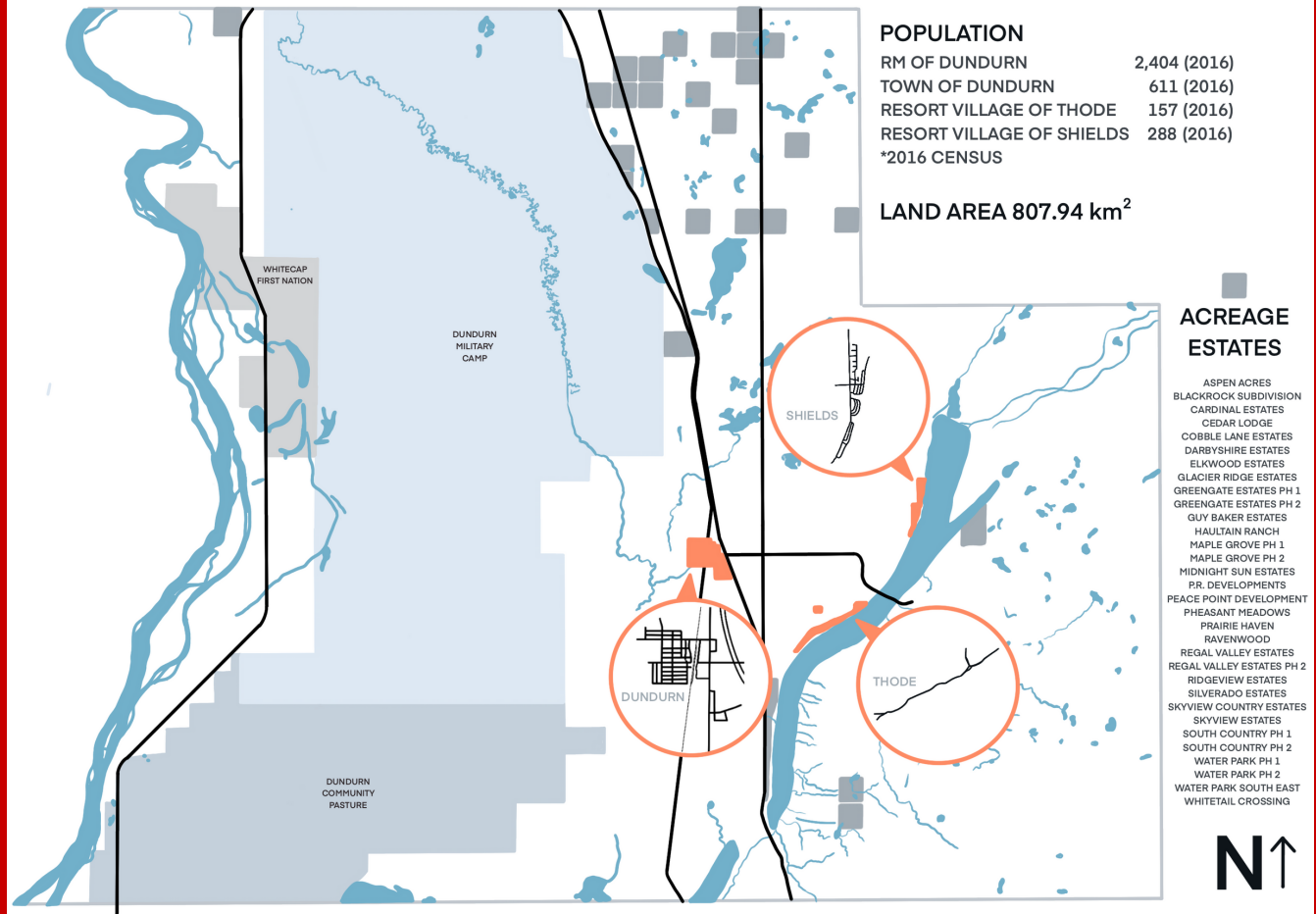


## WILDLAND 1

RESCUE 1  
UNIT 1  
TANKER 1  
ENGINE 2

# OUR COMMUNITIES & HOW WE SERVE

## OUR RESPONSE AREA



## MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS

THE DFD HOLDS MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS WITH SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING AND RECEIVING ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IF SUCH AN EMERGENCY INCIDENT REQUIRES. THESE COMMUNITIES INCLUDE:

HANLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
CLAVET FIRE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF SASKATOON

DETACHMENT DUNDURN FIREHALL  
WHITE CAP FIRE DEPARTMENT  
SASKATCHEWAN PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY (SPSA)

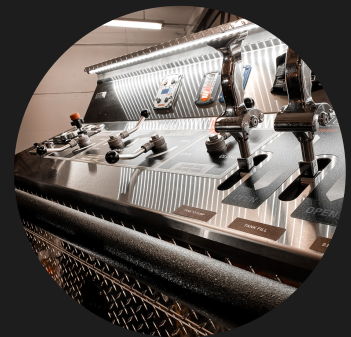


# CONNECT WITH US

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

THE DFD VALUES OUR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.  
PAST EVENTS INCLUDE:

- FIRE PREVENTION WEEK AT PRAIRIE VIEW SENIOR LODGE, DUNDURN ELEMENTARY, AND HILLCREST COLONY
- MEMORY TREE CEREMONY
- BIKE RODEO
- MEDICAL STAND-BY AT EVENTS SUCH AS THE TRY-ALL-A-THON, BIKE RACES, AND MUD DRAGS
- CANADA DAY PARADE
- PROVIDING MEDICAL BAGS FOR THE RESORT VILLAGES OF SHIELDS AND THODE
- PANCAKE BREAKFAST
- FIREHALL OPEN HOUSE
- "HOW HAVE YOU KEPT BUSY DURING QUARANTINE" COMMUNITY CONTEST



THE DFD UTILIZES SOCIAL MEDIA TO INFORM OUR FOLLOWERS OF  
SAFETY REMINDERS, TRAFFIC RELATED INFORMATION, AND UPDATES  
FROM INCIDENTS.

2020 SAW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE GROW TO OVER 1000 FOLLOWERS AND  
COUNTING.



**375K REACHED**

**5K POST SHARES**

**2.5K LIKES**



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