

Volunteer Firefighter Information - Town of Watrous

The Town of Watrous has a newly constructed, 7-bay Fire hall, located at 2nd Avenue East and Highway 365. The Fire hall houses Town and Watrous Rural vehicles and equipment. It is also used by the Saskatoon Health Region to house two ambulances providing Emergency Medical Services for Watrous and the surrounding area.

The Watrous Volunteer fire department provides emergency response coverage over a large geographic area. In agreement with the Watrous Rural Fire Protection Association, we provide coverage to the Resort Village of Manitou Beach and portions of the Rural Municipalities of Wreford No. 280 (Nokomis), Woodcreek No. 281 (Simpson), Usborne No. 310 (Guernsey) and Morris No. 312 (Young).

The Town of Watrous has a 2003 Kenworth/Pierce 1250 gal/min pumper with 1000 gal water capacity. The Watrous Rural Fire Protection Association currently operates a 1978 Dodge D800 625 gal/min pumper with 750 gal water capacity for rural responses. The department also has a Rescue Unit which responds to all calls. This is our multi-purpose vehicle carrying extra personnel, heavy hydraulic tools used for vehicle extrication, emergency power and lighting, hand tools, and numerous other specialized tools.

Our main responses are: grass fires, motor vehicle collisions, alarms, vehicle fires and of course, structure fires. In 2012 the department providing the following responses along with other non-emergent works (educational, public service etc.):

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| Town | False Alarms, Public Service/Safety | 4 |
| Town | Carbon monoxide alarm responses | 1 |
| Town | Fire Calls | 2 |
| Rural | Fire Calls | 7 |
| Rural | Carbon Monoxide alarm response | 1 |
| Rural | Public safety | 1 |
| Highway | MVA's etc. | 5 |

There are presently 15 members on the fire department and we are always looking for more members. The department holds bi-weekly training sessions on Mondays from 1900-2100 hours. Members receive compensation for every practice/training session as well as a specified hourly per diem for all call outs. Contact the Town of Watrous at 946-3369 for the current rates.

Those interested in joining the fire department should be a team player, physically fit, at least 18 years old and hold a Class 5 drivers license (at minimum). No previous experience is necessary as long as members demonstrate a willingness to learn and to participate and to be able to attend practices and call outs on a regular basis.

If you are interested in becoming an integral part of one of the community emergency response teams and would like to join, please fill out the attached application. Completed applications or information requests should be submitted to the Town of Watrous (townofwatrous@sasktel.net) or watrousfire@sasktel.net