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2014 Summary

Hudson Fire Department continued to undergo significant improvements in response to the changing dynamics of the district:

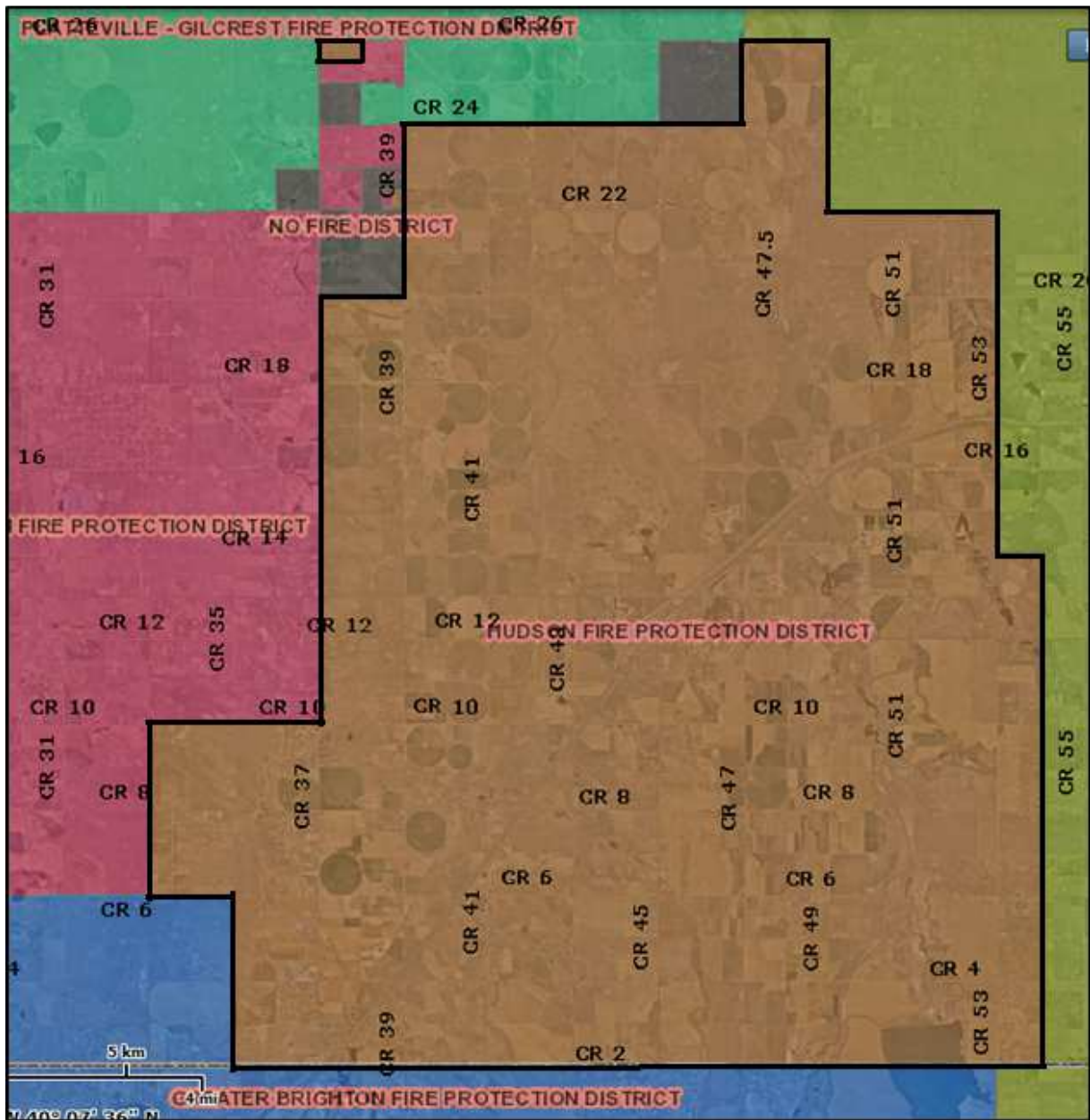
- Two additional members were hired. The department began the year with 4 paid shift firefighters, who provided 2-man coverage of the district for 10 hours each day in addition to the volunteer firefighters and the Training Captain. With the additional personnel the district was able to keep 2 firefighters on duty for 16 hours each day.
- Training Captain Larissa Kreutzer resigned. Fulfilling the duties of the position has been coordinated by Volunteer Lieutenant Pete Eilertsen.
- Ken Gabrielson was hired as Department Chief in June.
- Career firefighters David Hudson, Kevin Hudson, and Travis Moore were promoted to the position of Lieutenant.
- Construction was completed on an additional building at Station 3 in Lochbuie, with 2 additional bays and sleeping quarters. With this addition the career crews moved to 24/7 coverage. The crew splits their time between the stations in Lochbuie and Hudson, with volunteers active in both towns to provide quick response times and additional manpower.
- A hiring process was held to select additional career members, which will bring the daily crew size to 4 in 2015. After an initial training period, Hudson and Lochbuie will both be staffed with a 2-man crew 24/7. These changes will continue to improve the response times and personnel available to serve the district in emergencies.
- Engine 2803 was purchased to replace Engine 2802, Rescue 2821, and Rescue 2822. The district was able to save money by buying a prebuilt demo model. The new apparatus has increased reliability and reduced maintenance costs.



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District Demographics

The Hudson Fire Protection District serves the towns of Hudson and Lochbuie and the surrounding rural area, encompassing 94 square miles, with an estimated resident population of 10,000.



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693 Calls to Service

1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014

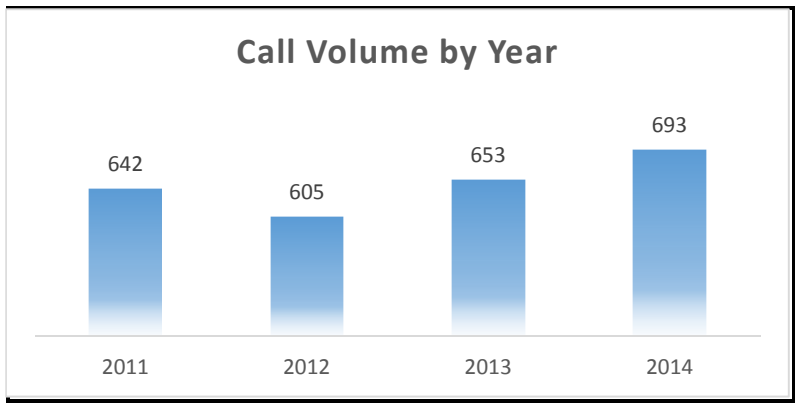
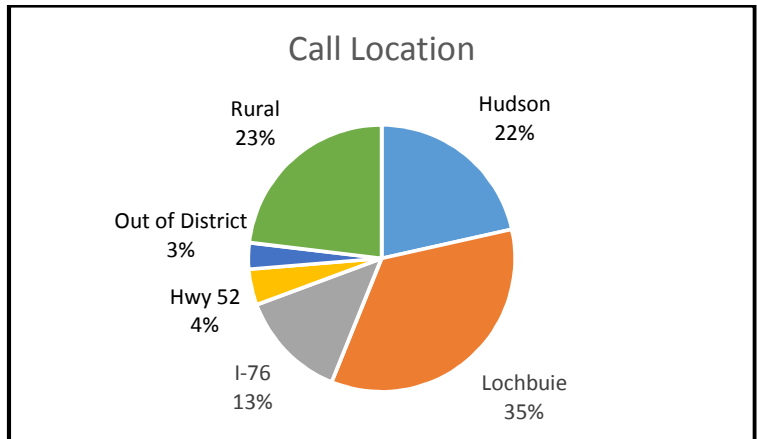
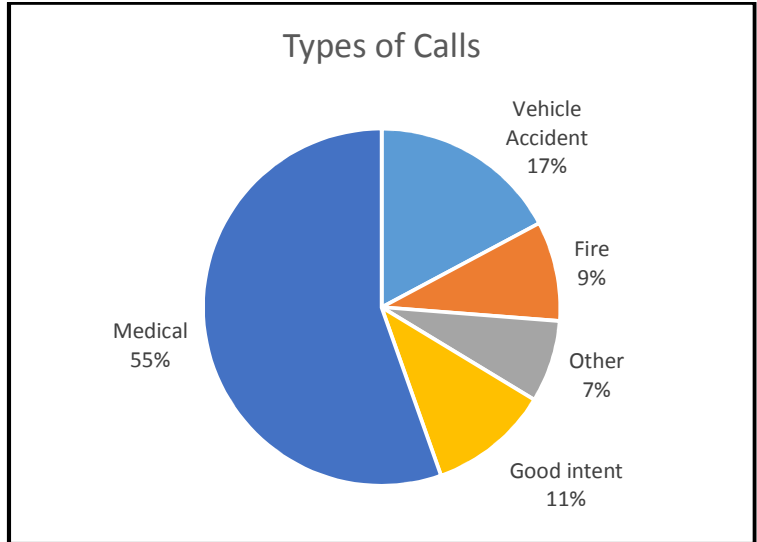
Types of Calls	
Fire	62
Traffic Accident	119
Medical	381
Other	51
Good Intent/False Alarm	80
Total	693

Types of Fires	
Structure fire	5
Ground cover fire	36
Vehicle fire	7
Other	14

Overlapping Calls	
120 Calls	17.4%

Mutual Aid	
Given	29
Received	31

Call Location	
Hudson	148
Lochbuie	238
Interstate 76	91
Highway 52	30
Out of District (aid)	22
Rural	159



Calls with more than 3 firefighters
60.0%

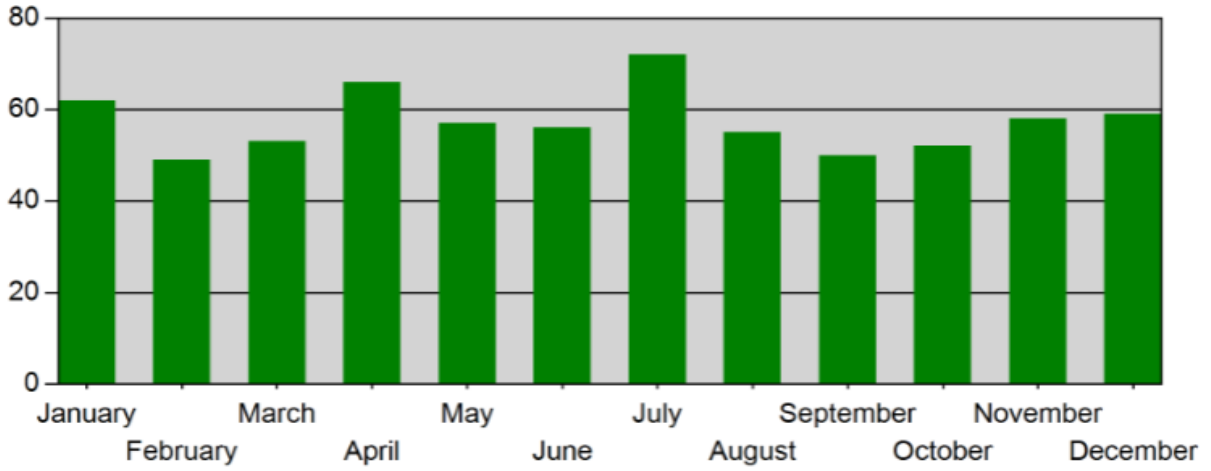
Calls with volunteers (non-shift)
50.0%

Calls with response time (Dispatch to Arrival) less than 10 minutes
51.4%

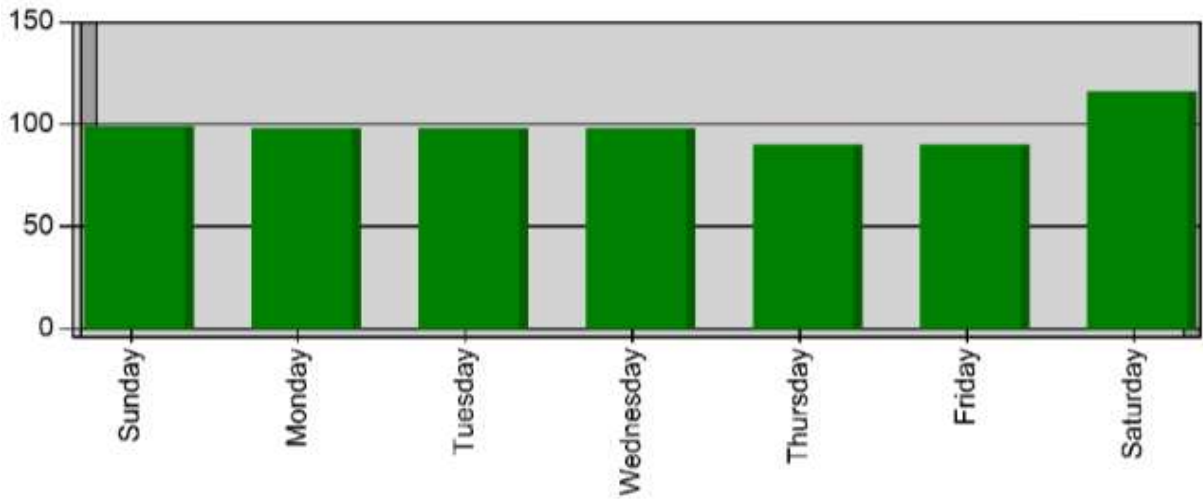
*not including cancellations enroute

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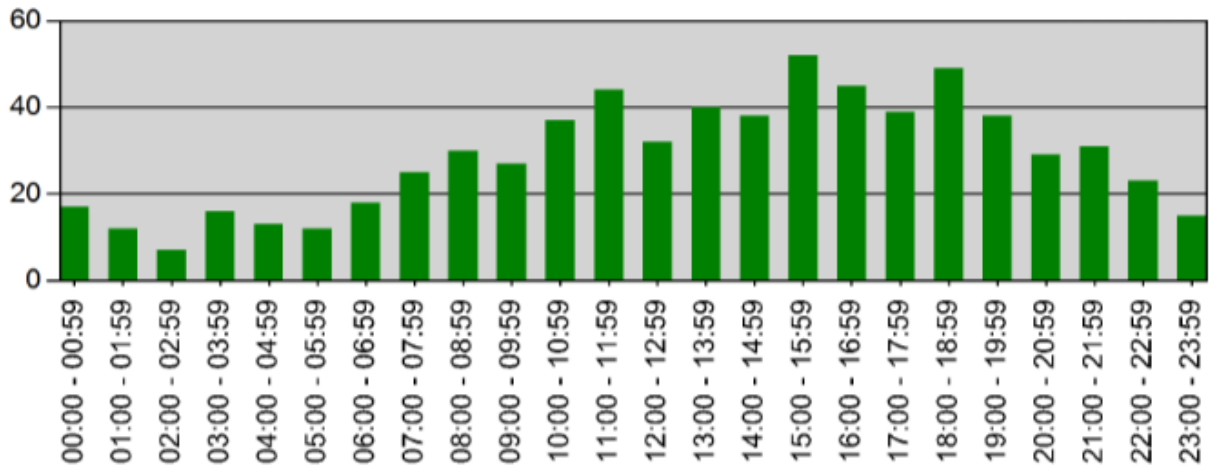
Call frequency by month



Call frequency by day



Call frequency by hour



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Board of Directors

DJ Dowdy – President
Curtis Gall – Vice President
Shirley Sellers – Secretary/Treasurer
Ron Cook
Ed Rossi

Administrative Staff

Vicki Johann

Career Officers

Ken Gabrielson – Chief
David Hudson – Lieutenant, A shift
Travis Moore – Lieutenant, B shift
Kevin Hudson – Lieutenant, C shift

Volunteer Officers

Kevin Sweeney – Battalion Chief
Tony Gasparovich – Assistant Chief
Mike Kreutzer – Captain
Pete Eilertsen – Lieutenant

2014 Career Firefighters

Terry Hall
Ben Kreutzer
Wendy Spronk

2014 Volunteer Firefighters

Sean Gross
Rob Hamlin
Kris Kraus
Corey Kreutzer
Nick Owen
Rodney Mullis
Zach Prince
Rich Randall
Aaron Reighard
Ronnie Sandoval
Evan Scott
Graham Swenson
Joseph Vallero

Resignations & retirements:

Training Captain Larissa Kreutzer
Marco Calderon
Aaron Howland
Michael Lewis
Junior Villalobos

New members:

Rob Hamlin, Kevin Sweeney, Rich Randall, and Ben Kreutzer completed probation to become full members.

Department Awards received for exceptional service in 2013:

Firefighter of the Year: David Hudson
Officer of the Year: Captain Mike Kreutzer
Probationary Member of the Year: Ben Kreutzer and Rich Randall

Volunteers who responded to 25% of calls in 2014

Asst Chief Tony Gasparovich (33%), Sean Gross (25%), Corey Kreutzer (45%),
Capt Michael Kreutzer (31%), Battalion Chief Kevin Sweeney (31%)

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Department training

In 2014 the firefighters documented 2,346 hours of training participation. Pete Eilertsen coordinated trainings, with most medical trainings being led by Carl Craige of Platte Valley Ambulance Service.

Additional community events and involvement

Annual Fire Department Spaghetti Supper/Open House for Station 3
Fire Prevention Week at Hudson Elementary School and Lochbuie Elementary School
Halloween Events with the Lochbuie Police Department
Lochbuie 40th Anniversary
Hudson 100th Anniversary

Budget

Department operations are funded through a mill levy; the department receives 3.536 mills. The 2014 estimated revenue was \$1.2 million. This was an increase over previous years, primarily due to the boom in the gas and oil industry. While overall operating costs are constrained within a conservative budget, the department has used the increased revenue from local industry to improve or replace apparatus, facilities, and equipment. The department received several grants as well, and was able to provide an improved level of service to the community in the following ways this year:

- Addition to Station 3 in Lochbuie, providing sleeping quarters and enabling 24/7 district staffing.
- Purchase of Engine 2803, increasing fleet reliability and reducing maintenance costs.
- Hiring of 2 additional career staff, creating three shifts of 2 firefighters each.



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Apparatus

Hudson Fire Protection District operates eleven vehicles to handle structure fires, wildland fires, vehicle accidents, hazmat situations, special rescues, and medical emergencies in Hudson and Lochbuie and the rural areas surrounding them. As the fleet continues to age, the maintenance needs and costs have increased as well. The in-house maintenance provided by volunteer Captain Mike Kreutzer with assistance from Corey Kreutzer, Sean Gross, Terry Hall and Asst. Chief Tony Gasparovich has alleviated many costs. To reduce maintenance issues, in 2014 the fleet was downsized, and a new frontline engine purchased to replace older equipment.



2801 Engine
Year: 1991
1000 GPM pump; 750 Gal tank
Pump & roll capabilities for wildland fires



2803 Engine
Year: 2012
1500 GPM pump; 750 Gal tank



2804 Engine
Year: 2003
1260 GPM pump; 750 Gal tank



2805 Engine
Year: 1991
1000 GPM pump; 1000 Gal tank



2842 Pumper/Tender
Year: 2007
3000 Gal tank, 500 GPM pump



2843 Tender
Year: 2005 (mileage ~764,000)
4000 Gal tank

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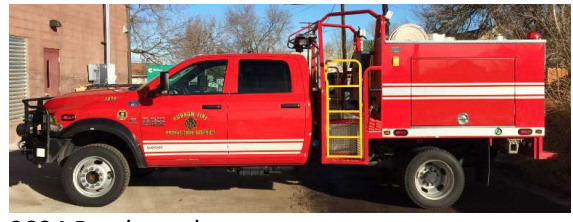
2831 Brush truck
Year: 2000
300 Gal tank



2833 Brush truck
Year: 2012
400 Gal tank



2832 Brush truck
Year: 1990
300 Gal tank



2834 Brush truck
Year: 2012
343 Gal tank



2851 Command/Utility Vehicle
2852 Command/Utility Vehicle
2820 Utility Vehicle

Removed from Service:

2802 Engine: Sold to Bennett Volunteer Fire Department in Iowa. Replaced by Engine 2803.

2821 Rescue: Donated to Rampart Search and Rescue.

2822 Rescue: Sold to Austin Volunteer Fire & Rescue in North Carolina.

2816 Tower: This tower had been donated to the district by NE Teller County Fire Protection District. It was determined that equipping and preparing the apparatus for service did not economically fit into the future operations and budget. It was donated to Ute Mountain Fire Department.

2850 Utility Vehicle: Sold

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