

# **CANTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **Annual Report for 2021**

**To: Canton Volunteer Fire Department, City of Canton, Canton Rural Fire Association, Citizens of Canton and Surrounding Area**

The Canton Volunteer Fire Department responded to 99 alarms during 2021. Approximately 978 man-hours were spent in fire suppression and investigation during the course of the year. Of the total 99 alarms, 52 were in the city and 47 were in the surrounding rural areas.

The number and types of alarms responded to were as follows:

21	ALARM ACTIVATION	1	SPILL
4	MEDICAL ASSIST	2	WEATHER SPOTTING
3	STRUCTURE	5	VEHICLE SMOKE/FIRE
11	MVC	10	ELECTRICAL
16	GRASS/FIELD/BRUSH	4	CO INVESTIGATION
5	MUTUAL AID	5	SMOKE INVESTIGATION
1	ODOR	1	1ST RESPONDER
2	RESCUE	8	GAS LEAK

Besides spending time in fire suppression and investigation, over 1980 additional man-hours were spent in meetings and trainings here in Canton. Members spent many hours of their own time ensuring the equipment is well maintained and cleaned. Members also spent substantial time working with other State Agencies and filing required reports with the State of South Dakota and insurance companies.

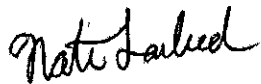
The Fire Department continued to promote fire safety to the community, which included giving away smoke detectors and batteries to individuals who needed and or wanted them. During Fire Safety Week, we delivered 350 fire safety packets to the preschool through second grade children.

The Fire Department has added five new firefighters to our department in 2021: Michael Gubbels, Brandon Alexander, Evan McKee, Thomas Siesmonsma, Chelsea Olson. We look forward to them completing the necessary training to becoming valuable members of this department. Four firefighters have retired/resigned from the department in the last year: Wade Herrmann, Nick Thompson, Trace Bartling, Shaun Feilmeir. Their dedication, experience, and knowledge will be difficult to replace. I wish them well. They will always be part of our fire department family.

On behalf of the Canton Volunteer Fire Department, I want to thank the entire community, the Rural community, the City of Canton and the Canton Rural Fire Association for their continued support and good working relationship with the Canton Volunteer Fire Department.

To the members of the Canton Volunteer Fire Department, I would like to thank all of you for your time, dedication and effort that you have put forth to serve and protect our community.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nate Laubach".

Nate Laubach

Chief 2021