

PICTURE BUTTE EMERGENCY SERVICES

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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Message from the Fire Chief

On behalf of the members of Picture Butte Emergency Services, I am pleased to present the 2019 Annual Report on the activities and services of your emergency services department.

It was another busy year for Picture Butte Emergency Services with 2019 being the third consecutive year of record-high incidents. This past year also brought opportunities for growth and improvement to our members which will continue into the future. We will continue to build on the strong relationships developed with our neighbours and mutual aid partners in the region through the training and planning initiated this past year.



The dedication of our members in providing service to the citizens of the Picture Butte area while continuing to better themselves and our department is unmatched. As we focus on growing our team in 2020, I would like to express my gratitude to our members and the Picture Butte community for the continued interest and support.

We hope you enjoy our 2019 Annual Report,

Fire Chief Frank West

Director of Emergency Services

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***Mission:** To the best of our ability, protect the life and property of all residents and visitors of the Town of Picture Butte and surrounding area by providing professional fire, rescue, and emergency medical services.*

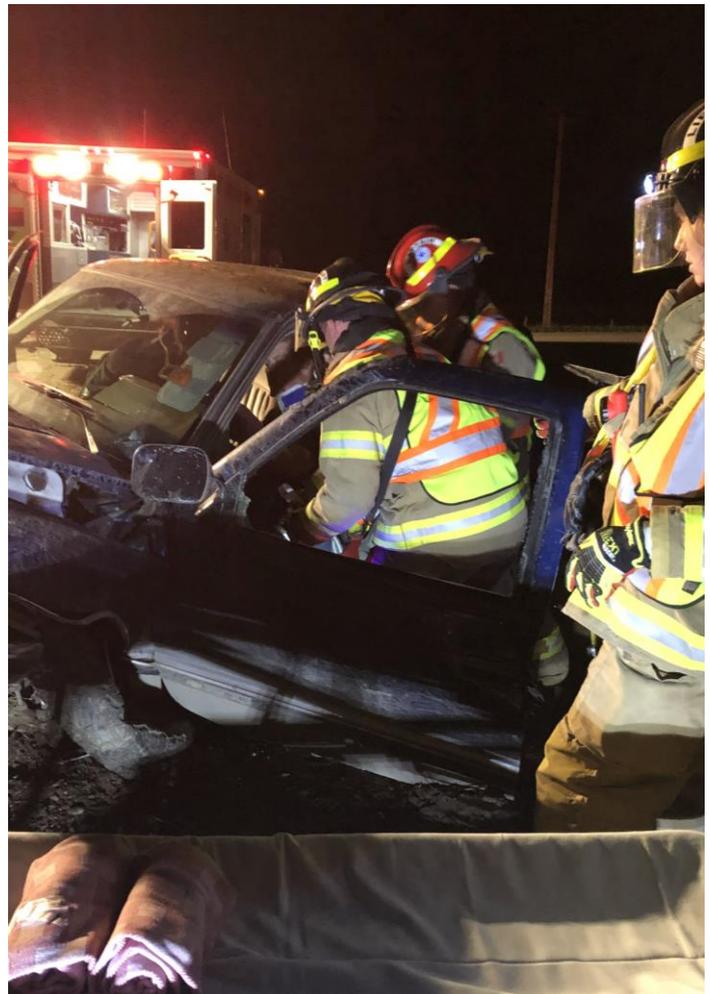
***Core Values:** Honour, Brotherhood, Pride, and Dedication*

Background

Picture Butte Emergency Services is a branch of the Town of Picture Butte providing fire, rescue, emergency medical, and now bylaw enforcement with the creation of the municipal enforcement division. Picture Butte Emergency Services also has contracts with Lethbridge County and Alberta Health Services to provide fire, rescue, and emergency medical services to surrounding area.

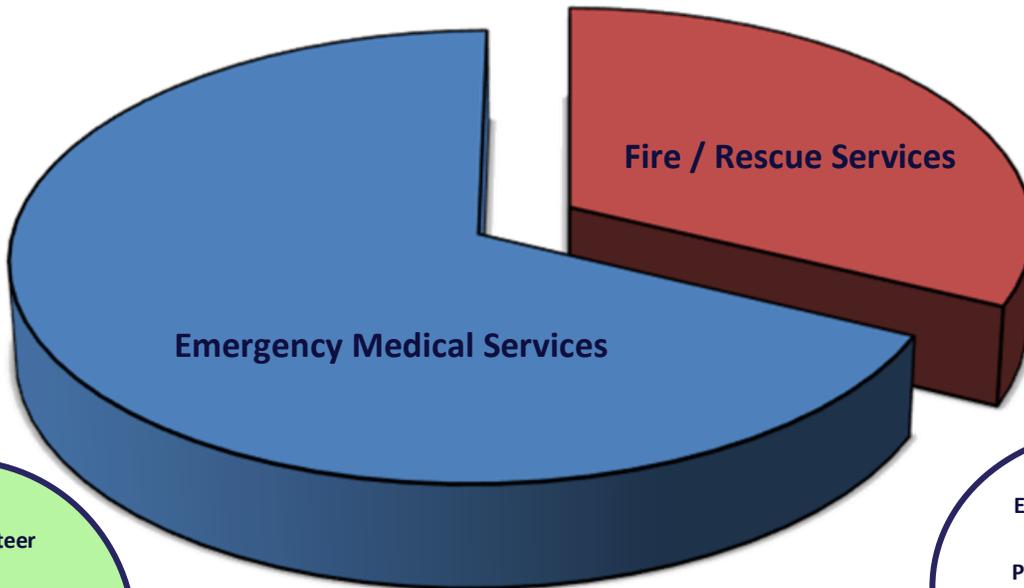
Most Important Asset

Picture Butte Emergency Services is comprised of 3 full-time, 2 part-time, and 20 volunteer staff members, who logged a total of **2186** volunteer hours responding to emergencies.



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Overview



4558 Volunteer hours =
\$109,392
 of tax-savings for
 Picture Butte
 residents

EMERGENCY EVENTS

IN 2019, PICTURE BUTTE EMERGENCY SERVICES ANSWERED THE CALL FOR 664 EMERGENCY EVENTS.

Emergency Services
 cost per
 Picture Butte citizen
\$66.62
*Includes capital budget
Alberta Average = \$102



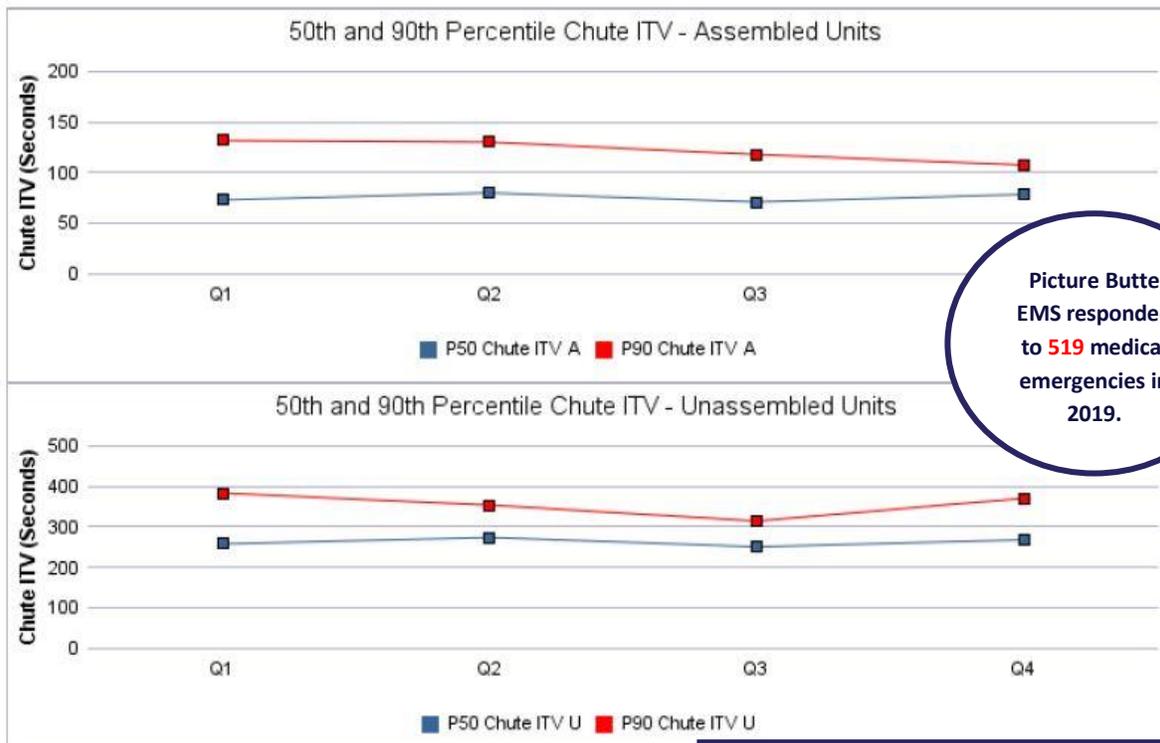
PUBLIC INVESTMENT

FIRE / RESCUE BUDGET = \$267,880
EMS BUDGET = \$398,575
EMERGENCY SERVICES REVENUE = \$544,571

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Emergency Medical Services

Picture Butte Emergency Services operates a Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance staffed by Primary Care Paramedics (EMTs) and Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs). The unit is staffed Monday to Friday 7:00 am to 7:00 pm by full-time and part-time staff with night shifts and weekends covered by paid-on-call staff.



Picture Butte EMS responded to **519** medical emergencies in 2019.

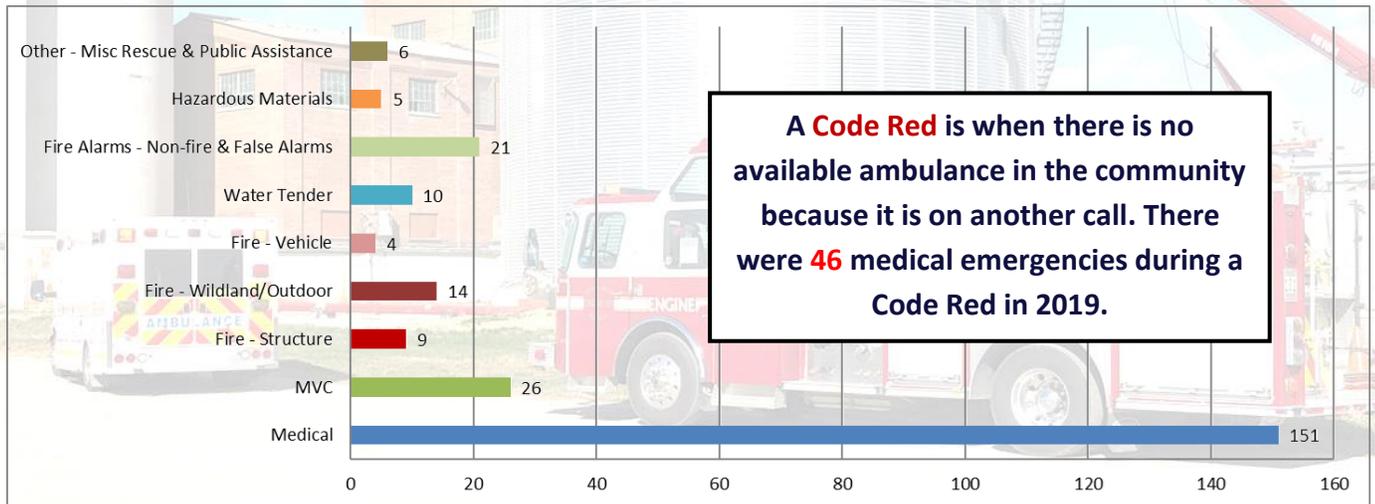
Chute Time is the time it takes our EMS unit to respond after being dispatched. In 2019, the average chute time for our full-time staff was 78 seconds and our paid-on-call crews were 263 seconds. The paid-on-call crews respond from home.



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Fire / Rescue Services

Picture Butte Emergency Services responded to a total of 246 fire events in 2019. Firefighters provide fire suppression, rescue, and hazardous materials response services in addition to the medical first-response (MFR) program which provides assistance to the ambulance or responds to medical events during a code red.



Volunteers performed 2372 hours of training in 2019!



**Did you know?
All Picture Butte firefighters are medically-trained with most being certified PCPs.**



*Estimated loss from fire versus assessed value of the properties involved within the Town of Picture Butte

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Bylaw Services

This past year, Picture Butte Town Council ended the agreement with Coaldale & District Municipal Enforcement in favour of creating our own enforcement division. The Town of Picture Butte provides bylaw enforcement services with a part-time staff member who works a rotating shift schedule. With our officer joining the team in November, after orientation, his focus has been on enforcing snow removal through the *Unsightly Premises Bylaw #797-06*.



Municipal Enforcement Officer Brayden Fenz joined Picture Butte Emergency Services in November 2019. Officer Fenz can be seen patrolling Picture Butte in the bylaw patrol car and can be reached at the Fire Station.

2019 Bylaw Enforcement Files (November & December only)

Dog Bylaw 690-92	5
Traffic Bylaw 852-16	2
Noise Bylaw 866-18	1
Unsightly Premises Bylaw 797-06	45 (11 removal orders)
Public Information	2
Total	55

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Emergency Management (Disaster Services)

In December of 2019, Picture Butte Town Council updated our *Municipal Emergency Management Bylaw #889-19* to reflect the changes of the new provincial *Emergency Management Act*. This past year brought a tremendous amount of quality disaster management training which will be continued and expanded throughout our organization.



Alberta Task Force 3 – Planning Section Exercise

Picture Butte is a member-community of a provincial all-hazard incident management team known as Alberta Task Force 3. Members committed over 100 hours of training in 2019 to better prepare of our community for the next disaster.



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