As the final notes to Auld Lang Syne were sung to usher out the year 2012 and bring 2013 into existence, the Grant Fire Department/Perkins County Ambulance closed the books on the second busiest year for total responses in the department's 123 year history, said Grant Fire Chief Don Softley.

Department personnel responded to 256 ambulance/fire/rescue and emergency management situations.

The fire trucks responded to 75 requests for help in 2012, shattering the previous record of 46 responses in 1999.

The ambulance responded to 167 situations, which is second only to the 190 ambulance responses in 1997.

June and May were the busiest months for the department as those months witnessed 27 and 26 responses respectively.

The ambulance was busiest in May with 19 responses while September and October had 16 calls each month.

The fire department was the busiest in June and July with 10 responses each month followed by May and August with nine calls for assistance.

For 2013 the membership elected Donald Softley, chief; Fred Reichert, assistant chief; Rick Dreiling, senior captain; Jason Noyes, ambulance captain; Bryan Kroeker, president; Dwight Wiebe, vice president; Wayne Pick, secretary; and Ron Krause, treasurer.

Elected to serve with Harlan Rahn and Becca Lagler on the board was Chasity Knoles.

Appointed fire captains for 2013 were Bryan Kroeker, Harlan Rahn, with Dwight Wiebe appointed to fire lieutenant position.

Appointed ambulance lieutenants were Robert Tatum, Becca Lagler, and Shane Mastre.

Members of the fire department are: Cassandra Cockerill, Rick Dreiling, Roger Friesen, Bob Hochstein, Gerald Hostetler, Chasity Knoles, Bryan Kroeker, Ron Krause, Becca Lagler, Shane Mastre, Trent Mastre, Ward Mastre, Jason Noyes, Rick Ochsner, Wayne Pick, Harlan Rahn, Fred Reichert, Jesse Shireman, Don Softley, Robert Tatum, Dwight Wiebe, Shawn Wiebe and Dalton Zimmerman.

Year	**Fires**
2012	75
1999	46
1990	45
2007	43
2008	43
2009	42
1989	39
1985	37
1988	37
2011	37

1966	36
1974	36

Year	**Ambulance**
1997	190
2012	167
2001	163
2000	160
2006	157
1998	154
1999	154
2004	154
1995	152
1992	150

Year	**Total**
2007	276
2012	256
1997	233
2009	213
1999	209
2001	208
2006	206
2008	206
1995	202
1998	198
1992	195