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1910	The settlement of Neppel was founded along the shores of Moses Lake
1910's-1930's	Irrigation from Moses Lake results in some growth around the settlement of Neppel
1937	Moses Lake Inn destroyed by fire, nearly taking the settlement of Neppel with it. The need for an organized firefighting force is recognized.
1938	U.S. Highway 10 built through town. September 1938 the town held a vote to incorporate, passing with a vote of 71 to 41 On September 15, 1938 the town of Moses Lake officially came into existence. Population 302 George Hochstater named Fire Chief of the Town of Moses Lake
1941	Ordinance #25 officially established the Moses Lake Volunteer Fire Department
1942	Moses Lake Army Air Corps Base established Local population begins to increase with the establishment of the military base and expanded irrigation in the area creating an agricultural boom.
1947	With slowly continuing population increases to nearly 2,000 full time residents in 1947 the need was recognized to build a fire station.
1948	Two apparatus bays were added to the Moses Lake Police Department located at 321 S Balsam Street. Moses Lake Fire Department personnel would operate from this station until 1997.
1950	Moses Lake Army Air Corps Base renamed Larson Air Force Base and adding more than 1,000 military and civilian personnel.
1952	Population in the town increases from approximately 2,500 in 1950 to 4,244. A 1938 Stutz Bearcat fire engine goes into service with the department.
1958	A 1958 GMC pumper goes into service. Career members of the department: D. Rhoads, L.Wymore, C.Rolly, L.Coop, H.Hellewell, and G. Hochstatter.



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1960	Population of Moses Lake increases to 11,299—a gain of 321.8% from 1950 Population gains due in large part to the increase in the expanded role of Larson Air Force Base as a Strategic Air Command Base.
1964	Purchase of the first Class A pumper, a 1964 LN Curtis 10 Cylinder Kenworth built to the Seattle Fire Department Specification. Engine 10 would serve until 1997.
1970	Population of 10,310—a loss of 8.8% since 1960. Population loss due in large part to the closing of Larson Air Force Base in 1966.
1960's & 70's	Expansion of the Department resulted in the Fire Department taking over the 321 S Balsam Street Facility. Additional apparatus bays were built and bunk rooms were installed to house the duty crew of 1 Captain and 2 Firefighters. Administrative personnel during this time frame included the Chief, Fire Marshal, and Fire Inspector.
1972	In an agreement with Grant County Hospital District #1 the Moses Lake Fire Department began providing basic emergency medical services with a transport ambulance service. Moses Lake Firefighters became the first emergency responders in Grant County to provide pre-hospital I.V. care.
1974	Purchase of a 1974 Crown Class A pumper. Engine 11 carried 500 gallons of water and had a pump rating of 1,500 gpm. Engine 11 served until 2002 when it was sold to Grant County Fire District #4.
1980	Population of 10,629 Department cut backs include the elimination of the Fire Prevention Division and loss of the Fire Inspector position. Mount St. Helens eruption resulted in severe fleet maintenance issues and numerous hours of overtime for department staff.
1983	Purchase of a 1983 Spartan Class A Engine. Engine 12 carried 500 gallons of water with a pump rating of 1,500 gpm. Engine 12 is currently in service as a reserve pumper.
1991	Washington Survey and Rating identifies areas of deficiencies within the department including the lack of a fire prevention program, an aerial apparatus, and station locations. Large Diameter Hose (5" Storz Adapted) replaces smaller diameter supply line on apparatus.
1992	The City reestablishes the position of Fire Inspector and the fire prevention program is re-instituted.
1993	The purchase of a 1993 E-One Hurricane 75' Quint aerial is approved. Ladder 9 is equipped with a 500 gallon tank



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<p>1993</p>	<p>Fire Station 2 is constructed at 2401 W Broadway Avenue. The Station is equipped with living quarters and two drive through apparatus bays. The station was utilized by Samaritan Ambulance from 1995 through 2001. Moses Lake Fire Department crews began staffing the station with 2 personnel in August 2001.</p>
<p>1995</p>	<p>The Moses Lake Fire Department ceases transport ambulance services when the agreement between Samaritan Hospital and the City is rescinded. Samaritan Ambulance service begins transport service within the City. Moses Lake Fire Department continues basic life support tiered response to EMS calls in the jurisdiction.</p>
<p>1996</p>	<p>Population 13,500 Career Staff: 11 line personnel, 2 Chief Officers, 1 Inspector, 1 Secretary</p>
<p>1997</p>	<p>Fire Station 1 at 321 S Balsam Street is closed. The new Headquarters Station at 701 E 3rd AVE is opened.</p>
<p>1998</p>	<p>E-One Cyclone Engine is purchased. 1,000 gallon tank with 1,500 gpm rated pump. Engine 10 (renamed Engine 1) Engine 1 is still in service as a 2nd due Engine from Station 1.</p>
<p>1999</p>	<p>The re-creation of the Fire Marshal's position is completed. Career staff: 11 line personnel, 2 Chief Officers, 1 Fire Marshal, 1 Inspector, 1 Secretary A 2000 gallon E-One / Navistar Tender is purchased. Tender 19 is still in active service.</p>
<p>2000</p>	<p>Population 14,953 Significant annexations within the urban growth area begin.</p>
<p>2001</p>	<p>Samaritan Ambulance Service ceases operations. The Moses Lake Fire Department adds 14 Firefighter / Paramedic personnel to the department and begins an ALS transport ambulance service.</p>
<p>2002</p>	<p>E-One Cyclone Engine is purchased. Engine 2 replaces Engine 11. 1,000 gallon tank with 1,500 gpm rated pump Engine 2 is still in service from Station 2.</p>



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2003	E-One Cyclone Engine is purchased. Engine 3 with a 1,000 gallon tank and a 1,500gpm pump goes into service. Currently the first out engine at Station 1.
2005	SAFER Grant approval allows the department to expand two full time line personnel. Two Firefighter Paramedics are hired under the SAFER Grant. Department Secretary position is eliminated.
2006	Re-adjustment of the department administration results in the creation of two new Assistant Chief positions. The Assistant Chief Fire Marshal / Operations and Assistant Chief Training. The existing Assistant Chief position became the Deputy Chief—Medical Services Officer.
2007	Continued annexation into the industrial corridors shifts focus from primarily residential and commercial hazards to include heavy industrial and hazardous production materials and processes. The need for expanded services in the areas of Hazardous Materials response and Technical Rescue begins to be explored.
2008	Creation of a two single role EMS positions. A Paramedic and EMT are added to the department to operate an ALS Ambulance Monday—Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm Department receives authorization to hire a part time secretary.
2009	The Deputy Chief—Medical Services position is eliminated. The Assistant Chief Fire Marshal position absorbs most functions of the Deputy Chief / MSO
2010	A part time MSO position is created utilizing a line Firefighter Paramedic to fill the role Population in the City: 20,366 (36.2% increase from 2000)
2011	Re-establishment of the full time Department Secretary position. Current department staffing: 3 Chief Officers, 1 Secretary, 1 Ambulance Billing Clerk, 3 Captains, 3 Acting Officers, 22 Firefighter EMT / EMT-P, 1 Single Role Paramedic, 1 Single Role EMT