Founded in 1862, the Winsted Fire Department today consists of 37 professional and dedicated volunteer firefighters, 16 support personnel (Support Services and Fire Police) and 5 youth Explorers. The firefighters provide 24-hour fire protection and rescue services to the community utilizing the latest in technology, equipment and training and allow for an excellent ISO rating of 4.

In 2016, the Winsted Fire Department responded to 513 calls for service. These calls for service included auto crashes, residential and commercial fires, hazardous materials spills and ice/cold water rescues. Each firefighter is provided state-certified training in firefighting, vehicle extrication, hazardous materials mitigation, cold water rescue and confined space rescue. The budget formulated for 2017-2018 came in at a zero increase as requested. The Winsted Fire Dept. continues to be one of the most fiscally responsible departments and operates well within their means.

Under the command of Fire Chief David L. Sartirana, the department operates 3 district fire stations and 9 fire companies. Each station is supervised by a Deputy Chief and each company is supervised by a Captain.

Fire Headquarters is located at 27 Elm Street and houses:
Station Chief: Assistant Chief Steven Lamere
Deluge Engine 2: Captain Dan Matthews
Tower Ladder 1: Captain Thomas Mazzei
Squad 5: Captain James Lagassie
Utility 9: Captain Tammi Pavano
Tactical Unit 8

Station 2 is located at 187 Prospect Street and houses:
Station Chief: Deputy Curt Mongeau
Union Hose 1: Captain Ben Ludwig
Fire Police: Captain Terry Lynn Albert

Station 3 is located at 215 Holabird Avenue and houses:
Station Chief: Deputy Chief Phillip Bascetta Jr
Niagara Engine 3: Captain Dave Hull
Cascade Hose 4: Captain Marc Marciano
Explorer Post 911: Captain Michael Lamere

Apparatus inventory includes 5 pumpers, an 85-foot Tower Ladder, a Tactical Unit, a fire police vehicle, ATV's, a foam trailer, a Hazmat Trailer and a Support Services utility vehicle. In 2015 the department acquired a 14’ rescue boat. This boat was able to be purchased through a generous donation from the Auxiliary for Community Health.
In 2016 the Winsted Fire Department celebrated 154 years of service to the community. The Department remains committed to providing superior fire protection and rescue services to our community well into the future.