

OSOYOOS FIRE RESCUE



Through unwavering dedication, advanced training, and professionalism, we will deliver fire and life safety services promptly. We are committed to proactive prevention, public education, teamwork, and community engagement. We will continue to strive to make a difference on the traditional and diverse lands which we protect and serve.

Quarterly Report April 1 to June 30, 2025

OFR EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Response Type	2025			2024		
	Osoyoos	Rural Fire Protection	Outside F/P	Osoyoos	Rural Fire Protection	Outside F/P
Ambulance Assist	4	2		2		
Burning Complaint	1	3		1	4	1
Carbon Monoxide Alarm	3			1	1	
Fire Alarm Activation	3			2	1	
False Alarm	19	3		5	4	
False Alarm (Good Intent)	1			2		
First Medical Responder						
Chimney Fire				1		
Grass Fire	6	2			4	
Rubbish Fire						
Structural Fire	2				2	
Unclassified Fire	2	2		1		
Vehicle Fire	1	1				
Gas Spill	2					
Gas Leak	1			1		
Hazardous Material Investigation				1		
Ice Rescue						
Lines Down	1					
Mutual Aid						
Motor Vehicle Incident	6	5	5	7		2
Standby Only						
Public Service	3			2		
Rescue and Safety						
RCMP Assist						
Smoke Visual or Smell	6	3				
Sprinkler Pipe Burst						
Total By Region	61	20	5	26	19	3
Total Emergency Callout	86			48		
Average Response Time	08:31			10.19		
Average Turnout	5.2			5.71	Personnel	
Total Personnel Hours	551.75			185.00		

Call Out Numbers

- In the second quarter of 2025, we responded to 86 emergency call outs.
In the second quarter of 2024, we responded to 48 emergency call outs.

This is a 79% increase from last year.

- An increase from 9 to 16 MVA this quarter compared to last year. We are seeing heavier flows of vehicles in town and suspect that many are deciding to vacation in Canada rather than cross the border into the USA.
- An increase from 4 to 8 grass fires this quarter may be due to the early dry weather.
- An increase in false alarms where we have been turned back on our way to the alarm, a review of false alarms completed, and letters sent to those who require them.

Response Times

- In the second quarter of 2025, it was 08:31 minutes, still below our goal of 10 minutes.
- In the second quarter of 2024, it was 10.19 minutes, this included 3 incidents outside our area. The decrease in response time can be attributed to Hall 2 being close to the vicinity of some calls and false alarms being dealt with by the chiefs and on duty officers being on scene quickly.

Personnel Hours

- In the second quarter of 2025 our hours were 551.75.
In the second quarter of 2024 our hours were 245.25.
This increase can be attributed to more call outs, additional coverage of duty officers, and training that took place during the quarter.

Yearly Emergency Call Outs

Total for emergency call outs to date for 2025 are 133 calls.

Past Years Emergency Call Outs					
Year	Calls	Year	Calls	Year	Calls
2024	216	2017	193	2010	153
2023	255	2016	176	2009	195
2022	221	2015	204	2008	156
2021	274	2014	158	2007	129
2020	219	2013	128	2006	136
2019	206	2012	141	2005	105
2018	161	2011	138	2004	97

TRAINING

Training Hours Completed:

1. HazMat Training.



2. Water Rescue.



3. Swift Water Rescue.
4. Training Officer Conference.
5. Fire Chief Conference.
6. Auto-X Training.



Number of Topics Covered on Practice Nights:

1. Drafting.
2. FF Chapter 2 - Firefighter Health and Safety.
3. FF Chapter 3 - Personal Protective Equipment.
4. Wildland Fires.
5. Personal Protective Equipment Checks.
6. FF Tests CH2 - Firefighter Health and Safety.
7. FF Skills CH15 - Portable Fire Extinguishers, Fire Detection, Fire Suppression and Smoke Control Systems.
8. FF Test CH3 – Personal Protective Equipment.
9. FF CH18 - Firefighter Survival Skills.
10. Hose Deployment.
11. FF CH23 – Advanced Fire Suppression Skills.
12. FF CH27 – Fire and Life Safety Initiatives.
13. Hose Loads.
14. Water Shuttle Activities.
15. FF CH16 – Supply Line & Attack Evolutions.
16. Vehicle Extraction Skills.
17. Thermal Imaging Camera Training.
18. FF test CH4 – Fire Service Communications.
19. Team Building.

Inventory Checks

1. Truck Checks.

Annual Recruitment and Interviews

1. Two Interested Volunteers – Applications have been sent to both applicants.

Meetings

1. OH&S Meetings.
2. Officer Meetings.
3. TofO Meetings.
4. Crisis Incident Stress Management Meeting.

“We don't rise to the level of our expectations; we fall to the level of our training”

Archilochus.

FIRE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

In the last quarter:

1. Attended the Fire Prevention Conference in Penticton.
2. Fire Smart in Penticton.
3. Farmers Markets
 - a. May 31, 2025.
4. Tours for visitors to the area.
5. Osoyoos Girl Guide tour.

6. School science project, egg drop.



7. Fire House Penticton.



FIRE PREVENTION STATISTICS SUMMARY

Total inspections due for the year 2025 are 212.

Quarter	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total for the Year
Regular Inspections Required for 2025	94	48	40	30	212
Regular Inspections Completed in the Quarter	33	47			
Re-inspections Required					
Business License Inspections	12	8			
Requests from Public					
Complaints					
Events Completed for the Quarter	45	55			
Events Completed for the Year	45	100			
Burn Permits Issued	4	2			

BUDGET

CAPITAL REPORT

Item	Budget	Anticipated Completion Date	Status
Used Aerial Truck Ladder Truck	\$60,000	Late summer early fall	

Association

The following additional volunteer activities took place.

1. Eggstravaganza – Gyro Park April 2025 – 350 hotdogs given out.
2. Oysterfeed – Arena April 2025.



3. Half Corked Marathon – Oliver May 2025.



Summary

The start of the fire season has been busy with the warm, dry weather. We have also seen an increase in visitors to the area, increasing the needs of the department to react to incidents. Our fire department continues to work towards the Superior Tender Shuttle accreditation.



We would like to recognize our paid-on-call firefighters and the dedication they continue to show to our wonderful community, its visitors and residents. Without their service and commitment to the fire service we would be without the first responders to deal with those people in their time of need.

