

## OSOYOOS FIRE RESCUE (OFR)



**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.**

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Response Type	2025			2024		
	Osoyoos	Rural Fire Protection	Outside F/P	Osoyoos	Rural Fire Protection	Outside F/P
Ambulance Assist	9	1		6	1	
Burning Complaint	3			2		
Carbon Monoxide Alarm		3		1		
Fire Alarm Activation				4	1	
False Alarm	6	9	1	11	2	
False Alarm (Good Intent)				1		
First Medical Responder						
Chimney Fire						
Grass Fire	1	1	1		1	
Rubbish Fire						1
Structural Fire	4		3	6		
Unclassified Fire	2			2		1
Vehicle Fire	1	1			1	
Gas Spill	1					
Gas Leak	1					
Hazardous Material Investigation						
Ice Rescue						
Lines Down	2			4	2	
Mutual Aid						1
Motor Vehicle Accident	7		6	7		4
Standby Only						
Public Service	4			3		
Rescue and Safety				2		
RCMP Assist						
Smoke Visual or Smell	2		1	1	1	
Sprinkler Pipe Burst						
<b>Total By Region</b>	43	16	12	50	9	7
<b>Total Emergency Callout</b>	<b>71</b>			<b>66</b>		
<b>Average Response Time</b>	08:53			08:41		
<b>Average Turnout</b>	5.2			6.1	Personnel	
<b>Total Personnel Hours</b>	648			622		

Call Out Numbers

- In the third quarter of 2025, we responded to seventy-one (71) emergency call-outs. In the third quarter of 2024, we responded to sixty-six (66) emergency call-outs.

This is a 7% increase from last year.

- An increase from motor vehicle accidents this quarter compared to last year. Many activities took place during the summer months, with cyclists, motorbikes, and more vehicle traffic.
- An increase in false alarms from smoke alarms and CO detectors, a review of false alarms has been completed, and letters have been sent to those who require them.

### Response Times

- In the third quarter of 2025, it was 08.53 minutes, still below our goal of 10 minutes.
- In the third quarter of 2024, it was 08.41 minutes; this included twelve (12) incidents outside our area, which increased our time slightly.

### Personnel Hours

- In the third quarter of 2025, our hours were 648.  
In the third quarter of 2024, our hours were 622.  
This increase in hours is due to additional call-outs and additional weekend duty coverage for the summer.

## Yearly Emergency Call Outs

Year-to-date total for emergency call-outs for 2025 is 204 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 Completed:

1. Online officer training took place, and firefighter online upskilling.

#### Number of Topics Covered on Practice Nights:

1. Drafting – Establishing an efficient fill site to support firefighting efforts.
2. Tour of cottages – Familiarization with layout and hydrants.
3. Dumpster fires - Firefighting.
4. Vehicle fires - Firefighting.
5. Fire extinguisher training.
6. Size up – Evaluate and critically assess the fire scene.
7. Hose handling – Handling hoses safely and efficiently.
8. NFPA 1001- Ch 16 Skills – Supply line and attack evolutions.
9. NFPA 1001- Ch 09 Skills – Ropes and knots.
10. Tender operations – Operating apparatus (Superior Tanker Shuttle Service).
11. Tender shuttle – Water supply at the fireground (Superior Tanker Shuttle Service).

#### Inventory Checks

1. Truck checks.
2. Started hose testing.

#### Annual Recruitment and Interviews

1. Interviewed four candidates for paid-on-call vacancies, meet and greet to take place on October 8, 2025.

#### Meetings

1. OH&S meetings.
2. Officer meeting.

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

Archilochus.

### STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES (SOP AND SOG)

Work has begun on draft standard operating procedures and guidelines for OFR this quarter. This is a huge undertaking and is the start of a long process to get these verified and authorized, ready for use.

These SOG and SOP support the operation, and describe the necessary activities to complete tasks in accordance with industry regulations, provincial laws, or just our own standards of operating within OFR.

FIRE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

In the last quarter:

1. Attended an open house at Osoyoos Daycare.



2. Farmers' markets on July 19 and August 23.
3. Fire hall tours for the public visiting the area.
4. Fire Smart Presentation – Seniors Centre.



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	45	54	98		197
Re-inspections Required					
Business License Inspections	12	8	7		
Requests from the Public					
Complaints					
Events Completed for the Quarter	45	55	97		
Events Completed for the Year	45	100	197		
Burn Permits Issued	4	2	0		

**BUDGET**

**CAPITAL REPORT**

Item	Budget	Anticipated Completion Date	Status
Used Aerial Truck Ladder Truck	\$60,000	Projected delivery fall of 2026	

**Association**

The following additional volunteer activities took place.

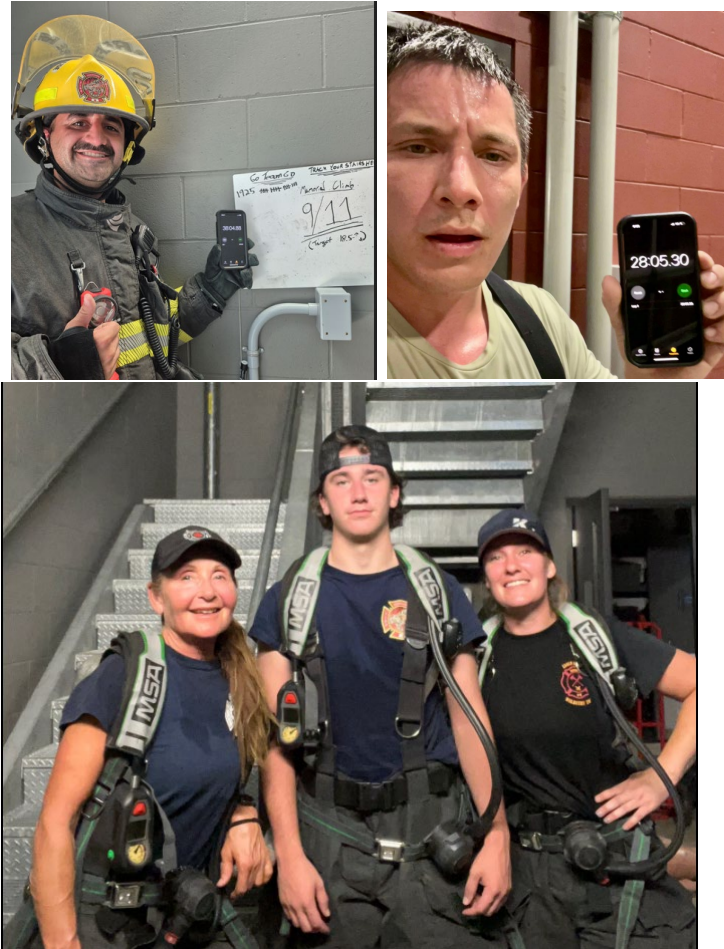
1. Osoyoos Cherry Festival – Barbie theme.



2. Camp Ignite – representative from Osoyoos in attendance.



3. Thank you, family night – set up games for the children of the volunteers, and we had a BBQ for everyone.
4. 9/11 Stair climb challenge – to show respect for those fallen firefighters from 911.



## Summary

Congratulations to five of our probationary firefighters for passing their 6-month probationary period.



As usual at this time of year and with the increased heat and hazard ratings of four out of five (4/5) for August, it kept the department busy.

The large, fast-moving fire on Hwy 3 was our biggest event. Twenty-three (23) of our team turned out to fight this large fire, an excellent turnout. Water bombers, helicopters, and fire crews from BC Wildfire, with help from 7 other fire halls in the area, ensured that we had an excellent outcome and the fire was contained to a relatively small area.



Without the aerial bombers' help, this could have escalated quickly and been more widespread.



Great pictures of the support we received in fighting the wildfire.

The large house and car fire that saw all our available POC's in attendance, well done team. Again, we asked for help, and the Heli support swooped in to stop this fire from escalating onto other close properties.



Heli bomber supporting the team on the house fire.



We also had a great turnout throughout the whole of summer from our paid-on-call firefighters, and this allowed us to provide a great service for our community.

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.

