

Osoyoos Fire and Rescue (OFR)

2026 Q1 Report



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.

Q1 2026 Snapshot

Staffing

- 3 Full-Time Chief Officers
- 1 Term FireSmart Coordinator
- 1 Part-time Administrative Professional
- 27 Paid on Call Firefighters

Incident Responses

- The OFR responded to 31 calls for service in the first quarter of 2026, a decrease of 35% from the same quarter last year.
- A notable reduction in motor vehicle accidents and carbon monoxide events have contributed to this decrease.
- The average response time of the OFR in Q1 was 8.75 minutes.

Personnel Hours - Response

- Staff spend a total of 189 hours responding to incidents in Q1 which is a decrease of 58.3% from the same period in 2025.

Personnel Hours - Training

- 12 Practice nights were held in Q1 resulting in a combined total of 852 training hours for staff.
- Staff spent an additional 409 hours completing training programs that were delivered outside of practice nights.

Fire Prevention & Education

- A total of 97 inspections were conducted in Q1.
- 13 additional inspections were conducted which were derived from public complaints, requests, and new business license applications.
- 3 public engagement/education were conducted which included reaching our Elementary School, Family Literacy group, and Strong Start Programs.

Did You Know?

Given the right conditions, it takes just ½ a minute for a fire to double in size. This is why it's crucial to evacuate a burning building as quickly as possible. Just for reference, a house can be completely engulfed in flames in just 2 ½ minutes.

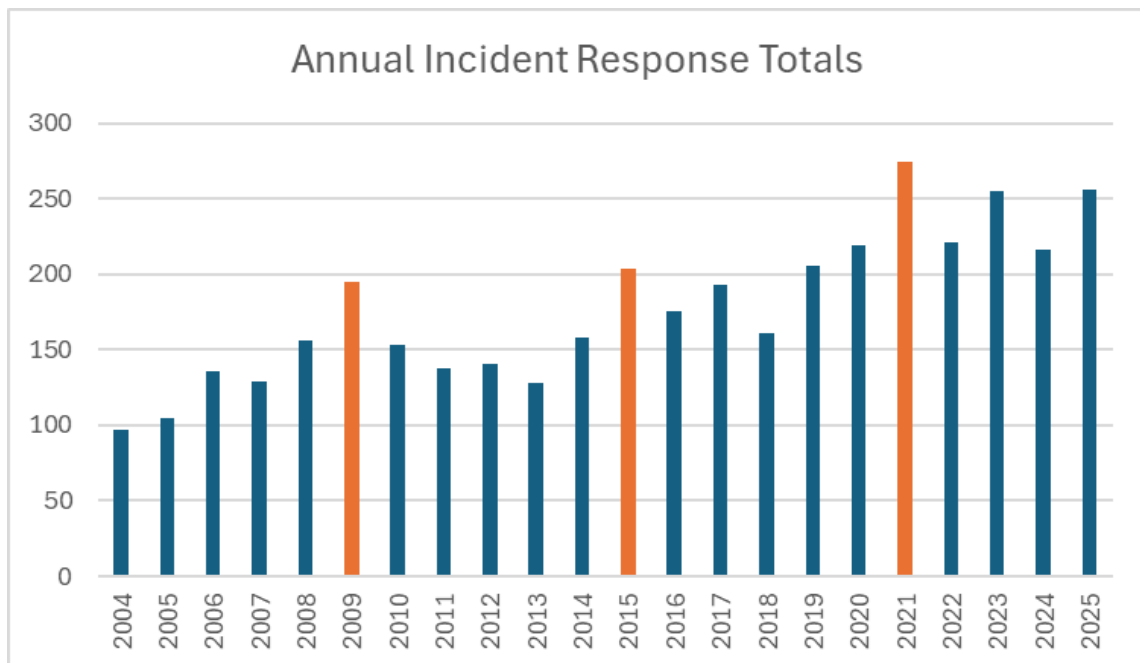
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Incident Response Breakdown

Response Type	Q1 2026			Q1 2025		
	Osoyoos	Rural Fire Protection	Outside F/P	Osoyoos	Rural Fire Protection	Outside F/P
Ambulance Assist	5	1		6	1	
Burning Complaint	1	2			3	
Carbon Monoxide Alarm				1	2	
Fire Alarm Activation				2		
False Alarm	8	2		7	4	
First Medical Responder						
Chimney Fire						
Grass Fire			1	1		
Rubbish Fire	1					
Structural Fire				1		
Unclassified Fire						
Vehicle Fire				1		
Gas Spill						
Gas Leak				2	1	
Hazardous Material						
Investigation	1					
Ice Rescue						
Lines Down	1				1	
Mutual Aid						2
Motor Vehicle Accident	3			1	1	3
Public Service				2		
Rescue and Safety				1		
RCMP Assist	2	1				
Smoke Visual or Smell	2			4	1	
Total Number of Calls by Area	24	6	1	29	14	5
Total Responses	31			48		
Average Response Time (mins)	6	11.5	13.5	7.5	11.45	7.25
Average Turnout of Personnel per Call	5.6			5.5		
Total Personnel Hours for Responses	189			324		

Annual Incident Response Totals

Year	Total	Year	Total	Year	Total
2004	97	2012	141	2020	219
2005	105	2013	128	2021	274
2006	136	2014	158	2022	221
2007	129	2015	204	2023	255
2008	156	2016	176	2024	216
2009	195	2017	193	2025	256
2010	153	2018	161		
2011	138	2019	206		



Did You Know?

A "crown fire" refers to a type of fire that rapidly spreads through the upper canopy of trees, often propelled by wind.

Wfca.com/wildfire

Training & Practice

Emergency Scene Management

This course prepares OFR members to assume the role of Incident Commander at a single-alarm emergency incident. Eight members attended to develop their skills.



Responding to the Interface

This course prepares firefighters to safely and effectively protect interface communities from the unique dangers posed by wildland fires. Twenty members attended to prepare our team for the upcoming wildfire season.



Topics Covered on Practice Nights

- Emergency Scene Management
- Chimney fires
- Ladder skills
- Supply and attack hose lines
- Hydrants & Water Supply
- Ventilating
- CPR Skill Refresh
- Fit Testing (SCBA)
- Extinguishing Dumpster Fires
- Extinguishing Structure & Wildfires
- Team Building Exercises
- Driving Certifications
- Annual PPE Checks
- Establishing & Transferring Command
- Hose Relay Scenarios
- Pump Operator
- Motor Vehicle Extractions
- Ropes & Knots

Additional Meetings

OH&S Meetings

opportunities to discuss safety issues within the fire hall and update the committee on provincial updates.

Monthly Officer Meetings

discussing duty responsibilities, opportunities for training, team leading, and individual goals towards officer qualifications.

Department Projects / Areas of Focus

1. Standard Operating Guideline Development
2. Fire Smart
3. Staffing
4. Budget Review / Planning

Fire Prevention and Public Education/Service

January 24 – Osoyoos Family Literacy Fair



January 29 – Osoyoos Elementary School, Cancer Awareness Month, Diversity & Inclusive Group



January 30 – Strong Start Program – Hall tour



Fire Prevention Statistics Summary

Quarter	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Planned Inspections	113	78	54	32	277
Regular Inspections Completed	97				
Re-inspections	0				
Business License Inspections	11				
Requests from the Public	1				
Complaints	1				
Total Inspections	110				

Burn Permits

Agricultural burning is permitted between October 15th and April 15th each year. A total of 4 Burn Permits were issued in Q1 for burning, within the Town of Osoyoos.

Additional Fire Department Activities

January 17 – Hockey open night

February 28 – Annual awards night

Honours and awards issued to Firefighters for years of service and outstanding achievements.



- 25 Years of Service: Captain Todd Kunz.
- 10 Years of Service: Captain Jon Jorgens, Lieutenants Steven Harrison, Tyler and Blake Loura.
- 5 Years of Service: Ben Taytelbaum.
- Professional Firefighter Certification: Grant Fiddes and Tanner Keim.
- Officer of the Year: Lieutenant Steven Harrison.
- Firefighter of the Year: Anthony Basic.
- Rookie Firefighter of the Year: Evan Paolera.
- "Top Gun" award: Captain Chris Parker.
- Junior Firefighter of the Year: Joel Parker.
- Memorabilia awards went to Firefighters: Mike Pawluk and Kate Grant

Other Notable Highlights

March was International Women's Day, and we celebrated by featuring our five women here at the fire hall.



Diane Butt was promoted to Lieutenant, making her the first female officer of Osoyoos Fire Rescue Service.

