

KAMLOOPS FIRE RESCUE

# Annual Report 2022

For the year ended December 31, 2022







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## KAMLOOPS FIRE RESCUE

### Our Mission

Kamloops Fire Rescue is committed to protecting our community through fire suppression, rescue, pre-hospital care, public education, and fire prevention.

### Our Vision

To consistently provide a full level of service throughout our entire community through the responsible use of our resources.

### Our Values

Safety, Service, Public Trust, and Teamwork are at the root of who we are and guide our actions, behaviours, and interactions with citizens, partners, and each other.

### Our Slogan

"Our Family Helping Your Family" is our commitment to you.

### Our Staff

Kamloops Fire Rescue is made up of 169 dedicated personnel who work hard every day to ensure that the communities we serve are as safe as they can be. No matter who, when, or why someone calls for our help, our staff make sure we can respond in a timely and professional manner to assist those in need. As a full-service composite fire service, Kamloops Fire Rescue is a workforce that depends on a variety of people and experiences, including paid on-call firefighters, career firefighters, and non-firefighting staff.

Division	2022	2021
Administration	1 - Fire Chief 1 - Deputy Chief 3 - Assistant Chiefs 1 - Office Services Support	1 - Fire Chief 4 - Assistant Chiefs 1 - Office Services Support
Dispatch	8 - Emergency Communications Operators 3 - Casual Emergency Communications Operators	8 - Emergency Communications Operators 3 - Casual Emergency Communications Operators
Fire Prevention	1 - Chief Fire Prevention Officer 2 - Fire Inspector/Investigators 1 - Project Coordinator/Investigator 1 - Life Safety Educator/Investigator	1 - Chief Fire Prevention Officer 2 - Fire Inspector/Investigators 1 - Project Coordinator/Investigator 1 - Life Safety Educator/Investigator
Fleet and Equipment	1 - Lead Mechanic 1 - Mechanic	1 - Lead Mechanic 1 - Mechanic
Operations (Frontline Firefighters)	36 - Paid on Call (Stns 4, 5, 6) 107 - Career (Stns 1, 2, 3, 4, 7)	41 - Paid on Call (Stns 4, 5, 6) 107 - Career (Stns 1, 2, 3, 4, 7)
Training	1 - Chief Training Officer 1 - Training Officer	1 - Chief Training Officer 1 - Training Officer
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>174</b>



## FIRE CHIEF'S MESSAGE

I am proud to present Kamloops Fire Rescue (KFR) Annual Report 2022.

This last year has seen some significant changes and challenges as we transitioned from the COVID-19 pandemic into a new normal. However, the dedicated members of KFR have continued to contribute to our success and ensure that when people call, KFR is there to help.

2022 was KFR's busiest year, with fire crews responding to 10,325 calls for service, an almost 32% increase compared to 2021. A large part of this increase is due to a significant jump in the number of medical calls that KFR responded to. In 2022, medical calls increased by 43% over 2021 and accounted for 63% of all calls we responded to—a total of 6,522 responses. The increase in medical responses were due to "person down," "unconscious," and "overdose/poisoning" call types, which increased by 26%, 52%, and 21%, respectively. These increases, along with the other emergency responses and services KFR provides, have put a strain on our system to meet the increasing workload demands of our growing communities and a population of over 100,000 citizens.

Some of the goals aligned with Council and corporate priorities that we will be working on in 2023 include:

- completing a community risk assessment, standard of cover, and a 10-year master plan
- implementing appropriate equity, diversity and inclusion, and Indigenous training
- maintaining reliable and mission-ready apparatus and equipment
- utilizing robust performance monitoring that supports data-based decision making
- updating medical scope of practice to Emergency Medical Responder level.

Former Fire Chief Steve Robinson retired in 2022, which prompted a search for a replacement. I am humbled to have been chosen to join this great KFR team and the larger City of Kamloops organization. In my six months here, I have seen many examples of the caring and professional members who demonstrate our values every day and truly deliver our commitment to citizens of "Our Family Helping Your Family".

We look forward to building on the great foundation that has been laid at KFR by so many before us and striving to ensure that we can deliver the services citizens need, when they need them, in a manner that is right for Kamloops, so that we can all make Kamloops shine.

Thank you/Kukwstsétsemc,



Ken Uzeloc, Fire Chief



Fire Chief Ken Uzeloc



Kamloops Fire Rescue dispatch looking at computer Monitors

## TRENDS WE ARE WATCHING

**32% increase**  
in call volume  
over 2021

**9% decrease**  
in fires over 2021

**43% increase**  
in medical calls  
over 2021

**63%**  
of all calls  
were medical  
(58% in 2021)

**167% increase**  
in naloxone  
administered calls

**18% decrease**  
in AED use

**67%**  
KFR arrived on scene  
before BCAS

**9 min 13 sec**  
Average time on  
scene before BCAS

**0 fire-related  
civilian injuries**  
Kamloops  
(0 in 2021)

**1 fire-related  
civilian deaths**  
Kamloops  
(0 in 2021)

**9,883  
responses**  
in Kamloops

**101  
responses**  
outside City boundary

**340 responses**  
on Tk'emlúps te  
Secwépemc lands

**0 fire-related  
civilian injuries**  
Tk'emlúps te  
Secwépemc  
(0 in 2021)

**0 fire-related  
civilian deaths**  
Tk'emlúps te  
Secwépemc  
(0 in 2021)

**26% increase**  
in burning complaints

**2,716**  
fire inspections  
completed  
(2,380 in 2021)

**7%**  
of time  
re-inspections  
required

**19%**  
of inspections  
resulted in violations

**82**  
structure fire  
investigations  
completed  
(78 in 2021)

**34 public  
education events**  
(0 in 2021)

**2,089 people**  
engaged in life  
safety education  
(0 in 2021)

**114**  
FireSmart  
inspection requests  
(0 in 2021)

**97,902**  
citizens protected  
2021 Census  
(90,280 in 2016  
census)



## Incidents We Responded To

KFR experienced a 32% increase in the number of calls in 2022 compared to 2021, totaling 10,325 calls. This meant that KFR crews were busier with emergency responses more often and for longer periods of time than in previous years, which impacted our ability to meet increasing call demands and perform other work, such as fire inspections and training. Figure 1 shows the breakdown of the response by the major incident classification, and a comparison between 2022 and 2021 is shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Major Incident Classification Trending

Incident Classification	2022	2021	% Change	Trending
Fire, Fire-related	2,140	1,770	20.90%	↑
Medical	6,522	4,564	42.90%	↑
Rescue	127	130	-2.31%	↓
Hazmat	87	73	19.18%	↑
Motor Vehicle Incidents	701	656	6.86%	↑
Public Service	374	320	16.88%	↑
Other	374	318	17.61%	↑
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,325</b>	<b>7,831</b>	<b>31.84%</b>	<b>↑</b>

## 2022 Response by Major Incident Classification

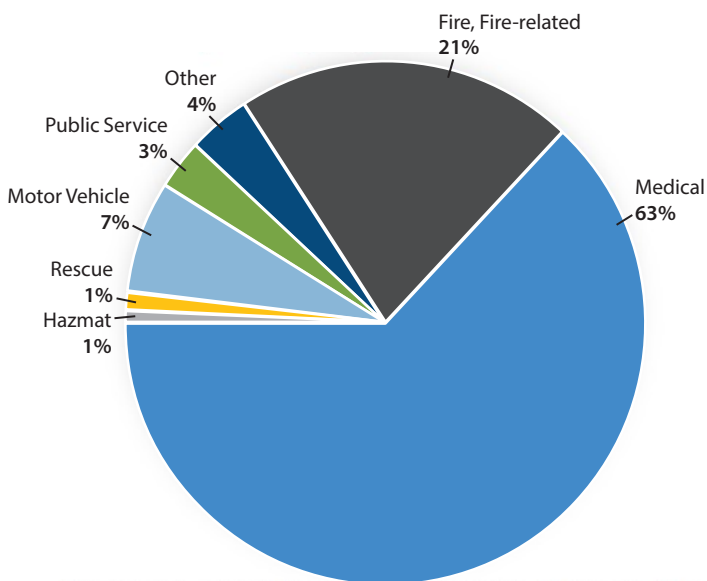


Figure 1. 2022 Response by Major Incident Classification

Firefighter extinguishing car fire with hose



## Medical Responses

Similar to other fire services across Canada, KFR responded to an increased number of medical-related calls in 2022. Overall, medical responses accounted for 63% (6,522) of all the calls that KFR responded to. These response types increased 43% from 2021 due, in part, to the following factors:

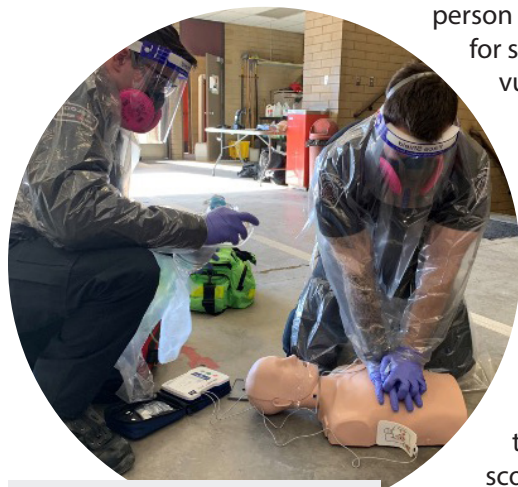
- significant increases in the response types requiring critical life-saving intervention, which is the key driver to KFR assisting BC Emergency Health Services, as listed in Table 2
- the issues affecting the health care system itself
- increased occurrences where an ambulance is not available or is delayed due to staffing or location issues or hospital wait times, resulting in KFR having to wait on scene for extended time periods for an ambulance to arrive to transfer care or KFR being dispatched to lower-acuity calls due to limited BC Emergency Health Services resources



A naloxone kit

A large number of the medical responses are related to

person down, unconscious, and overdose/poisoning calls for service. These calls for service have seen a steady rise as the community has seen increases in the vulnerable persons population resulting from housing and addiction issues related to the toxic drug crisis. In 2022, medical call responses increased by 26% for a person down, increased by 52% for an unconscious person, and increased by 21% for an overdose/poisoning call. As a result of the increase in overdose-related responses, KFR also saw the number of events where our crews administered naloxone increase to 104 calls, a 167% increase over 2021.



Crews conducting medical training

To better serve our citizens and communities based on the medical response trends, KFR members will upgrade their medical scope of practice starting in 2023. KFR will be phasing in training for firefighters to move from the First Responder scope of practice to an Emergency Medical Responder scope. This upgrade will enable firefighters to better assess patients while on responses and allow them the ability to use more skills and equipment in the treatment of patients until BC Emergency Health Services arrives.

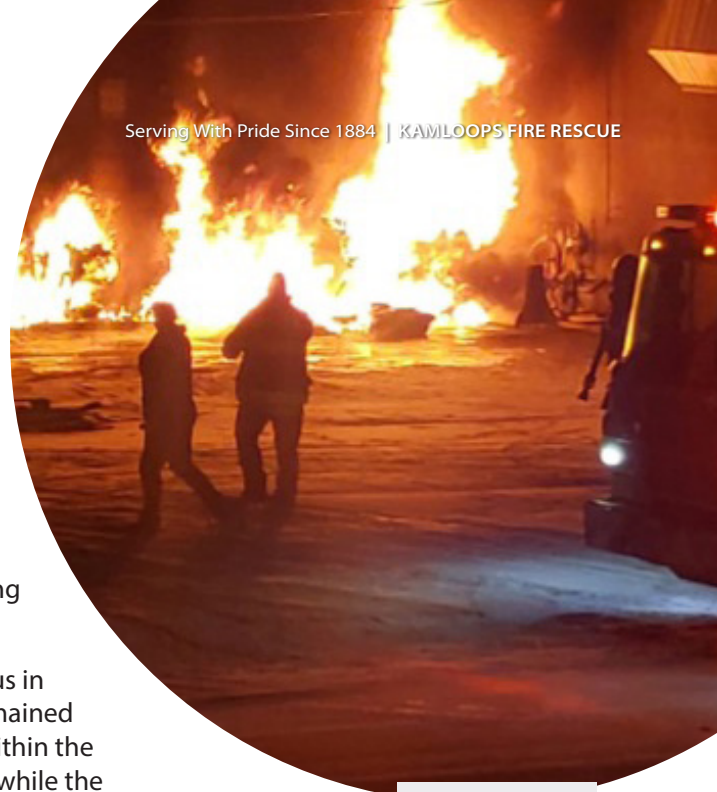
Table 2. Critical Life-Threatening Medical Call Trending

Medical Response Type	2022	2021	% Change	Trending
Person Down - Status Questionable	661	526	25.67%	↑
Breathing Problems - Difficulty Speaking	531	497	6.84%	↑
Unconscious - Effective Breathing	397	297	33.67%	↑
OD/Poisoning - Changing Colour	391	323	21.05%	↑
Unconscious - Changing Colour	388	327	18.65%	↑
Chest Pain - Clammy/Cold Sweats	296	281	5.34%	↑
Chest Pain - Difficulty Speaking	202	139	45.32%	↑
Cardiac Arrest - Not Breathing	167	136	22.79%	↑
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>2,526</b>	<b>20.07%</b>	<b>↑</b>

## Fire and Fire-Related Responses

Fire and fire-related responses (as listed in Table 3), which includes fire alarm calls, fire investigation or burning complaints, structure fires, interface fires, car fires, and other fires, accounted for 21% of KFR responses. Fire incidents overall dropped in 2022 by 9 %. This could be due to more people returning to the workplace/school and the return to fire safety education engagements reintroduced after COVID-19 restrictions in 2021. We also experienced a much milder wildfire season in 2022 compared to 2021. While fire incidents overall dropped, the number of burning complaints increased by 26% to 678 responses this year, with many attributed to people experiencing homelessness or living on the street using fires for cooking and warmth.

The top two causes of all fires KFR responded to in 2022 were suspicious in nature and social issue-related. Cooking- and smoking-related fires remained the leading causes of structure fires in Kamloops. Total fire loss costs within the Kamloops response area were \$2,829,435—20% increase from 2021—while the total fire loss costs in the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc response area were \$530,500—a 432% increase from 2021. This was due to an increase in the number of property loss-related fires in 2022.



Encampment fire

Table 3. Fire and Fire-Related Response Trending

Fire, Fire-related Responses	2022	2021	% Change	Trending
Interface Fires	26	55	-52.73%	↓
Structure Fires	117	125	-6.40%	↓
Other Fires	218	217	0.5%	=
Burning Complaints	678	537	26.26%	↑
Fire Alarms	1,101	836	31.7%	↑
Total	2,140	1,770	20.9%	↑

## Fire Fatalities and Injuries

Civilian fire-related injuries remained constant in 2022, with zero reported injuries within the Kamloops and Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc response areas. Unfortunately, one civilian fire-related fatality occurred in relation to a warming fire in a shed attached to a commercial structure in the Kamloops response area. There were zero fire fatalities in the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc response area, the same as the previous year.

## Rescues

Calls for rescues decreased in 2022 by 2%, accounting for 127 responses. The largest portion of rescue calls was for response outside of city boundaries for motor vehicle incidents in support of rural or provincial roadways, making up 69% of the responses. Water, ice, and rope rescues made up the balance of rescue responses.



Crews training for a rope rescue



## FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

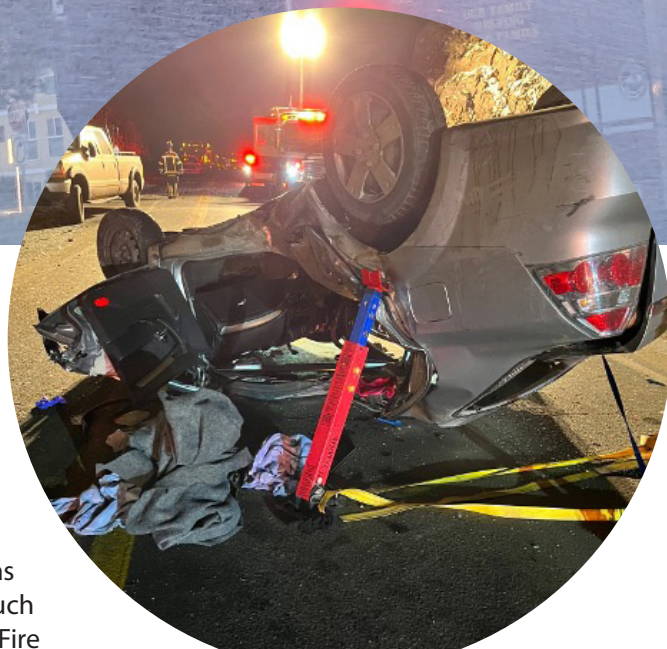
### Budget

The 2022 KFR operating budget was \$20.9 million compared to \$20.7 million budget in 2021. The 1% budget increase was due to the inflationary costs related to items such as supplies, equipment, and fuel. Salaries and wages accounted for 87% of the total KFR budget. Included in the 2022 budget was \$970,000 in capital funding towards future asset replacement, such as fire apparatus, support vehicles, and other major equipment. Fire protection costs to the public for KFR services equated to an average of approximately \$450 a year per taxable property, or \$37.50 per month.

Fire operations (rescue and suppression activities) accounted for 72% of the total operating budget, with mechanical and administration making up 7.5% and 6%, respectively. KFR dispatch costs were 7.1% of the operating budget. The centre provides fire dispatch services to the City, the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, and the City of Castlegar.

Fire prevention, staff training, and the paid on-call program made up the remainder of the operating budget.

For 2022, the capital budget was \$3.15 million (2021 - \$1.66 million). As well as smaller purchases, expenses included a new heavy rescue truck (\$900,000), a fire engine to be received in 2023 (\$1.2 million), and \$550,000 in funding to replace the portable radio inventory in 2023 for improved communication capabilities.



KFR road rescue of an overturned vehicle

### KFR 2022 Operating Budget

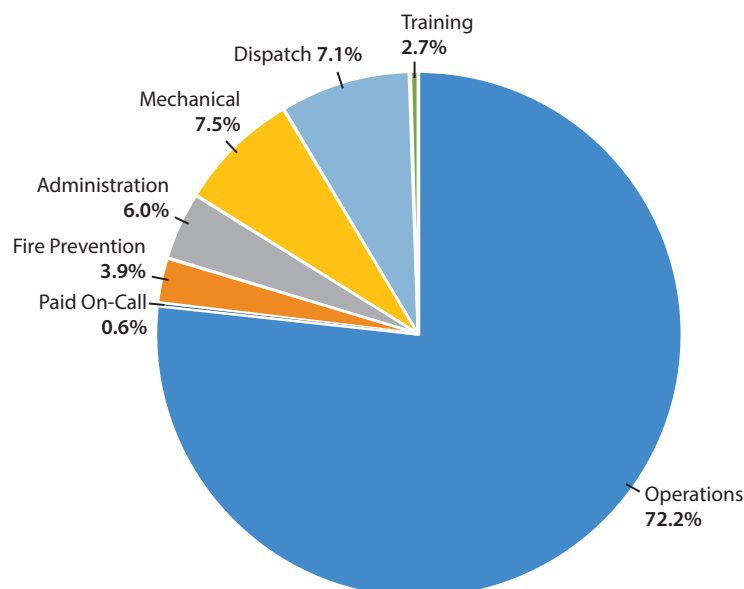


Figure 2. 2022 KFR Operating Budget





Firefighter showing child how to use a fire hose

## OUR PEOPLE

As with any workforce, our KFR's success is dependent and based on the people that we employ. To that end, our overarching goal is to make sure that our members have safe and healthy careers from the point of recruitment to their last shift. This is done by ensuring they are trained and competent to perform their roles, providing protective equipment and safe work guidance, and monitoring their well-being from the effects of workplace exposures.

### Health, Safety, and Wellness

In 2022, as part of the Fire Service Joint Labor Management Wellness-Fitness Initiative, 105 members were scheduled to have their periodic medicals done, and 94% of the medicals were completed. The incomplete medicals were due to absence from the workplace. Mental health continues to be a growing concern in the fire service, and KFR conducted 21 formal critical incident stress management defusing/debriefing sessions and 94 on-site sessions with staff due to events they attended. Members continued to work through the Canadian Mental Health Association's Resilient Minds training program, which is designed to build psychological strength, and KFR voluntarily piloted the online Before Operational Stress program to assess its value in contributing to the psychological well-being of our staff. In 2022, KFR assisted members with 180 support sessions through a third-party counselling service. Since this program started in July 2019, 56 members have received assistance through 633 sessions. Despite all of the supports in place, KFR had one psychological-related claim in 2022, which is a 50% decrease over the previous year.



Firefighter standing in front of equipment



## Recruitment, Retention, and Retirements

In 2022, there were 14 retirements and resignations. Of the 14 departures from KFR, 8 were due to retirements and 6 were resignations. This sets the 2022 turnover rate at 10%, with the retirement rate being 6% of that total. Compared to 2021, this represents a 600% increase.

KFR conducted a recruitment campaign in fall 2022 for the career and paid on-call firefighting positions. We received 185 applications for the career firefighting positions. From the applications received:

- 56 applicants move forward to the physical testing after meeting qualifications and passing the aptitude tests
- 27 applicants were given final interviews
- 13 applicants made it onto the candidate eligibility list

Of the 13 candidates awaiting job offers, 2 identify as female and one identifies as Indigenous.

For the paid on-call positions:

- 18 applications were received
- 12 applicants went on to the physical testing after meeting qualifications and passing the aptitude testing
- 11 applicants were given final interviews
- 10 candidates were selected

Three of the paid on-call recruits were assigned to Station 4 in Westsyde, one was assigned to Station 5 in Raleigh, and six were assigned to Station 6 in Dallas. One candidate selected as paid on-call identifies as female.

## Training

KFR staff completed over 9,000 hours of training in 2022, which was up from over 5,000 in 2021. This 80% increase was due to the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions and the ability to conduct in-person, hands-on training again. Examples of the focused training that was completed, which added to the existing competencies and abilities of firefighters to mitigate emergency incidents, included, but was not limited to, the following:

- situation de-escalation training
- high-rise building firefighting
- Community Awareness and Emergency Response training with Trans Mountain Pipeline
- familiarization training at Royal Inland Hospital for the newly constructed building

An Emergency Medical Responder train-the-trainer medical course was also conducted to ensure that KFR medical trainers are certified and prepared to start teaching emergency medical response to all firefighters in 2023 to increase the scope of practice KFR can perform at medical events.



KFR crews training



Fire Chief Uzeloc attending Tk'émłúps te Secwépemc Council

## SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

### Commitment to Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Reconciliation

KFR is committed to supporting all citizens who live in the communities we serve and everyone that works on our team. All KFR members, regardless of their roles, contribute to the success we have and our ability to deliver service to the citizens. Along with other City of Kamloops staff, KFR members completed Indigenous Awareness training in 2022 to better understand the history and trauma experienced by Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Indigenous-informed training will continue to be offered to KFR staff, as well as other City staff, as part of ongoing reconciliation actions. As KFR provides service on Tk'émłúps te Secwépemc lands, it is vital we better understand Indigenous culture and work collaboratively to address concerns and needs, ensuring a safer community in a manner that is guided by Secwépemc history, culture, and practices.

KFR also piloted a Gender Affirming Approaches to Emergency Services training session to assess the course's suitability to deliver our services to a diverse population. During our fall recruitment campaign, KFR had diverse representation on all aspects of the evaluation, assessment, and interview process to ensure equity for all candidates.

### Emergency Response Performance

KFR provides its various services from nine facilities. The Training Centre and the Apparatus and Fleet Maintenance Centre provide key support to ensure firefighters can respond when called upon. In addition to emergency responders, KFR Administration, Dispatch, and Fire Prevention staff also operate out of Station 1. KFR provides frontline emergency response services from seven fire stations made up of both 24/7 full-time and paid on-call staff across the city. Table 4 identifies the fire station locations and the staffing model used in each station. If a request for service is received for a paid on-call station, then the paid on-call staff are paged out to attend to the station, muster, and respond when a full crew is assembled. The closest available career crew is also sent in the event a paid on-call response is not available. This response and deployment model is why KFR uses two different response time targets for assessing performance.

Table 4. Fire Station Locations and Deployment Model

Station	Community Location	Career or Paid On-Call	Number of Firefighters Available 24/7/365	Number of Paid On-Call Firefighters Available
Station 1	Sahali	Career	6	
Station 2	Brocklehurst	Career	4	
Station 3	Valleyview	Career	4	
Station 4	Westsyde	Career and Paid On-Call	2	15
Station 5	Rayleigh	Paid On-Call	0	8
Station 6	Dallas	Paid On-Call	0	13
Station 7	Aberdeen	Career	4	



KFR has identified response time targets for the arrival of the first responding unit to all incident types based on urban/suburban and rural/remote categories. The target for urban/suburban areas of Kamloops is for KFR to arrive on scene in 7 minutes and 30 seconds from the time the 911 call is answered 90% of the time. For rural/remote areas of Kamloops, our target is to arrive on scene in 15 minutes and 45 seconds from the time the 911 call is answered 80% of the time. A percentile is used instead of an average as it better represents what citizens can reliably expect from KFR for a response time.

As seen in Table 5, KFR met its response time target for urban/suburban response 75% of the time in 2022, which was a 3% performance decrease from 2021. Similarly, there was also a 33% decrease of from 2021 for rural/remote response performance, with KFR only meeting our target 48% of the time. This means that it is taking KFR longer to arrive on the scene of an emergency event when requested.

Table 5. Response Time Performance

First Due Response Time Performance			Actual		
Goal	2021	2022	% Change	Trend	
Urban/Suburban 7 Minutes 30 Seconds 90% of the Time	77%	75%	-2.6%	↓	
Rural/Remote 15 Minutes 45 Seconds 80% of the Time	72%	48%	-33.3%	↓	

Fire Dispatch

Compared to 2021, the performance of the Dispatch Centre saw large improvements in the 911 call answer times, as shown in Table 6. Consistent with call volumes, the number of calls the Dispatch Centre received in 2022 increased to 30,366, a 17% increase. Of all of the calls the centre answered, 26,808 initiated an emergency or non-emergency action by Emergency Communications Operators, as shown in Table 7. This represents a 21% increase from 2021. The other 3,558 calls received required no action from Emergency Communications Operators or were transferred to another agency for action.



Project Coordinator reviewing building plans



Fire Investigator on scene in a burnt building

## Kamloops Fire Rescue Dispatch NFPA 1221 - 911 Call Answer Times

Table 6. 2022 vs. 2021 911 Call Answer Performance

### 2021

Kamloops Dispatch Centre	Total Calls Answered	Calls Answered Within 15 Seconds	Goal 95%	Calls Answered Within 40 Seconds	Goal 99%	Calls Answered After 40 Seconds
			% of Calls Answered Within 15 Seconds		% of Calls Answered Within 40 Seconds	
January	206	191	92.70%	204	99.00%	2
February	217	214	98.60%	216	99.50%	1
March	409	378	92.40%	408	99.80%	1
April	658	600	91.20%	647	98.30%	11
May	429	400	93.20%	426	99.30%	3
June	597	572	95.80%	593	99.30%	4
July	1,470	1,293	88.00%	1,441	98.00%	29
August	562	535	95.20%	559	99.50%	3
September	274	257	93.80%	274	100.00%	0
October	342	322	94.20%	341	99.70%	1
November	244	237	97.10%	244	100.00%	0
December	296	285	96.30%	296	100.00%	0
YTD	5,704	5,284	92.64%	5,649	99.04%	55

### 2022

Kamloops Dispatch Centre	Total Calls Answered	Calls Answered Within 15 Seconds	Goal 95%	Calls Answered Within 40 Seconds	Goal 99%	Calls Answered After 40 Seconds
			% of Calls Answered Within 15 Seconds		% of Calls Answered Within 40 Seconds	
January	256	249	97.30%	255	99.60%	1
February	226	218	96.50%	225	99.60%	1
March	355	335	94.40%	351	98.90%	4
April	336	326	97.00%	335	99.70%	1
May	364	344	94.50%	362	99.50%	2
June	290	279	96.20%	288	99.30%	2
July	478	438	91.60%	472	98.70%	6
August	617	582	94.30%	614	99.50%	3
September	352	344	97.70%	351	99.70%	1
October	418	400	95.70%	417	99.80%	1
November	338	331	97.90%	338	100.00%	0
December	358	343	95.80%	358	100.00%	0
YTD	4,388	4,189	95.46%	4,366	99.50%	22



Table 7. Actionable Calls Received

Type of Request	2022	2021
Thompson-Nicola Regional District/Castlegar/First Nations Agency Incident	3,910	4,225
KFR Incident	10,325	7,831
699 (Public Works) Safety Check	3,462	3,466
Community Services Officer Safety Timer	138	41
Community Services Officer Incident	6,646	4,176
Fire Alarm Test/Venting & General Inquiries	2,327	2,456
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,808</b>	<b>22,195</b>

Note: Community Services Officer calls for service in 2021 only include June 28–December 31.

## Fire Inspection and Enforcement

A total of 2,716 fire inspections were completed in 2022, a 14% increase over 2021. The Fire Prevention Office also conducted 190 plan reviews for new developments over and above the required inspections, and 82 fire investigations were completed to determine the origin and cause of structure fires so safety education efforts could be amended based on the trending of fires and ensure compliance with the requirements of the Fire Safety Act.

In 2022, KFR took the extreme step of shutting down a property due to fire safety risks. The fire hazards present in and on the premises posed an imminent and serious danger to life and property for the building's tenants and its neighbours. KFR worked closely with the Community Services Division and partner agencies to get the property cleaned up and ensure that it was secured and safe while repairs were being done to bring the property into compliance with the Fire Code.





## Fleet and Equipment

KFR Emergency Vehicle Technicians completed 100% of the required preventative maintenance on all KFR apparatus and fleet for 2022. Emergency Vehicle Technicians also performed emergent and unscheduled maintenance and repair to the fleet as issues were identified. Due to supply chain and availability challenges, KFR saw an increase in downtime for apparatus maintenance and repairs where parts and supplies were not already in stock and available.

A new rescue unit was put into operation in 2022 to replace the unit in service since 2008. A new engine and bush truck were ordered in 2022 to replace existing apparatus and are expected in fall 2023.

KFR uses a mix of expected frontline use and use as a reserve for our apparatus lifecycle planning. Each apparatus type is identified for a total life expectancy, and the frontline/reserve ratio is based on type, usage, National Fire Protection Association and manufacturer recommendations and wear and tear. Table 8 identifies the inventory of KFR apparatus and fleet, average age, and the percentage of compliance within our lifecycle targets.



Fire Engine being repaired by technicians

Table 8. KFR Apparatus and Fleet Inventory

Type	Frontline	Reserve	Lifecycle (Years)	Average Age (Years)	% Within Target (Frontline)	% Within Target (Reserve)	% Within Target (Total)
Engines	5	5	15 Frontline 5 Reserve	11	100	100	100
Rescues	1	1	12 Frontline 8 Reserve	7	100	100	100
Aerial - Ladder	1	0	20	8	100	0	100
Aerial - Tower	1	0	20	15	100	0	100
Water Tender	3	0	20	12	67	0	67
Bush Truck	3	0	15	11	100	0	100
Jet Boat	1	0	25	14	100	0	100



Public Education

With the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, community risk reduction public education events resumed in 2022 after a two-year hiatus. In 2022, Fire Prevention staff facilitated 34 events with approximately 2,089 attendees. Events and talks on home fire safety, smoke alarms, fire extinguisher use, and fire drills/evacuation procedures were presented to schools, seniors' homes, and local businesses. Also, largely due to the significant wildfire risks experienced in 2021, KFR provided 114 FireSmart assessments on detached homes, apartment buildings, and strata properties in 2022.

Fire Prevention staff performed four Youth Fire Setter Program interviews in 2022. Historically, most interviews are the result of fires in our schools. Therefore, the Life Safety Educator continually works with school principals to remind them of our Youth Fire Setter Program to start early interventions to change behaviors.

KFR continued to have a strong social media presence (Table 9) and maximized these platforms to add to our public education efforts and reach as many citizens as possible to ensure safe communities.

Table 9. KFR Social Media Stats

Social Media Presence			
Facebook	195,617 Views	>244 Posts	6,331 Subscribers
Instagram	11,271 Views	>200 Posts	2,123 Subscribers
Twitter			6,485 Subscribers
YouTube	23,964 Views	1,008 Hours Watched	343 Subscribers





2022 MOMENTS



Life Safety Educator and Fire Prevention Officer at the Home Expo providing safety education



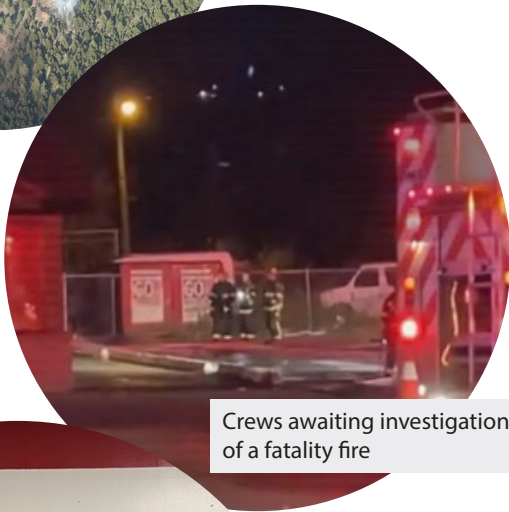
Train Versus Truck Incident



Keeping eyes on the spread of the 2022 Watching Creek wildfire



Hillside Drive interface fire



Crews awaiting investigation of a fatality fire



Exterior view of the new Rescue 1 Unit







Station 5 (Rayleigh) Paid On-Call member Service Award Presentation



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