

# BURNABY FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Public Safety Committee Meeting: 2026 February 26**

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## STATUS REPORT

The following status report is based on information regarding activities available to the end of December 2025.

1. Details on Major Incident occurrences within the City
  
2. High level Statistic Review to communicate trends within the City, including:
  - 2.1 Suppression Division Statistics
  - 2.2 Fire Prevention Division Statistics
  - 2.3 Training Division Programs
  
3. Summary of Community Outreach Initiatives, including:
  - 3.1 Community Engagements
  - 3.2 Recruitment Engagements
  
4. Conclusion

## 1. MAJOR INCIDENTS

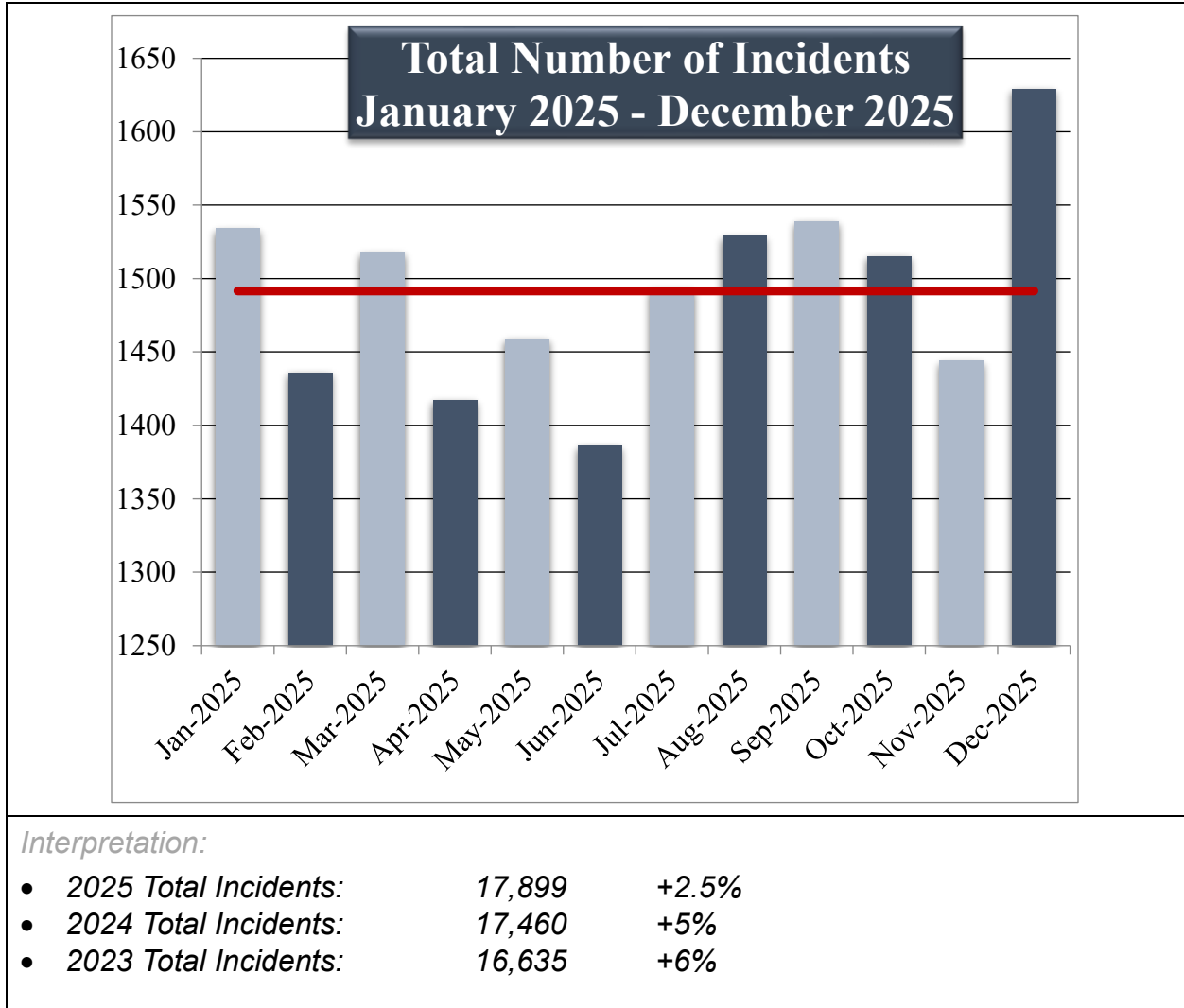
<i>Event Type:</i>	Structure Fire
<i>Date:</i>	September 19, 2025
<i>Street Address:</i>	7950 Woodhurst Drive
<i>Response:</i>	Dispatched: 21:54 – Arrived: 21:59 – Cleared: 02:39 – Total Time: 4 hours 44 minutes
<i>Detail:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crews responded to a building fire at a single-family residence with a basement suite – heavy smoke and flames were showing.</li><li>• Initial actions included offensive operations.</li><li>• Fire was extinguished, overhaul was initiated, ceiling was pulled.</li></ul>

<i>Event Type:</i>	Structure Fire
<i>Date:</i>	September 30, 2025
<i>Street Address:</i>	7520 6 <sup>th</sup> Street
<i>Response:</i>	Dispatched: 03:55 – Arrived: 05:20 – Cleared: 07:44 – Total Time: 3 hours 49 minutes
<i>Detail:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crews responded to a building fire at an unoccupied single-family residence – smoke and flames showing.</li><li>• Initial actions included taking a hydrant and a transitional attack.</li><li>• Overhaul of the structure was performed, including the removal of ceilings and walls.</li></ul>

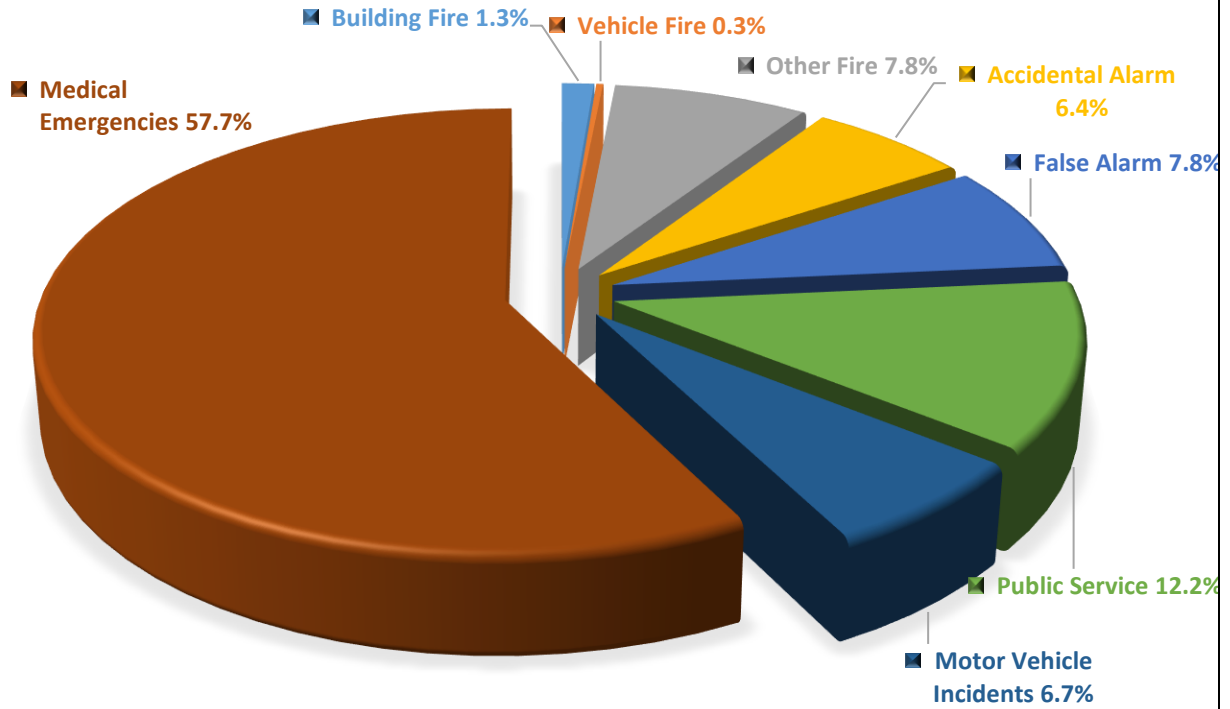
<i>Event Type:</i>	Structure Fire
<i>Date:</i>	December 29, 2025
<i>Street Address:</i>	7421 16 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
<i>Response:</i>	Dispatched: 16:48 – Arrived: 17:04 – Cleared: 20:08 – Total Time: 3 hours 20 minutes
<i>Detail:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crews responded to a building fire at a single-family residence - smoke and fire showing.</li><li>• Initial actions included taking a hydrant and a transitional attack.</li><li>• Fire was extinguished, further extension not found.</li><li>• 9 apparatus with 34 members responded.</li><li>• RCMP attended.</li></ul>

## 2. HIGH LEVEL STATISTIC REVIEW

### 2.1 Suppression Division Statistics

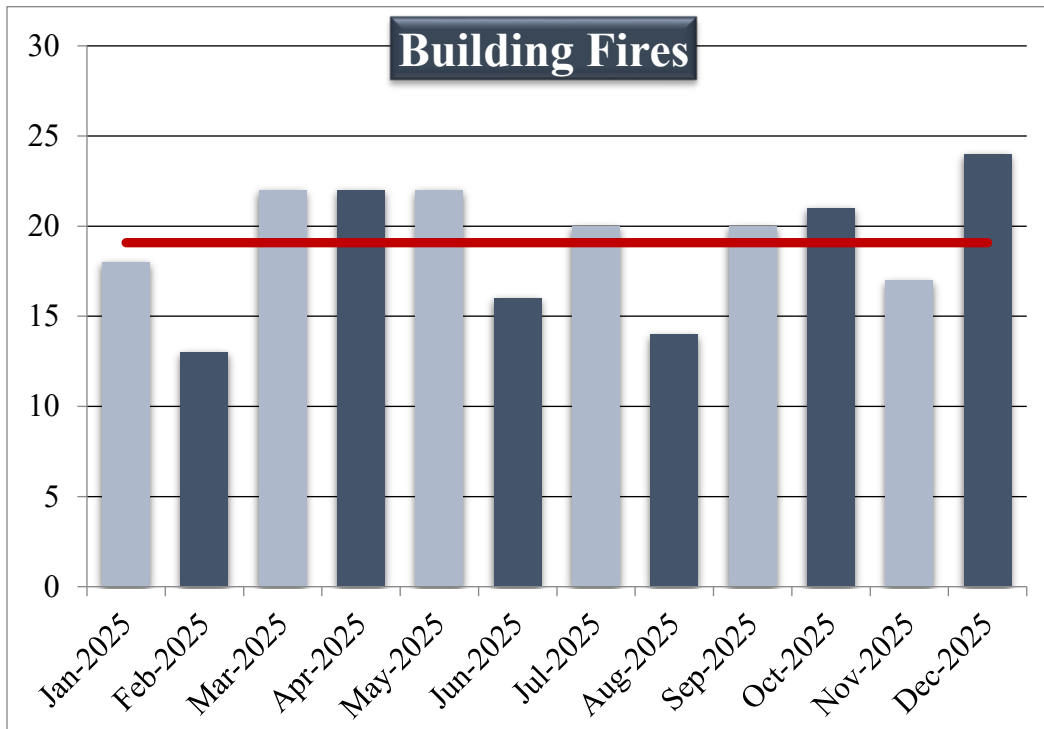


### DISTRIBUTION OF INCIDENTS JANUARY 2025 - DECEMBER 2025



*Interpretation:*

- *To Date 12 Month Distribution*  
*Fire Incidents: even*  
*Motor Vehicle Incidents: even*  
*Medical Emergencies: even*  
*Public Service: even*
- *2025 Distribution*  
*Fire Incidents: 23%*  
*Motor Vehicle Incidents: 7%*  
*Medical Emergencies: 57%*  
*Public Service: 12%*

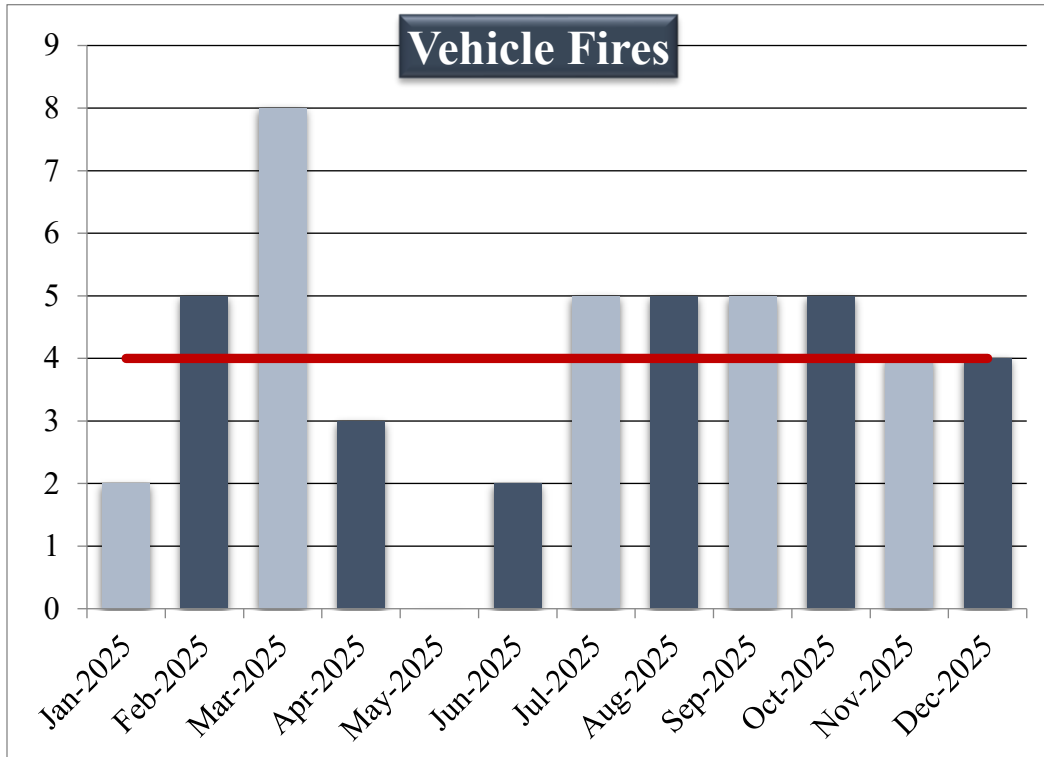


*Interpretation:*

- *As the density of the city increases the number of multi-unit residential and commercial buildings, the firefighting resources required to attack fires within larger, more complex buildings with more lives present also increases. This leads to an increase in 2nd and 3rd alarm fire incidents annually.*
- *Increase in fire events typically experienced through holiday season and within winter months*

*Description:*

- *Fires within all types of buildings and structures.*

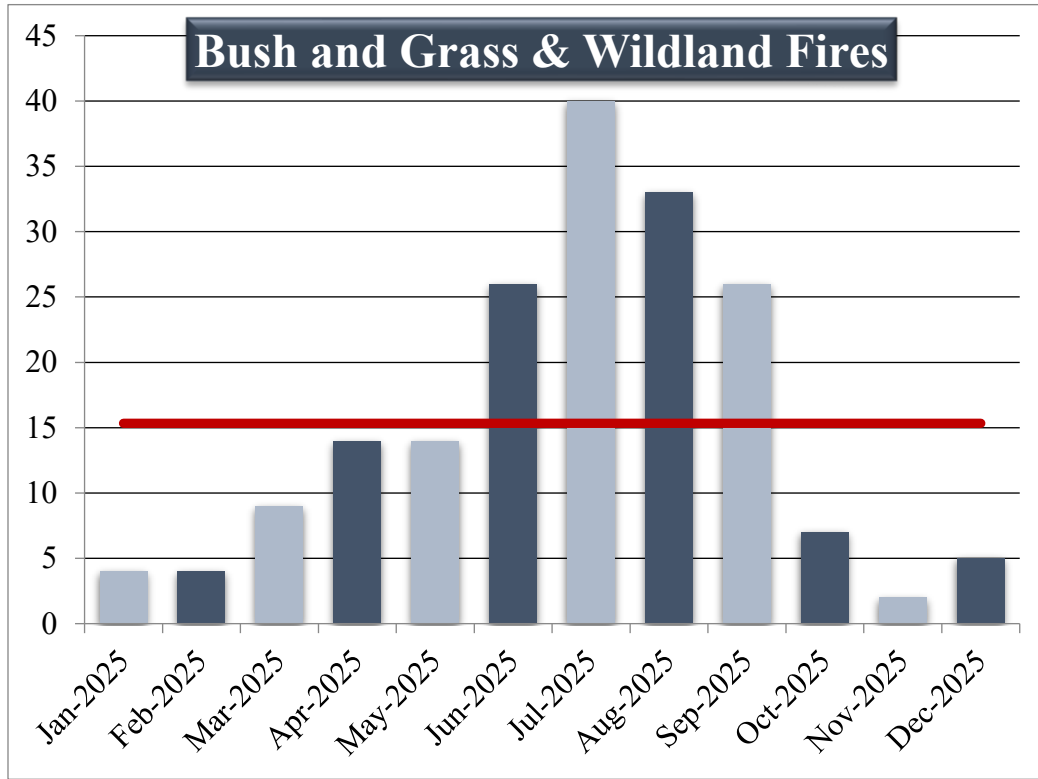


*Interpretation:*

- *None provided.*

*Description:*

- *Fire related to all types of vehicles and mobile equipment:*
  - *Automobiles*
  - *Cranes*
  - *Motorcycles*
  - *Tractors*
  - *Trucks*
  - *Boxcars*
  - *Fork-lifts*
  - *Motor homes*
  - *Trailers*
  - *Vans*

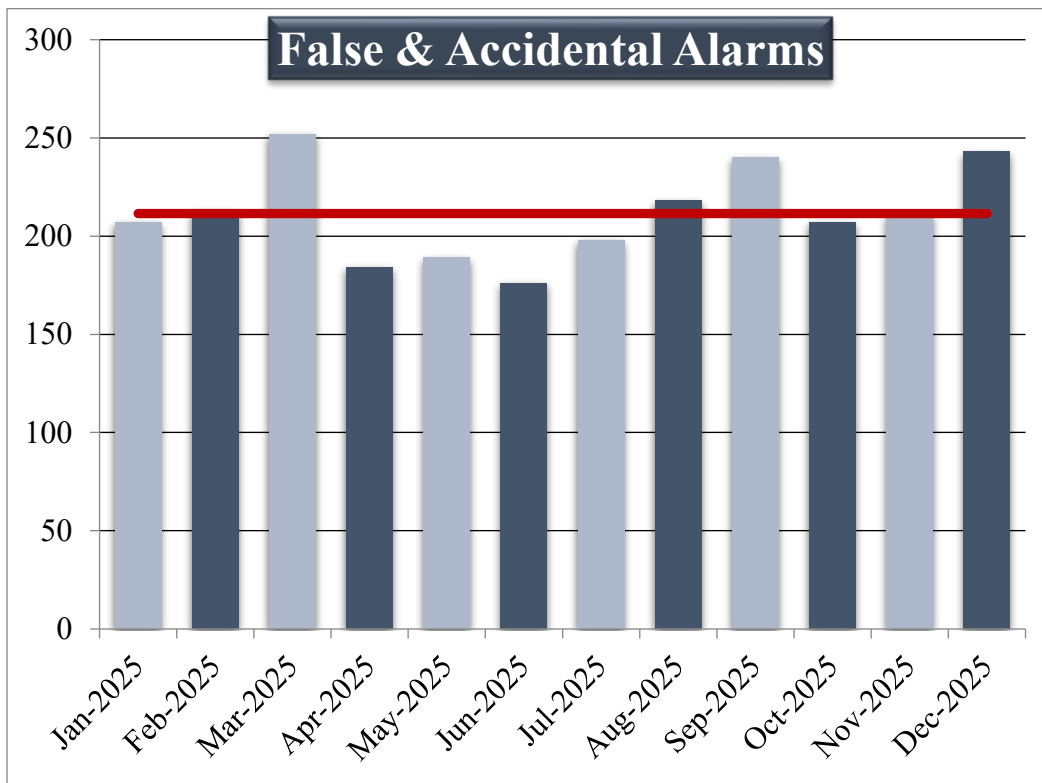


*Interpretation:*

- *Fires in outdoor spaces typically increase during the summer months of the year.*
- *The drying effects of climate change on City wildland spaces has been notable.*
- *The dry wildland season now begins early in April and extends to October, a six-month period.*

*Description:*

- *Fires related to outdoor spaces and lands*



*Interpretation:*

- *It is expected that with the increasing density of living within the city, and the increase in buildings required to utilize automatic fire detection systems that the number of False & Accidental Alarm incidents will consistently and continually increase.*

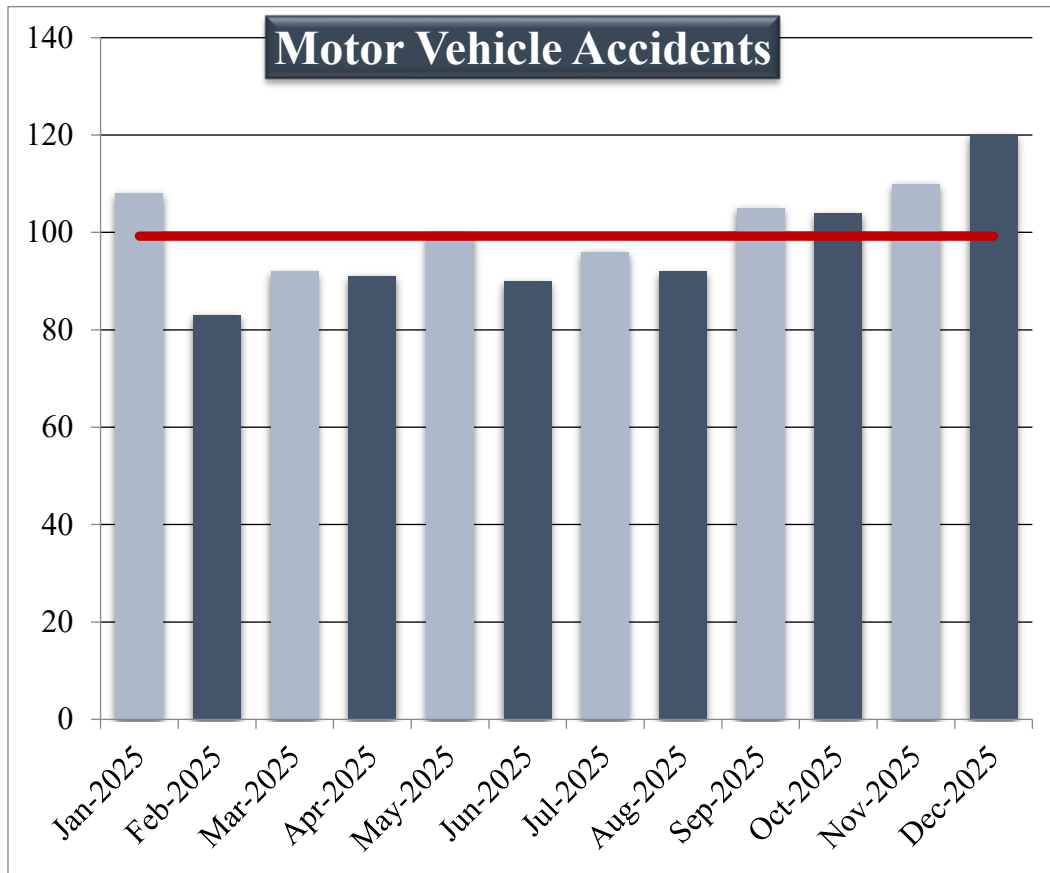
*Description:*

**Accidental Alarm:**

- *When there is a malfunction in a fire alarm system*
- *When a fire alarm is inadvertently activated*

**False Alarm:**

- *When a person deliberately reports a non-existent fire or emergency*
- *When a person deliberately activates an alarm system knowing that there is no fire or emergency*

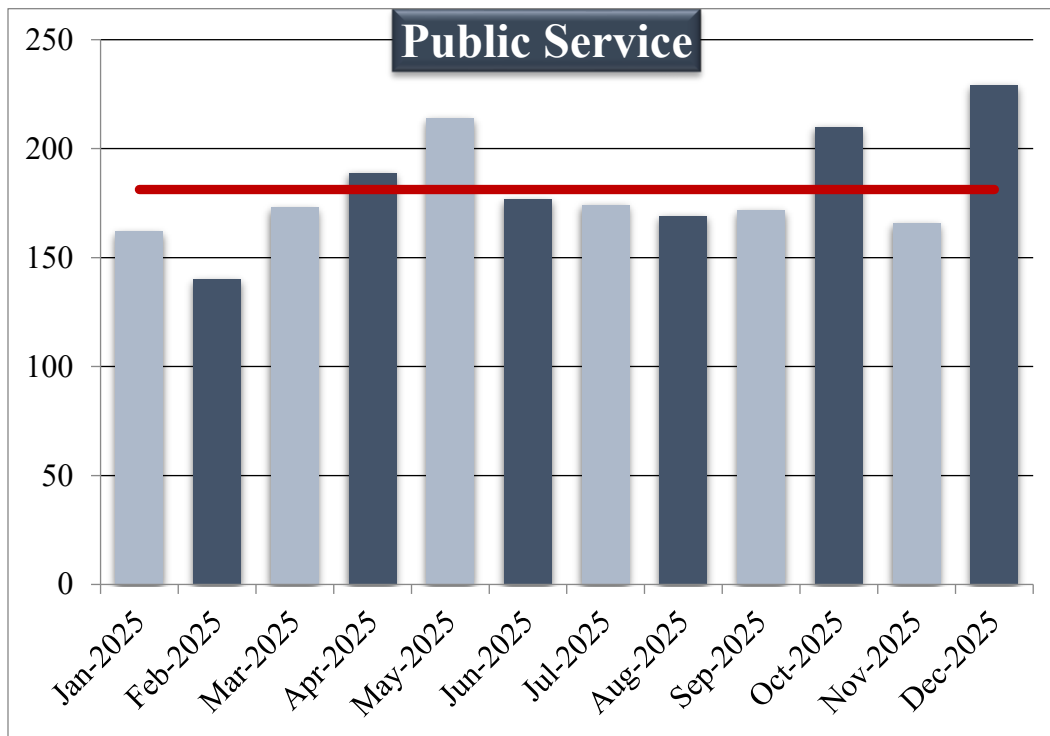


*Interpretation:*

- *None provided.*

*Description:*

- *Motor Vehicle Accidents with or without injuries*

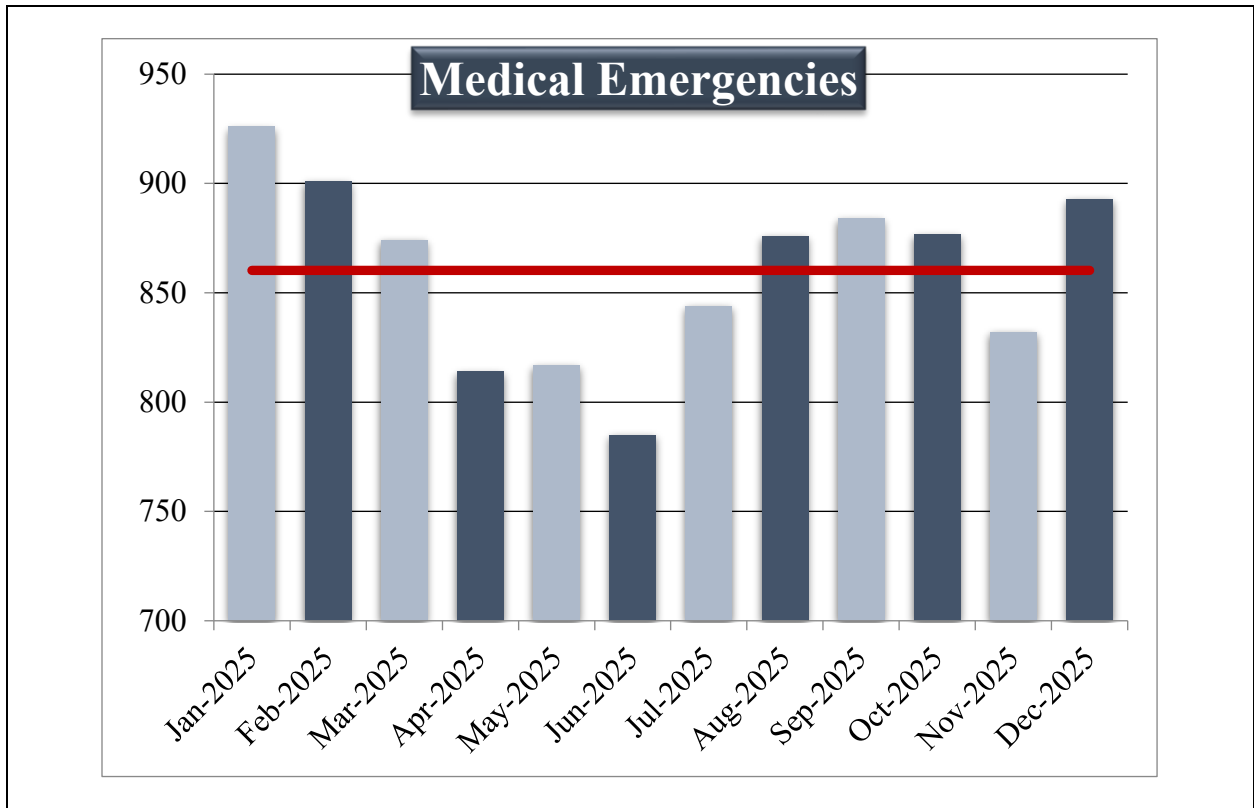


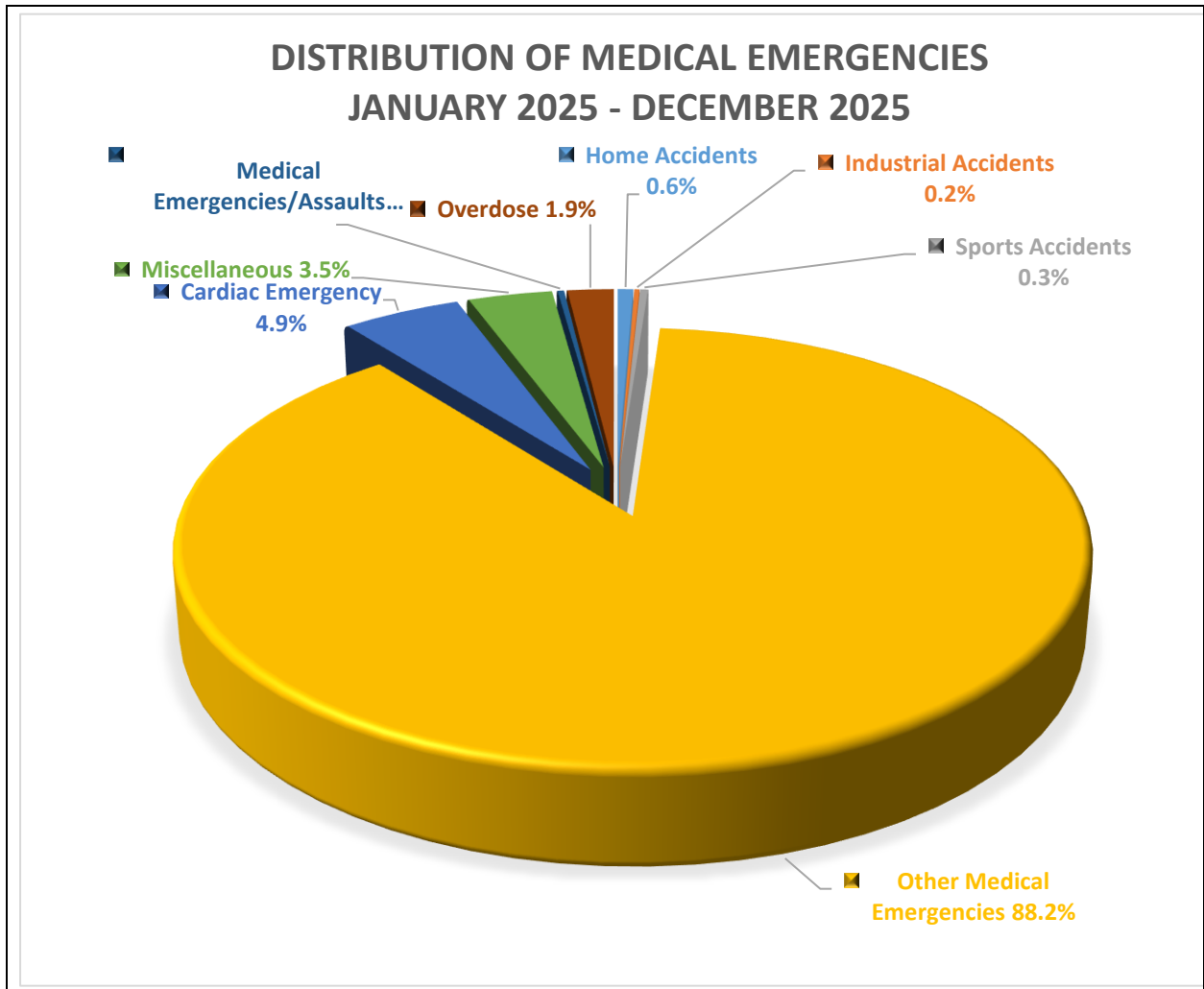
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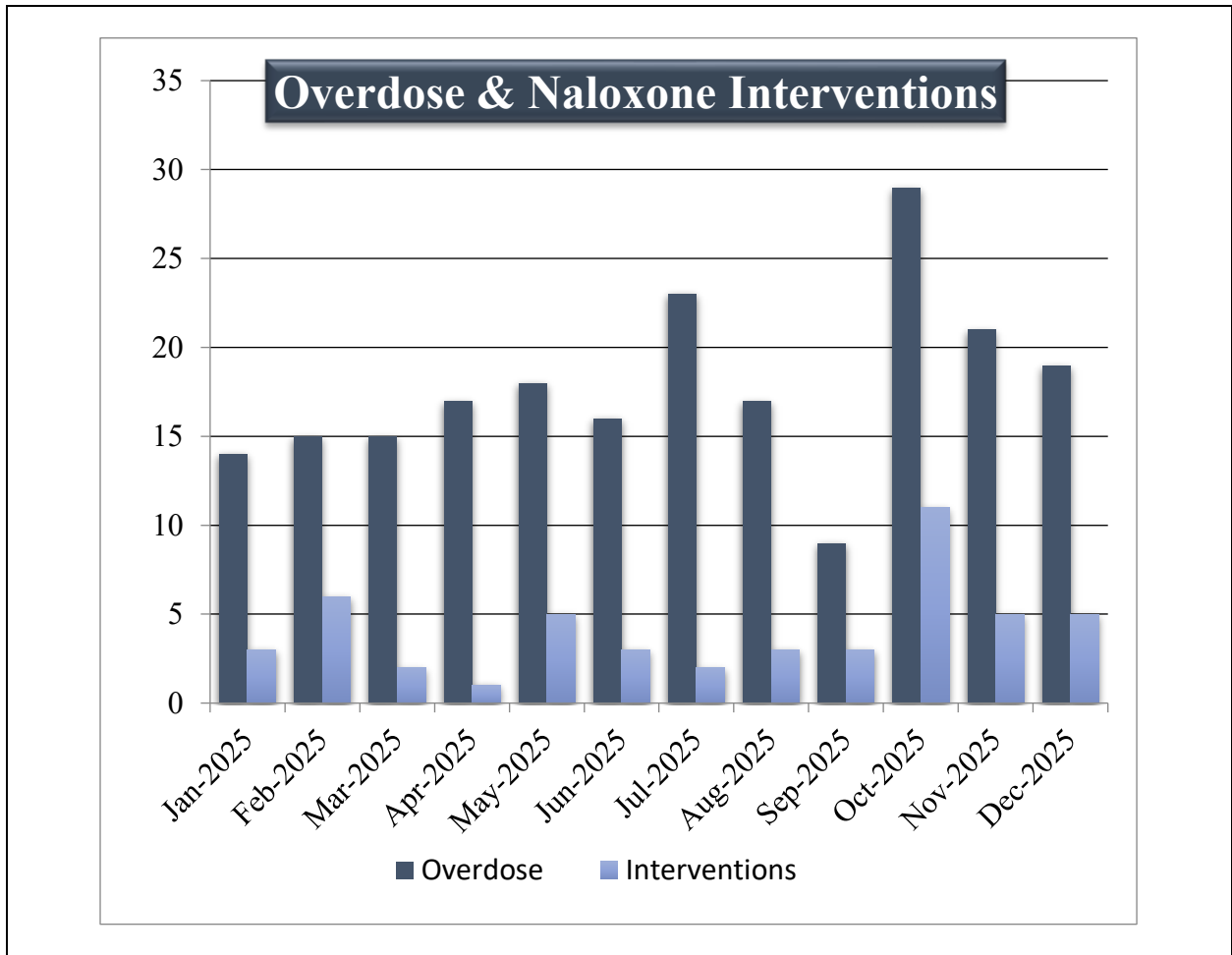
- *None provided.*

*Description:*

- *Assist incapacitated person(s)*
- *Assist person(s) to gain entry*
- *Assist police or other agencies*
- *Street/road wash down*
- *Utility wires down*
- *Vehicle problems*
- *Water problems*
- *Miscellaneous*
- *Filming on Location*
- *Public Education/Demonstration/Show & Shines*
- *Tower Crane Survey*







*Interpretation:*

- *None provided*

*Description:*

- *These statistics provide a representation of the total number of overdose-based events responded to by the Burnaby Fire Department, with a further identifier of the number of those events where Naloxone is utilized to counteract the impairing substance.*

## 2.2 Fire Prevention Division Statistics

Sept to Dec Total Activity:		1390											
<b>Approvals &amp; Reviews - Completed</b>													
	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total								
Pre-Final Buildings	0	2	2	0	4								
Building Final Approvals	30	27	23	31	111								
Fire Safety Plan Approvals	22	22	14	16	74								
Permit/Plan Application Reviews	52	58	58	54	222								
Alternative Solutions Code Report Reviews	0	3	0	2	5								
Witnessed Life Safety Funtional Tests	11	9	10	6	36								
Business Licences	105	188	145	112	550								
Sprinkler	19	23	23	23	88								
FPP - Progress Inspection	0	0	0	1	1								
Day Care Applications	3	2	3	2	10								
Flow tests	0	0	0	1	1								
					1102								
<b>Investigations - Completed</b>													
	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total								
Fire Investigates Conducted	3	5	4	2	14								
<b>Initial Inspections</b>													
Sep, Oct, Nov and Dec 2025 - Completed	Annual	Building	Complaint	Lockbox	Maintenance	On-Site Request	Food Truck	MISC.	Total				
High-Rise Buildings	4	4	4	2	3	0	0	2	19				
Low-Rise Buildings + Multifamily	13	1	16	13	1	1	0	1	46				
Business Complexes (Warehouse, Office)	3	12	1	6	0	4	0	1	27				
Base Buildings	1	2	1	2	2	1	0	1	10				
Child Care Facilities	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	4				
Educational Institutions & Schools	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3				
Food Trucks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Misc Building Type	6	19	2	2	1	11	0	1	42				
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<b>Re-Inspections</b>													
Sep, Oct, Nov and Dec 2025 - Completed	Annual	Building	Complaint	Lockbox	Maintenance	On-Site Request	Food Truck	MISC.	Total				
High-Rise Buildings	11	0	1	0	5	0	0	2	19				
Low-Rise Buildings + Multifamily	32	0	15	4	5	5	0	0	61				
Business Complexes (Warehouse, Office)	2	2	2	0	1	2	0	1	10				
Base Buildings	8	0	0	2	3	3	0	1	17				
Child Care Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2				
Educational Institutions & Schools	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1				
Food Trucks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Misc Building Type	2	0	0	0	1	9	0	1	13				
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### 2.3 Training Division Programs

<b>TRAINING</b>	<b>SEP</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>
COMPANY TRAINING	722:31:32	361:16:00	595:54:00	610:28:00
DRIVER TRAINING	426:30:12	2:00:00	8:00:00	25:00:00
FIRE OFFICER 1	90:00:00	1520:00:00	82:30:00	32:30:00
FIRE OFFICER 2	70:00:00	1762:00:00	125:30:02	0:00:00
FIRE OFFICER 3	0:00:00	1440:00:00	0:00:00	6:00:00
FIRST RESPONDER	0:00:00	8:00:00	0:00:00	280:30:00
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	0:00:00	39:00:00	36:00:00	58:30:00
GEOGRAPHY	4:00:00	12:00:00	6:00:00	0:00:00
HAZMAT	54:00:00	480:00:00	89:20:00	44:00:00
PROBATIONARY TRAINING	83:40:01	30:00:00	22:00:00	6:00:00
RESCUE TASK FORCE	0:00:00	0:00:00	121:10:08	0:00:00
RESCUE TASK FORCE - AUTO EXTRICATION	0:00:00	1873:54:19	0:00:00	0:00:00
RESCUE TASK FORCE - MEDIC	0:00:00	149:30:00	380:06:06	152:30:00
RETURN TO WORK	210:00:00	70:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:00
TECHNICAL RESCUE	336:00:00	139:30:06	0:00:00	0:00:00
WATERCRAFT / RESCUE	12:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:00

### 3. COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVES

#### 3.1 Community Engagements

<i>Event Type:</i>	City Admin Staff Presentation
<i>Date:</i>	September 2025
<i>Detail:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fire Hall Public Education Presentation to the Admin staff for the City of Burnaby</li></ul>

<i>Event Type:</i>	Cops for Cancer Ride
<i>Date:</i>	September 2025
<i>Detail:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 800 KM in 8 Days – 2 RCMP, 1 Fire, 1-Bylaw Officer</li><li>• Raised 7000 – total \$647,000 total for Tour De Coast</li><li>• Hosted Eric – Code Name Coyote, VIP hall visit for a young boy with cancer – Nov 2026</li></ul>

<i>Event Type:</i>	BCAT (Burnaby Community Action Team)
<i>Date:</i>	On-Going
<i>Detail:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monthly meetings with Updates to the numbers of Overdoses 2025</li></ul>

<i>Event Type:</i>	Abandoned Camp Clean-up – Served Notice of Eviction
<i>Date:</i>	September 2025
<i>Detail:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Magnolia terrace, Still Creek drive, Fire Hall 1 camp clean up for MOTI.</li></ul>

<i>Event Type:</i>	Education Sessions
<i>Date:</i>	September – October 2025
<i>Detail:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Various education sessions at non-profit organizations, schools, seniors, and etc.</li><li>• Hosted a JIBC Student for her course. She is a CoB Employee looking to join Fire Prevention.</li></ul>

<i>Event Type:</i>	NFPA Podcast
<i>Date:</i>	October 2025
<i>Detail:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appeared on a Podcast for NFPA CRR for Community Outreach and Homelessness</li></ul>

<i>Event Type:</i>	Public Safety Halloween Event
<i>Date:</i>	October 2025
<i>Detail:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Big Boo Halloween event with the Fire Department and the City of Burnaby</li></ul>

<i>Event Type:</i>	Fire Extinguisher Training
<i>Date:</i>	October to December 2025
<i>Detail:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SFU faculty and staff fire extinguisher training - 150 trained</li><li>• Canada Post</li></ul>

<i>Event Type:</i>	FPOABC Meetings
<i>Date:</i>	September to December 2025
<i>Detail:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 Meetings</li></ul>

### 3.2 Recruitment Engagements

<i>Activity:</i>	Recruitment
<i>Date:</i>	Sept 24 & 25
<i>Detail:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SFU Career Fair</li></ul>

<i>Activity:</i>	Recruitment
<i>Date:</i>	Sept 30
<i>Detail:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• JIBC Fire Academy</li></ul>

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

Thank you for the time and effort you spend referencing and utilizing this report in support of advancing the public safety of the City of Burnaby.



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