



PRINCE ALBERT FIRE DEPARTMENT YEAR IN REVIEW



2025



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2025 PAFD Year in Review

Staffing Highlights:

- The Prince Albert Fire Department consists of:
 - Fifty-two (52) uniformed members plus one (1) administrative secretary.
 - Six (6) out-of-scope personnel
 - (1) Fire Chief
 - (1) Deputy Chief
 - (4) Battalion Chiefs
 - Forty-four (44) in-scope fire operation's personnel (IAFF 510)
 - Two (2) in-scope fire prevention personnel (IAFF 510)
 - One (1) Administrative Secretary (CUPE 882)
- Full-time, career department operating from one (1) location
- One (1) Retirement.
- Two (2) Probationary Firefighters were hired from the 2024 Recruit selection process.

Fleet/Equipment Change:

- An SUV was purchased at a cost of \$59,030.00 to replace an existing unit. This vehicle is utilized daily by inspection personnel to conduct fire inspections, investigations, and other operational duties. The acquisition of this replacement vehicle ensures the continued reliability, safety, and operational readiness of the division.
- The Fire Department enhanced its self-contained breathing apparatus inventory through the purchase of 12 regulators, 12 face pieces, and a rapid Intervention team pack (RIT-PAK). This investment supports firefighter safety, operational readiness, and equipment reliability. The total cost of these acquisitions was \$44,418.20
- Following Council's approval during the 2023 budget deliberations, Prince Albert Fire Department in coordination with Fleet Services began the process of replacing our front-line engine. This fire engine had served as a front-line apparatus since 2007. In August 2025, the department received delivery of Engine 13 at a cost of approximately 1,300,000.00. Engine 13 now serves as the department's lead engine, enhancing operational reliability and ensuring the continued delivery of emergency services to the community.



Training / Safety

- 5 members currently enrolled in Fire Officer Level 3, NFPA 1021, and are working towards completion and accreditation.
- 1 member enrolled in Fire Officer Level 4, NFPA 1021. The member is currently working towards completion and accreditation.
- Acquired Structure Training - With the use of an acquired structure, each of the four platoons participated in Fire Ground Survival Training, including fire behavior, thermal imaging camera use and rapid intervention team training in simulated fire situations. The structure was also used to practice forcible entry, vertical ventilation techniques, hose advancement and search techniques.
- Rescue Training – 9 members attended and completed “Man vs Machine” training. This course covers a wide array of topics crucial for machinery rescue operations up to the Technician level as per NFPA 1006 (2021) standards. The emphasis on real-life experiences from instructors added invaluable practical insights to the theoretical knowledge.

- Wildland Training – After completing online prerequisites, four firefighters attended and completed the IAFF Responding to the Interface Train the Trainer certification. This training focused on both defensive strategies for protecting structures from encroaching wildfires and offensive strategies for suppressing fires in and around structures.
- Ice Rescue continuing education – All operation's staff hold Dive Rescue International certification to an Ice Rescue Technician level with several members certified as instructors. Two (2) new members were certified to the Ice Rescue Technician standard which further strengthens the department's capabilities, ensuring a proficient and skilled response to any ice rescue operation that may arise.

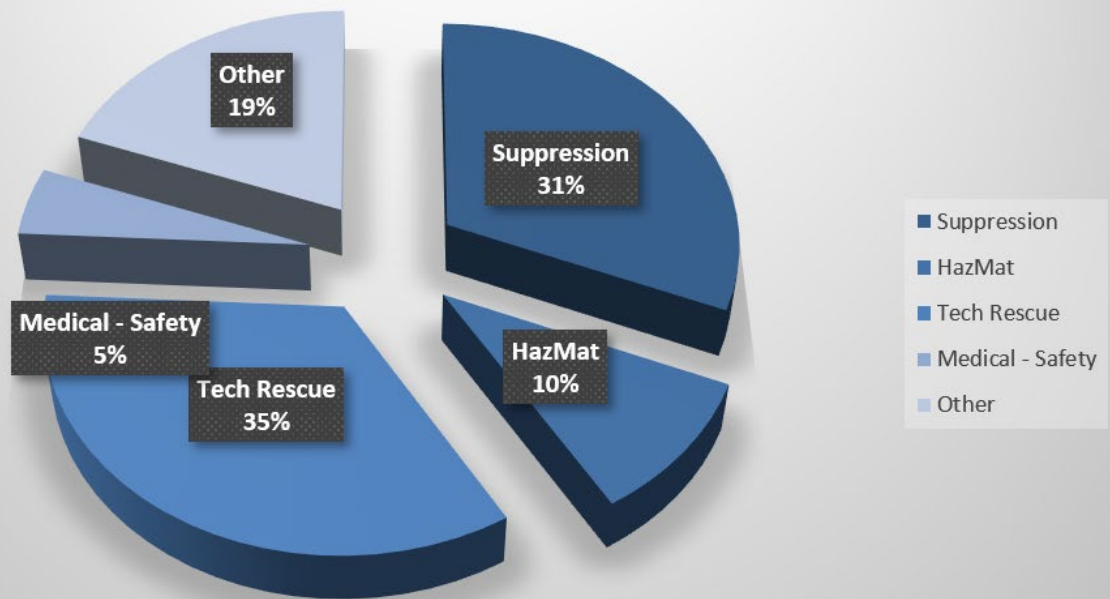


- Heavy Vehicle Rescue—12 members participated in an intensive two-day heavy vehicle rescue training session delivered through ParaTech University. This training included hands-on simulations, where teams faced challenging scenarios like passenger vehicles vs. semi-trucks and trapped passengers, putting PAFD skills to the test. Through a combination of teamwork, problem-solving, and quick thinking, the attending members honed their abilities to respond effectively in high-pressure rescue situations involving heavy vehicles. The practical experience gained during the training would prove invaluable in real-life emergencies, ensuring a proficient and coordinated response from all involved.
- Trench Rescue—12 members participated in a five-day technician level course. This training provided rescuers with the ability to rescue trapped individuals in intersecting and complex trench scenarios and emergency scenes.



- Regular platoon training: **6464.15** total person training hours
 - Fire / Suppression Training accounted for 31% of the total hours
 - HazMat Training accounted for 10% of the total hours
 - Technical Rescue Training accounted for 35% of the total hours
 - EMS / Safety training accounted for 5% of the total hours
 - Other training accounted for 19% of the total hours

Annual Training Hours by Discipline 2025



Response Statistics (Suppression Division)

- In 2025, Prince Albert Fire Department responded to 2137 calls for assistance

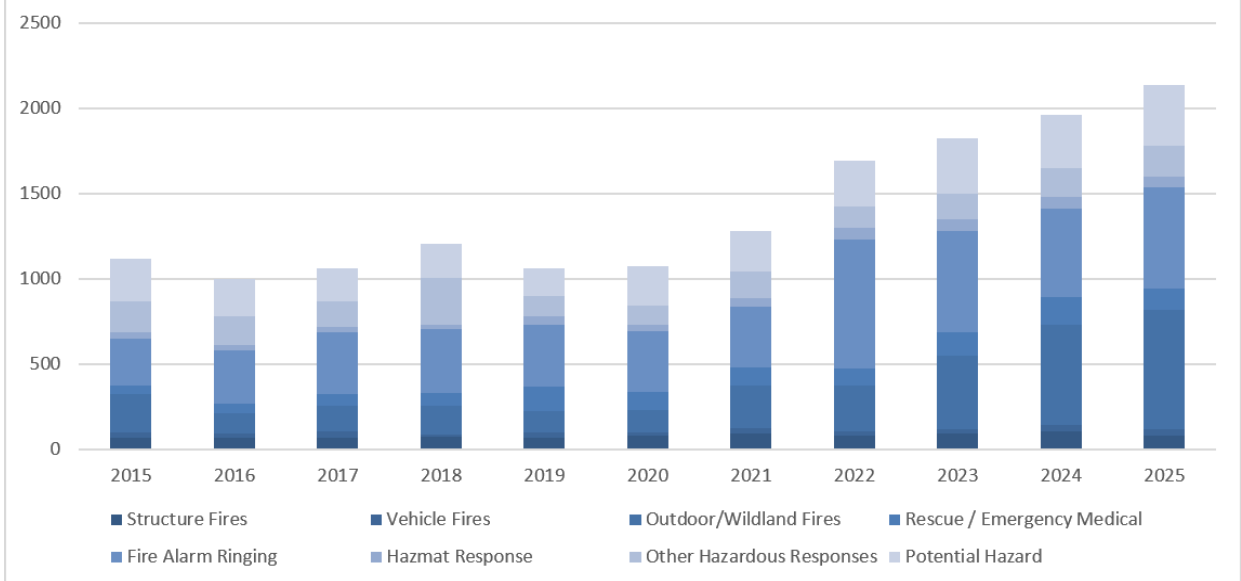
Type	2023	2024	2025	% Change Over Previous Year
Structure Fires	95	106	81	-24%
Vehicle Fires	24	37	36	-3 %
Outdoor / Wildland Fires	430	584	698	20 %
Rescue / Emergency Medical	137	166	125	-25 %
Fire Alarms Ringing (no fire)	596	519	594	14 %
Haz-Mat Response	69	70	65	- 7 %
Other Hazardous Responses	149	165	183	11 %
Potential Hazard Responses	326	312	355	14 %
Total Responses	1826	1959	2137	9%

*** "Other Hazardous Responses" includes motor vehicle collisions with no entrapment, carbon monoxide calls, and possible smell of natural gas calls.

*** "Potential Hazards" are incidents that the department was called to but did not pose a threat to public safety. For example, a response to someone in the river, but they could exit on their own.



2025 Responses



Response Statistics (RM of Prince Albert)

- The Prince Albert Fire Department responded to Forty-Three (43) calls for service in the RM of Prince Albert in 2025 (an increase of 19% over 2024). The breakdown of calls for service is as follows:

Structure fire	4
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	11
Extrication, rescue, Other	6
Grass fire	13
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	0
Vehicle fire	7
Wellness Check	2
Total	43

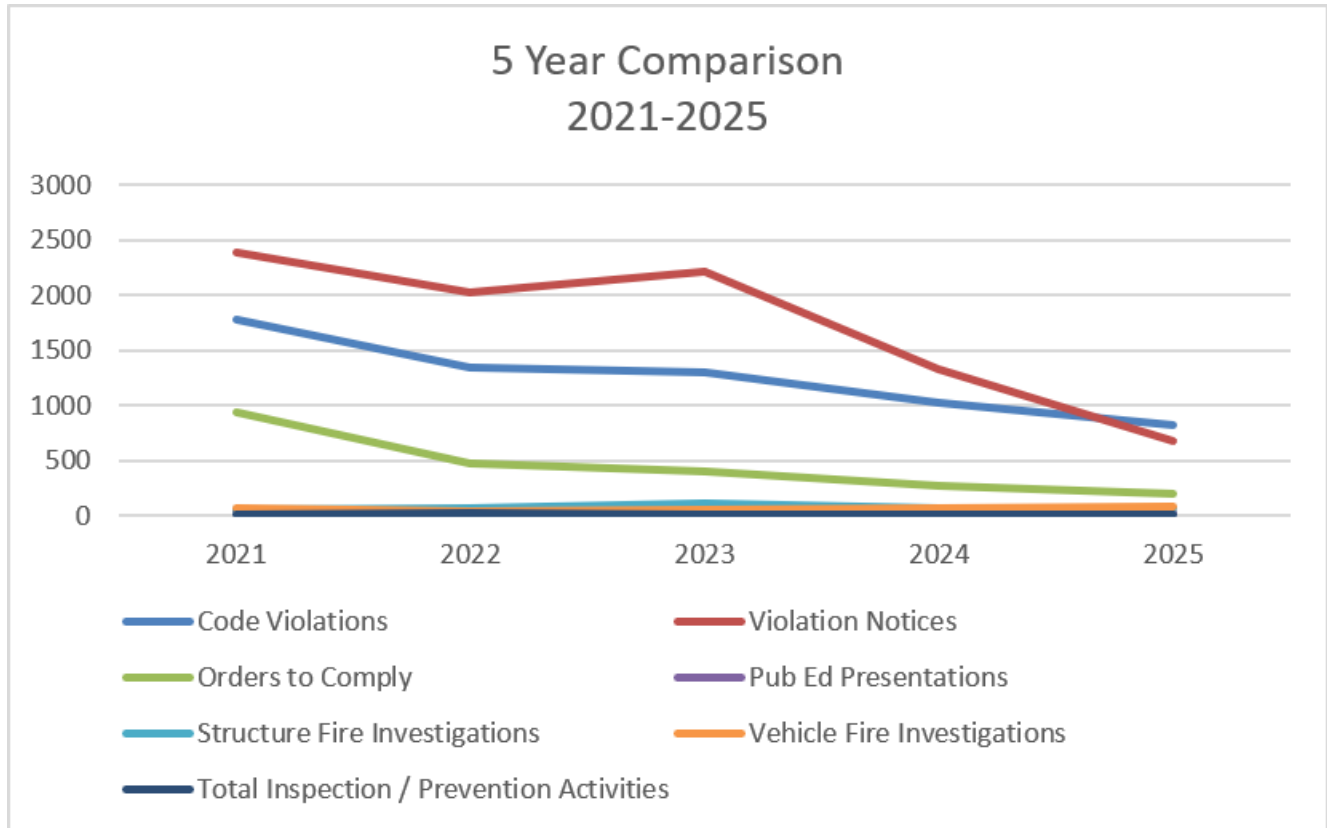


Prevention / Inspections Division

2025 Inspection Division Annual Report			
Activity Type	% Change		
	2024	2025	
Inspections	1022	827	-19%
Code Violations	1336	676	-49%
Violation Notices	269	202	-25%
Orders to Comply	31	29	-6%
Pub Ed Presentations	64	75	17%
Structure Fire Investigations	62	77	24%
Vehicle Fire Investigations	15	17	13%
Total Inspection / Prevention Activities	2799	1903	-32%

- *Orders to Comply* are typically resolved prior to taking further action.
- Most common violation noted from inspecting multi-residential and businesses occupancies are primarily *Portable Fire Extinguisher 'Due for Service'* (Section 6.2.1.1 (1)), Fire Separation Deficiencies (Section 2.2) and Emergency Lighting/Exit Signs (section 2.7.3 of the National Fire Code of Canada).
- Public Safety Compliance Inspections are on-going. Inspectors have been working with licensed establishment owners to ensure their occupancies are in compliance with code.

Prevention / Inspections Division



Public Education and Community Engagement

- The Prevention and Suppression Divisions conducted 19 Public Fire Safety presentations to various groups within the city.

Public Fire Safety initiatives include:

- SGI Slow to 60km/h Event.
- Approved Home Operators Fire Safety Presentation.
- Fire Safety Talk for New Immigrants and Seniors.
- School Presentations.
- Ice Safety.
- Open House.
- Daycare Fire Safety Presentations.
- Extinguisher Training.



Financial

Details of the financial position of the Fire Department are captured in the 2025 Consolidated Financial Statement for the City of Prince Albert.

Other Notables:

- Continued with an enhanced prescriptive burn program to strategically burn targeted grassland areas to reduce the available fuels for malicious ignitions.
- Fire Crews attended twenty-eight (28) community-related events to promote fire safety and the PAFD.

- Four (4) Captains received the Fire Service Exemplary Service Medal from the Governor General of Canada. The Fire Service Exemplary Service Medal is awarded in recognition of 20 years of exemplary service to public safety in Canada.
- Two (2) Battalion Chiefs and One (1) Inspector were the recipients of the Saskatchewan Protective Service Medal. This medal honours personnel with 25 years or more of exemplary service in a variety of protective service fields.
- Prince Albert Fire Department Members who responded to Weyakwin and La Ronge during the Provincial State of Emergency from May 30th-June 11th and July 25th-26th were awarded the Saskatchewan Premier's Commendation.

