

## Executive Summary –Fire Prevention Performance Report Q1 & Q2 2025

### Introduction

The Redmond Fire Prevention Division is committed to ensuring the safety and resilience of the community by enforcing fire codes, conducting inspections, and implementing fire prevention strategies. This report provides an overview of the division's performance for Q1 and Q2 of 2025, measured against established performance goals.

### Key Achievements in Q1 & Q2 2025

- **Development and Construction Services:** In the first half of 2025 we welcomed two new Deputy Fire Marshals to the development review team and saw, DFM Trung Duong off to retirement after 27 years with the department including 13 years of providing support to the development community.
- **Fire Life Safety Inspections:** Continued to conduct fire and life safety inspections and issue operational fire permits in commercial, and mixed-use buildings, improving code compliance and reducing fire hazards.
- **Fire System Reliability:** Working alongside building owners to improve compliance with required maintenance, testing, and repairs to help ensure system functionality in emergencies.
- **Fire Investigations:** Investigated fire incidents to determine their origin and cause, supporting law enforcement in arson cases and identifying trends for prevention efforts.

### Performance Measurement Results

- **Building and Fire Plan Review Timeliness:** Overall permit reviews met established timeframes 84.7% of the time, compared to the Development Services Center's goal of 84%. Seeking to improve review timelines in land use entitlement and fire permits.
- **Fire Life Safety Inspections:** Completed 476 of the 580 of the Q1 and Q2 targeted inspections in missed use and commercial buildings. Working to find additional resources to complete inspections in multifamily buildings due to ongoing workloads of suppression staff.
- **Fire System Testing Compliance:** Total number of fire systems has increased to 3,310, the percentage of current testing reports continues to be 85%. Have seen a reduction of chronically past due reports received, continuing to work with homeowners' associations and management companies to get system into a compliant state.
- **Fire Containment Success:** 93.1% of fires investigated from January 2020 through June 2025 were confined to the object or room of origin, exceeding the 80% goal.
- **Occupant Displacement Prevention:** 99.6% of fire-impacted occupants were able to return to their residence or business within 24 hours, aligning with strategic plan objectives.
- **Value Saved:** Continuing to exceed the 95% goal of structure value saved with a 98.9% save rate from January 2020 through June 2025.
- **Zero Civilian Fire Deaths:** No fire-related fatalities from January 2020 through June 2025, demonstrating the effectiveness of fire prevention efforts.

### Challenges and Areas for Improvement

- **Development Review Efficiency:** Working to improve the timeliness of land use and fire permit reviews by training additional staff. With new and retiring staff this continues to be a challenge.
- **Inspection Coverage:** Continuing to transition the Life Safety Inspection program to align with NFPA 1730 recommendations for high, moderate, and low-risk occupancies. Looking to gain efficiencies and regional consistency with updated inspection software.
- **Fire System Compliance:** Continued efforts are needed to ensure timely testing and maintenance of all life safety systems.
- **Fire Investigation:** Seeing an increase in the number of investigated fires due to better tracking of fires exceeding the \$10,000 threshold. Additionally seeing a continued increase in the annual rate of cooking fires, continued outreach to the specific communities and buildings is needed and will be a focus for Q3 and Q4 of this year.

## Conclusion

The Fire Prevention Division continues to provide critical services to ensure the safety of Redmond's residents and businesses. While significant progress was made in the first half of 2025, challenges remain in meeting inspection goals and fire system compliance. The division will focus on filling existing vacancies, training new staff members, updating processes for land use entitlement and fire system permit reviews, and public outreach on cooking fires. This report serves as an informational update to highlight achievements, challenges, and ongoing efforts to enhance fire prevention services within the city.