

## Executive Summary – 2025 Fire Prevention Performance Report

### Introduction

This report serves as an informational update to highlight achievements, challenges, and ongoing efforts to enhance fire prevention services within the city.

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 2025, measured against established performance goals.

### Key Achievements in 2025

- **Development and Construction Services:** In 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, and wished Assistant Fire Marshal Austin Marshall well as he moved his family to Georgia for family reasons.
- **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. Selected new inspection software to increase the efficiency of the program.
- **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:** Out of the 282 fires Redmond crews responded to, 37 incidents met the criteria for an official fire investigation. Our investigations team supported law enforcement in arson cases and identified trends for prevention efforts, which included several educational events aimed at Redmond's leading cause of fires: cooking fires.

### Performance Measurement Results

- **Building and Fire Plan Review Timeliness:** Overall permit reviews met established timeframes 84.1% of the time, compared to the Development Services Center's goal of 84%.
- **Fire Life Safety Inspections:** Completed 1227 of the 1263 (97.1%) assigned inspections in mixed use and commercial buildings.
- **Fire System Testing Compliance:** We continue to identify additional fire systems with the total number of systems increasing to 3,310. 85% of known systems are compliant with code required inspections and testing schedules. We are continuing to work with homeowners' associations and building management companies to identify and get life safety systems into compliance.
- **Fire Containment Success:** 93.8% of fires investigated in 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. Additionally, we provided targeted support to two families recovering from previous residential fires as they moved through the permitting process to rebuild their homes in the city. Both projects will likely

be finished in early 2026. **Value Saved:** Continuing to exceed the 95% goal of structure value saved with a 98.9% save rate in 2025.

- **Zero Civilian Fire Deaths:** No fire-related fatalities in Redmond from in 2025, demonstrating the effectiveness of fire prevention efforts. The most recent fire fatality in the city was in January 2011.

## Challenges and Areas for Improvement

- **Development Review Efficiency:** Working to improve the timeliness of land use and fire permit reviews by training additional staff. The current overall level of development experience is limited, so a focus on collaborative training has been implemented.
- **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 (currently being implemented).
- **Fire System Compliance:** Continued efforts are needed to identify and ensure timely testing and maintenance of all required life safety systems.

**Fire Investigation:** We're seeing a continued increase in the annual rate of cooking fire. The increase in investigated fires reflects improved tracking of incidents exceeding the \$10,000 threshold.

## Conclusion

The Fire Prevention Division continues to provide critical proactive services to increase the level of safety to Redmond's residents and businesses. While significant progress was made in 2025, challenges remain in meeting inspection goals and fire system compliance. The division will focus on, training new staff members, updating processes for land use entitlement and fire system permit reviews, and public outreach on cooking fires. Redmond's Fire Prevention Division is a recognized leader across the region and will continue to provide regional leadership and support, including during the 2026 FIFA World Cup events.