

Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade

2025 Annual Report



Reporting period: December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025

Chief Officers - 2025

Title	Name	Joined OBFB	Position & Duration
Chief	Greg Muise	Joined OBFB in 1982	Chief since 2006
Deputy Chief 1	Darrell Currie	Joined OBFB in 1998	Deputy Chief 2005-2010 & 2015-present
Deputy Chief 2	Leo Morrow	Joined OBFB in 1982	Deputy Chief since 2011
Captain	Clint Verheul	Joined OBFB in 1998	Captain since 2011
Captain	Derek Richard	Joined OBFB in 2007	Captain 2010-2019 & 2020 to present
Captain	Blayne Turner	Joined OBFB in 2015	Captain since 2025
Captain	Corey Moore	Joined OBFB in 2022	Captain since 2025
Lieutenant	Krista Gould	Joined OBFB in 2017	Lieutenant since 2025
Lieutenant	Johnathon Debay	Joined OBFB in 2018	Lieutenant since 2025
Lieutenant	P.J. Moore	Joined OBFB in 2019	Lieutenant since 2025



Officers and Committee Chairs

Treasurer -----
Accountability -----
Secretary -----
Assistant Secretary -----
Steward -----
Assistant Steward -----
Chaplin -----
Safety Officer -----

Stephen Carter
Charline Arsenault
Erin Richardson
Clair Peers
Rob Dove
Eric Devanney
Rev. Scott Penner
Vacant

Chair - Building Committee -----
Chair - Clothing Committee -----
Chair - Computer Committee -----
Chair - Community Engagement Committee -----
Chair - Driver Training -----
Chair - Equipment Committee -----
Chair - Fire Prevention Committee -----
Chair - First Responder Committee -----
Chair - Junior Firefighters Committee -----
Chair - Membership Committee -----
Chair - Publicity Committee -----
Chair - Radios & Alarms Committee -----
Chair - SCBA Committee -----
Chair - Sports Committee -----
Chair - Sick & Visiting Committee -----
Chair - Training Committee -----

Justin McNutt
Krista Gould
Dan Hines
Ian Crowe
Vacant
Carl Gallant
Brad Walker/ Johnathon Debay
Paul Downey
Paul Downey
Char Arsenault
Clair Peers
Phillip Moore
Blayne Turner
Kevin Crowell
Rev. Scott Penner
Corey Moore

Active Members

Randy Currie
Rob Dove
Dennis Faber
Brad Fiddes
Laura Giddens
Larry Hamilton
Doug Jardine
Eric Johnson
Craig Lavoie
Ryan Lavoie
Charles MacKenzie

Bill McKinnon
Dustin McCarthy
Sam McGinn
Jack McKay (J.D.)
Justin McNutt
Nicole Murray
Rod Nelson
Erin Richardson
Brad Walker
Steve Willis
Douglas White

Mitchell Whooten



Junior Members

Claire Downey-Nauss
Landon George
Quinn Faber
Dillan Stanley

Honorary Members

Bob Hyslop
Amos Debay
Jim Long
Yopie Robben
John Dornan
Fred Newcombe
Chester Sabeau
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Kevin Crowell
Charles MacKenzie

Clarence Sinclair
Bill McKinnon
Brad Fiddes
Ellen Hamilton
Stan Hampton
Leo Morrow
Dave Hoyt
Jim McKay
Eric Devanney
John McKay

Marty Woodward
Greg Muise
Randy Currie
Ron Urquhart
Darrell Currie
Steve Willis
Clint Verheul
Clair Peers
Chuck Whidden

Retired Members

Tony Baird
Jim Barnhill
Al Crossman
Stan Hampton

Derrick Knott
Bruce Langille
Lester MacMaster
Ron Urquhart

Tom Shreve
George Pouliot
Roy Peppard

In Memoriam

In 2025, Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade lost two members. We would like to take the time to acknowledge their passing as well as their valuable years of service and dedication to our community.

Graham Elliot
Granville MacMillan

2025 Awards

KEITH HAMILTON FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR - *Johnathon Debay*

CARL KING OFFICER OF THE YEAR - *Blayne Turner*

JOHN PETRASH MOST IMPROVED AWARD - *Krista Gould*

CLEM MACKINNON SPORTSMAN AWARD - *Char Arsenault*

CLIFF MACDOUGALL FELLOWSHIP AWARD - *Char Arsenault*

STAN GROOVES MEMORIAL JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER - *Dylan Stanley*

WALTER MCELHINNEY MEMORIAL 3D AWARD - *Ian Crowe*

Service Awards

The Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade recognizes every five years of service to the community by issuing a gold bar to its members. In 2025, the following members earned their Five Year Gold Bar:

Charles MacKenzie - 55 years
Larry Hamilton - 35 years
Derek Richard - 20 years
Dustin McCarthy - 15 years
Blayne Turner - 10 years
Stephen Carter - 5 years
Sam McGinn - 5 years



Derek Richard has also been recognized with the Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal for completing 20 years in the fire service and Larry Hamilton is recognized with a Long Service Bar for 35 years of service.



Structure and Vehicle Fire Estimated Losses			
Call #	Date	Address	Estimated Loss \$
6486	01/02/2025	145 Belmont Rd, LOWER ONSLOW Structure Fire - Residential; house / garage /shed Onslow-Belmont, North River, Debert, Cobequid	\$25,000.00
6503	01/25/2025	1099 Belmont Rd, BELMONT Structure Fire - Residential; house / garage /shed Onslow-Belmont	\$850,000.00
6530	03/17/2025	1197 Onslow Mountain Rd, ONSLOW MOUNTAIN Structure Fire - Barn / Warehouse Onslow-Belmont	\$185,000
6536	03/29/2025	17 Adams Dr, MASSTOWN Structure Fire - Residential; house / garage /shed Onslow-Belmont, Debert, Great Village	\$250,000.00
6629	09/15/2025	11071 Highway 2, MASSTOWN Structure Fire - Residential; house / garage /shed *Onslow-Belmont	\$4000
		Total	\$1,314,000



2025 Highlights

- Annual Christmas Party and Awards Banquet held at Debert Hospitality Center.
- Annual meeting held with election of Officers.
- Participated in Debert Christmas parade.
- Budget approved with tax rate remaining at 11 cents per \$100 assessment value.
- Building Renovation Committee set up.
- Members attended provincial curling in Chester.
- Members attended curling in Amherst in support of NS Firefighters Burn Treatment Society
- Several members completed their air brake and class 3 endorsements.
- Members attended CCJHS to promote our Junior Firefighter Program.
- Free civic sign program continues with over 600 signs placed.
- OBFB continues to take part in NS Firefighters 50/50 raffle.
- New Wajax Forestry Pump, hose and accessories purchased.
- Steak and Lobster party help for members and guests.
- Purchased 8 sets of firefighter coveralls.
- Purchased 4 new Fire Pro 300 thermal imaging cameras.
- Participated in Masstown Community Days with a truck.
- Provided fire protection for North River at Truck Pull Event at River Breeze Farms.
- Attended Debert Field Days.
- Members participated in MFFA golf in Stewiacke.
- Members participated in Intra-Brigade Golf at the Mountain Golf Club.
- Our electronic sign has finally been re-programmed so it works properly.
- Another successful Harvest Sale.
- All apparatus pumps tested.
- Truck 941 attended Great Village & District Fire Brigade 100th anniversary open house.
- OBFB "Coverage Area" signs placed at the main entrances to our coverage area.
- Another successful Fire Prevention Week Open House held.
- Visited CCJHS and Chiganois for FPW and Lower Onslow preschool visited our hall.
- Nova Scotia Health Virtual Health Clinic held at our hall on several occasion's.
- Flue/Covid vaccination clinic organized at our hall.
- New epaulettes purchased so all have consistent style/colour.
- Donation link added to our web page.
- Halloween treats handed out to trick or treaters.
- Updated our GoG's Apparatus Response Order and accountability tag requirements sections.
- Remembrance Day wreaths placed at our monument.
- Winter curling starts early November.
- SCBA Recertification took place throughout the fall.
- SCBA compressor recertification completed.
- Participated in the Inaugural CCRCE Career Fair at CCJHS.



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Calls and Damage by Year		
Year	# of Calls	Estimated \$ Fire Loss
1961	14	\$0
1962	36	\$10,000
1963	47	\$41,800
1964	39	\$5,000
1965	56	\$4,500
1966	39	\$4,500
1967	26	\$15,999
1968	34	\$22,000
1969	28	\$20,000
1970	32	\$2,400
1971	30	\$16,850
1972	26	\$15,600
1973	50	\$15,800
1974	44	\$83,300
1975	65	\$35,300
1976	38	\$10,400
1977	51	\$16,450
1978	67	\$56,400
1979	78	\$33,000
1980	82	\$68,950
1981	81	\$71,900
1982	103	\$49,250
1983	75	\$35,250
1984	65	\$66,660
1985	81	\$232,100
1986	50	\$90,100
1987	70	\$138,900
1988	56	\$92,800
1989	87	\$109,150
1990	62	\$93,000
1991	61	\$130,700
1992	66	\$224,300
1993	52	\$61,700

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Year	# of Calls	Estimated \$ Fire Loss
1994	63	\$65,400
1995	57	\$97,500
1996	70	\$21,600
1997	112	\$196,000
1998	108	\$350,000
1999	165	\$31,000
2000	140	\$176,000
2001	115	\$691,000
2002	134	\$70,000
2003	138	\$55,000
2004	138	\$395,000
2005	137	\$157,500
2006	153	\$101,500
2007	150	\$54,000
2008	153	\$395,000
2009	155	\$134,500
2010	149	\$327,000
2011	144	\$76,500
2012	173	\$144,000
2013	157	\$137,000
2014	156	\$182,000
2015	195	\$239,900
2016	159	\$107,000
2017	198	\$1,212,000
2018	214	\$308,000
2019	202	\$106,500
2020	122	\$988,500
2021	150	\$392,300
2022	213	\$584,000
2023	228	\$840,300
2024	223	\$265,000
2025	220	\$1,314,000
Total	6,682	\$12,089,059

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Calls by Type and Community										
	Belmont	Central Onslow	Crowes Mills	Lower Debert	Lower Onslow	Masstown	Onslow Mountain	Out of Zone	Upper Onslow	Grand Total
Brush/Grass Fire	1		1	2	2	1				7
Chimney/Flue Fire					1		2			3
Medical	11	18	18	3	9	21	23		7	110
Misc		3	4	2	3	5	3		1	21
Mutual Aid								26		26
MVA	4	2	6		2	4	2		2	22
MVA-FNR	1	4	1	1	7	4	3		4	25
Structure Fire	1				1	2	1			5
Vehicle Fire						1				1
Grand Total	18	27	30	8	25	38	34	26	14	220

Calls by Type					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Wood/Brush/Grass	6	4	10	4	7
Chimney/Flue Fires	1	1	4	5	3
Medical Emergencies	59	83	96	98	110
Mutual Aid	19	26	21	18	26
Motor Vehicle Accidents	37	57	55	57	22
Motor Vehicle Accidents (Fire Not Required)					25
Vehicle Fires	8	5	5	7	1
Structure Fires	3	2	3	0	5
Miscellaneous	17	35	34	34	21
Total	150	213	228	223	220



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Calls By Community					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Belmont	10	28	21	25	18
Crowes Mills	31	40	65	49	30
Central Onslow	30	45	50	46	27
Lower Debert					8
Lower Onslow	24	38	26	30	25
Masstown	36	36	45	56	38
Onslow Mountain					34
Upper Onslow					14
Out of Zone	19	26	21	17	26
Total	150	213	228	223	220

Calls by Month										
	Brush/ Grass Fire	Chimney/ Flue Fire	Medical	Misc	Mutual Aid	MVA	MVA-FNR	Structure Fire	Vehicle Fire	Grand Total
December 2024			12	2	2	5				21
January 2025		1	9	2	1	1	8	2		24
February 2025			5	1		4	2			12
March 2025		1	13				1	2		17
April 2025			16	1	2		1			20
May 2025	1		5	2	4	1				13
June 2025	1		10	2	4		4			21
July 2025			4	1	2	3	2			12
August 2025	2		6	4	2	4	1			19
September 2025	2		5	3	3		5	1		19
October 2025			14	3	2	3				22
November 2025	1	1	11		4	1	1		1	20
Grand Total	7	3	110	21	26	22	25	5	1	220



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Miscellaneous Calls	
Burning Garbage	1
CO Alarm	1
Commercial Fire Alarm	2
Flooded basement	1
I-Phone Crash	1
Illegal burn	1
Residential Fire Alarm	2
Smoke Alarm Activated	1
Smoke Sighted	6
Stand-by at our hall	1
Suspicious Odour	1
Tree on line on fire	3
Grand Total	21

Apparatus Response Breakdown	
Vehicle	Number of incidents attended
911	71
931	60
932	43
933 (Boat)	1
934	129
935 (UTV)	3
941	24
942	4

General Statistics						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Calls	122	150	213	228	223	220
Man Hours						
Training (hrs)	614	535	547	1421	1138	1089
Incidents (hrs)	1335	1770	2046	2341	1878	1986
Administrative/Meetings, Weekend Duty, etc. (hrs)	8901	8994	9327	9260	9102	11,183
Total Hours Recorded	10850	11295	11,920	13,022	12,118	14,258
Response Statistics						
Average Response Time	7:58	8:36	7:57	9:42	12:08	8:09
Average Call Length	42:12	51:58	50:08	47:12	47:50	28:26
Calls on 100 Series Highways	23	30	43	39	40	32
Attendance						
Avg. Attendance at Meetings (members)	25.5	24.75		26.4	25.2	24.9
Avg. Attendance at Calls (members)	12	12	11	11	11	11
Avg. Attendance at Trainings (members)	18.9	17.7		20.9	18.6	19.3

2025 Training

	Description	Hours	Attendance
Extra Training	Online - Automotive Solutions- F500 Encapsulating Agent	1	1
	BA Recert	2	2
	Cadets	18	6
	Structure Fire Debrief - 17 Adams Dr	14	12
	Structure Fire Debrief - 1099 Belmont Rd	18	18
	Emergency Vehicle Driver Safety	15	1
	ICS200	32	2
	Online - Gaseous Powered Vehicles	2	1
	ICS100	4	1
	Incident Command - Strategies & Tactics	24	3
	Level 1 training	48	3
	Online - Lithium-Ion Batteries Strategies & Tactics	2	1
	MCI/ICS at GV. Prep for the MCI scenario bus extrication	14	7
	MFR Competencies	18	9
	MFR Refreshers	25	17
	Mutual Aid Training MCI/Bus extrication	74	10
	Mutual aid w/Debert, VK, BR, GV pumping, relay & water supply	15	3
	Pump Operations	64	3
	SCBA/PPE - donning/doffing for annual recertification	13	13
	Training and familiarization of new Wajax forestry pump	19	19
	Truck familiarization & pumping of 941	9	9
	Online - Radio use in Emergencies & Training for Climate Change.	3	1
	Online - The Fire's Out: What's the Issue	2	1
Total Extra Training Hours		436	



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	Description	Hours	Attendance
General Training	"Roll the Drum"	20	20
	Accountability/Rehabilitation	27	27
	Bible Hill R.I.T. info session	19	19
	Brush Fire Equipment	34	17
	Chimney Fires	14	14
	Fireground Safety	20	20
	Forestry pumps and equipment	34	17
	Hose and Nozzle	46	23
	Mass Casualty awareness	23	23
	Medical -- Hypothermia. Theory + Practical	21	21
	Medical -- overdoses and Narcan, theory & practical.	14	14
	Medical Basics	22	22
	Medical/Officer training	17	17
	Medical/UTV training	28	14
	Officer training / truck familiarization	22	22
	Radios (VHF/TMR)	22	22
	Ropes And Knots	20	20
	SCBA- container scenario	18	18
	SCBA - search	14	14
	Smoke Eaters	17	17
	Structure Fire Debrief - 145 Belmont Rd	17	17
	Table top scenarios	20	20
	Thermal Imager Easter Egg Hunt	11	11
	Thermal Imagers	25	25
	Truck Familiarization	56	28
	Truck pump training	3	3
	Vehicle Extrication at Maritime Auto Salvage	45	15
	Water Supply	24	24
Total General Training Hours		653	

Grand Total All Training Hours	1089	
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