



ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

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Board Mandate Letter

Dear O AFC Members,

The Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC) represents the Chief Fire Officers from the 437 municipal fire departments across the province, as well as members from First Nation, industrial, and other non-municipal fire services. Our mission statement is clear:

“As Chief Fire Officers, we provide leadership and support to the Ontario fire service through advocacy in service delivery, public and firefighter safety.”

Our vision is strong:

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This letter serves to outline the O AFC’s priorities and expectations for the upcoming year. This mandate letter will outline the goals the Board of Directors has agreed upon. Each goal was developed with the clear intent that it must be achievable within the 2026 term.

The O AFC Board of Directors, both individually and collectively, will work to further our 2026 government relations priorities:

- 1. Advocate for sustainable funding and continued program support for fire and life safety**
 - Extending the Fire Protection Grant
 - On-going support for NG911
- 2. Bring awareness to the increasing role that climate-based emergencies have on fire departments**
 - A whole of government approach to looking ahead
 - Building relationship with the Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response (MEPR)
- 3. Advocate for firefighter health and safety, and wellbeing**
 - Continued support for cancer prevention and pre-screening programs
 - Continued support for mental health programs
 - Increasing roadside worker safety through the “Slow Down, Move Over” law



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We have created clear Strategic Plan goals:

1. Advocacy & Government Relations

- Focus on the defined GR priorities

2. Membership Services

- Improving the conference experience with a conference app
- Providing members access to fire safety resources

3. Financial

- Monitoring and evaluating changes in historical financial patterns

4. Development & Education

- Increase deliveries of MNR-based training from the 2025 offerings

5. Leadership

- Ensure OAFChiefs Director standards and accountability

6. Communications

- Website improvements
- Improve internal and external project management

We will also continue work on those goals that have carried over from 2025.

The board has been deliberate in drafting both the annual strategic plan goals and our government relations priorities. We are focused on the work and attention required to achieve these goals within the timeframe allotted. This board will be measured by its success as a sum of its parts; a collaborative effort to continue to advance both fire safety and the organization itself.

On behalf of the OAFChiefs Board of Directors I thank you for your continued support and engagement. I pledge that we will commit to these goals and priorities, and that we will strive for excellence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Parkin', is written over a white background.

Jeremy Parkin
President