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Updates to Standard Incident Reporting (SIR)

Under section 9(2)(f) and 9(2)(g) of the [Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 \(FPPA\)](#), it is the duty of the Fire Marshal to maintain records of all reported fires, to develop and maintain statistical records, and to conduct studies related to fire protection services in Ontario. In addition, subsections 11(2) and 11(3) of the FPPA require assistants to the Fire Marshal to report on fires and other matters related to fire protection, in the form and manner, and within a timeframe specified by the Fire Marshal.

The information collected by the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) on fire incidents and other fire department emergency responses through Standard Incident Reporting (SIR) is critical to identifying fire safety issues in Ontario. Statistical analyses derived from this data help to shape the development of fire safety programs, identify potential Fire Code amendments, and help evaluate the effectiveness of our existing programs and legislation. This data also plays a key role in assessing community fire risks.

Since 2021, the OFM has collaborated with stakeholders to conduct a review of the reporting system. The goal of this review was to ensure that the information collected remains valuable and relevant, reflects changes that have occurred in the fire service, and continues to meet the needs of both the OFM and its stakeholders.

This comprehensive review provided stakeholders with the opportunity to provide input and make recommendations. As a result, approximately 50 new items have been added to the SIR and codes lists. The OFM extends its appreciation to all stakeholders for their valuable input and is pleased to announce that these changes will take effect on January 1, 2027.

The OFM has begun working with major software vendors and fire departments using custom or in-house systems to share the updated requirements and support a smooth transition.

Additional information including updated manuals, forms and code lists, will be released in the coming months.

As a reminder, every fire department as defined by subsection 1(1) of the FPPA, must complete a Standard Incident Report for each response. Reports must be submitted quarterly, no later than the end of the month following the quarter. Reports may be filed by using a format defined by the OFM or through the OFM FireOne System (www.one.ofm.ca).

If you require any assistance or have general questions about the update to the Standard Incident Reporting, please contact your local Fire Protection Adviser.