

Fire Chiefs Town Hall

Office of the Fire Marshal
July 8, 2026



Office of the Fire Marshal Land Acknowledgement

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Indigenous People of all the lands that we are on today.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the importance of the lands, which we each call home.

We do this to reaffirm our commitment and responsibility in improving relationships between nations and to improving our own understanding of local Indigenous peoples and their cultures.

We acknowledge the ancestral and unceded territory of the Inuit, Métis and First Nations people that call this land home.



Agenda

1. Welcome

- HR Update – Deputy Fire Marshal

2. Training and Certification Update

3. Fire Protection Grant Update

4. Questions



Training and Certification Update



Certification Recap

Ontario Regulation 343/22 came into force on July 1, 2022, after considerable consultation with the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, the Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association, the Fire Fighters Association of Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Compliance Deadlines:

- Majority of Disciplines: July 1, 2026
- NFPA 1006 Disciplines: July 1, 2028

- As part of the regulation, the OFM offered legacy to those departments that were not full service (Interior Attack, Auto Ex and HazMat at Operations level).

Legacy Application Windows:

- Primary Window – January 1 to March 31, 2023
- Secondary Window – July 1 to September 30, 2023

- Throughout the last four years, the OFM has provided support materials for the Ontario fire service in addition to conference and tradeshow presentation and engagement through Field and Advisory Services:
 - Mandatory Certification Information Package – July 2022
 - Legacy Information and Application Package – October 2022
 - Frequently Asked Questions – December 2025



Training and Certification Demand

- 2,500 – 3,000 firefighter certifications issued monthly
- Ontario Fire College training demand:
 - Off-Campus course demand up 7% YTD compared to 2025
 - RTC course demand up 80% compared to 2025
 - Learning Contracts up 59% compared to 2025
 - Cancelled classes and student waitlists down 59%
 - Total number of students trained up 25% YTD compared to 2025
- Close to 1,000 Ontario Fire College courses anticipated in 2026



Training and Certification Pathways

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	Application to Host	Learning Contract	Regional Training Centre	Off-Campus Course	Other
Program Development	Department	OFM	OFM	OFM	Let's choose the best path together!
Program Instructors	Department	Department	OFM	OFM	
Program Students	Department(s)	Department(s)	Regional	Regional	
Cost	Trainer Fee	\$65.00/student	RTC Fee + \$65.00/student	Host Cost + \$65.00/student	
AS&E Testing Included	Upon Approval	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Quality Assurance	Yes				



Application to Host

Attestation of Training

I, the undersigned Fire Chief / Authorized Fire Department Official, hereby attest that all candidates who will be identified for testing under this Candidate Eligibility Letter will have successfully completed the required training to the applicable recognized standard prior to the scheduled testing date.

I further confirm that:

- All training was delivered in full alignment with the approved program on file with your fire department; and
- All required training documentation — including lesson plans, instructional materials, practical skill requirements, assignments, assessments, and testing materials — has been developed, maintained, and made available as required.

I acknowledge that only candidates who have completed all required training and met all prerequisites are eligible to participate in testing, and that submission of this application constitutes verification of compliance with all OFM Training & Certification requirements.

I understand that the OFM relies on this attestation and may at any time conduct an audit to ensure that training is being conducted as per a developed program but is not responsible for independently verifying the training or qualifications of candidates prior to testing.

I certify that the information provided is accurate and complete. I accept full responsibility for ensuring compliance with these requirements in advance of the scheduled testing date.



General Certification Updates

- All testing sessions must have a specific date and time, eliminating open-ended testing sessions.
- Ability to access paper test results within **30 days**. E-testing results within **2-5 days**.
- AS&E assigns proctors to all written testing sessions. Proctors cannot possess subject matter expertise in the examinations they oversee.
- AS&E assigns lead evaluators to all practical evaluation sessions. Lead evaluators must be appropriately certified and qualified and cannot be the Lead Evaluator for their own department.
- Internal evaluators may continue to be utilized to help support the work of the AS&E assigned Lead Evaluator.



eTesting Updates

- Since the launch of the new eTesting platform in April, more than 924 exams have been completed successfully.
- Departments interested in offering eTesting are encouraged to select the eTesting option when submitting their Application to Host.
- Candidates must use a computer or laptop to access the eTesting website (<https://ontariofire.instructure.com>) and use a web browser that meets system requirements. Mobile phones are not approved devices for testing.
- Candidates should complete the **eTesting Familiarization Exam** at least **48 hours** before each test to verify correct emails and to ensure successful access to the eTesting platform.



Training and Certification Portal Updates

All testing sessions are managed through the Training and Certification Portal.

The portal enables users to:

- View scheduled testing sessions
- Verify candidate prerequisites **in advance** of testing
- **NEW** – Enroll eligible candidates from your department into a testing session
- Access **official** testing results for each candidate, available to the candidate and Fire Chief/Designate

Enhancements Being Developed:

- Testing Catalogue
- Electronic Application Process



Portal Updates

- A reminder that skill sheets are available for download in the learner section of the Portal.
- Self-paced courses can be completed prior to the merger of a student learner's profile.

My documents

Learner

General

Document summary

Name	Type	File size
100d		
▼ Academic Standards & Evaluation (AS&E) Skill Booklets		
NFPA 1006 (2021) - Common Passenger Vehicle Operations Skill Sheets	PDF	341.91 KB
NFPA 1006 (2021) - Common Passenger Vehicle Technician Skill Sheets	PDF	334.61 KB
NFPA 1006 (2021) - Confined Space Operations Skill Sheets	PDF	895.62 KB
NFPA 1006 (2021) - Confined Space Technician Skill Sheets	PDF	763.77 KB
NFPA 1006 (2021) - Ice Rescue Operations Skill Sheets	PDF	293.03 KB
NFPA 1006 (2021) - Ice Rescue Technician Skill Sheets	PDF	242.88 KB
NFPA 1006 (2021) - Rope Rescue Operations Skill Sheets	PDF	948.67 KB
NFPA 1006 (2021) - Rope Rescue Technician Skill Sheets	PDF	622.51 KB
NFPA 1006 (2021) - Structural Collapse Operations Skill Sheets	PDF	480.43 KB

Self-paced courses

Show 25 entries

Course name	Course code	Method
Assistant to the Fire Marshal: Know Your Authority	FAS-001	Self-paced
Assistants du Commissaire des Incendies - Connaissiez Vos Pouvoirs	FAS-001	Self-paced
Community Risk Assessment (CRA) Tutorial	FAS-004	Self-paced
Fire Co-ordinator Training	FAS-003	Self-paced
Formation des coordonnateurs de la lutte contre les incendies	FAS-003	Self-paced
Guide de rédaction des rapports standardisés d'incidents et de blessures	FAS-002	Self-paced
Legislation for the Ontario Fire Service	OFC-1031	Self-paced
Lithium-Ion Batteries: An Overview for Fire Professionals in Ontario	OFC-1099	Self-paced
Lois et règlements applicables aux services d'incendie de l'Ontario	OFC-1031	Self-paced
Standard Incident and Injury Reporting (SIR)	FAS-002	Self-paced
Tutoriel sur l'évaluation des risques présents dans la collectivité (ERC)	FAS-004	Self-paced



Portal Updates

Departments and Learners can review their certifications and export reports.

Manage certifications

Select criteria to filter certifications

Certifications

All certifications

Source

All sources

Filter

Learners

Show 10 entries

Search certifications

Learner	Course	Source	Completed date
	NFPA 1001 Firefighter Level I	Grandfathered	2014-03-18
	NFPA 1001 Firefighter Level II	Grandfathered	2014-03-18
	NFPA 1002 Pumper Operations	Certification	2019-03-30
	NFPA 1021 Fire Officer Level I	Grandfathered	2014-03-18
	NFPA 1021 Fire Officer Level II	Grandfathered	2014-03-18
	NFPA 1021 Fire Officer Level III	Certification	2023-02-11
	NFPA 1021 Fire Officer Level III	Certification	2023-11-22
	NFPA 1026 Incident Command	Certification	2026-01-25
	NFPA 1031 Fire Inspector Level I	Certification	2015-05-15
	NFPA 1031 Fire Inspector Level II	Certification	2017-12-04

Export to excel

Showing 1 to 10 of 2,024 entries



Portal Updates

Learner dashboard

Upcoming
You currently have **2** upcoming events.

Incomplete
You currently have **2** self-paced in progress.

Pending
You currently have **0** pending enrollments.

Subscriptions
You currently have **0** subscriptions.

Upcoming events				
Name	Organization	Date	Enrollment status	Type
1006 ROP-O21 Practical Exam		2026-09-14	Confirmed	Test
1006 ROP-O21 Written Exam		2026-09-14	Confirmed	Test

The learner dashboard provides students with critical information about upcoming events.



Portal Updates

Learning history

Ontario Fire College

Academic Standards and Evaluation

Test sessions

Select criteria to filter learning history grid

Year

Test status

All years

All statuses

Filter

Learners can see whether they passed or failed a testing session within 30 days (5 days for eTesting).

Academic Standards and Evaluation test sessions

Show 10 entries

Search learning history

Test name	Test status	Completed date
1006 ROP-O21 Practical Exam	Passed	2026-07-16
1006 ROP-O21 Written Exam	Failed	Not available

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



Supporting Firefighter Certification: **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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My documents

General

Document summary

Name

▼ OFM Training & Certification

[Training and Certification - FAQ - v 2.0](#)

[Training and Certification - FAQ v 2.0 \(FR\)](#)

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The Training and Certification FAQs continues to be updated with frequently asked questions.

Contacting Training & Certification

OFMTestingandCertification@Ontario.ca

- AS&E Section Coordinator
- AS&E Program Coordinators
- AS&E Manager

AskOFC@ontario.ca

- Registrars
- Academic Manager

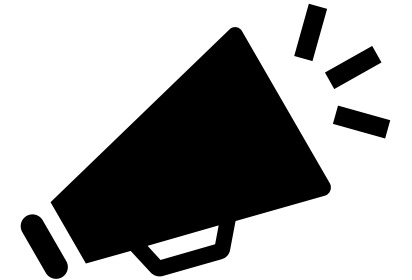


Fire Protection Grant Update



Year 3 Highlights

- \$20M available in funding for Year 3
- Application window will open on July 16th, 2026, and will close September 1st, 2026.
- Transfer Payment Agreements (TPAs) must be signed by all parties, with funding flowed to municipalities by March 31, 2027.



Eligibility

- The Fire Protection Grant is available to all municipalities who have established a fire departments (as defined in the FPPA).
- Funding is available for new and existing initiatives addressing firefighter health and safety and related infrastructure, as well as lithium-ion incident response.



Funding Categories

Cancer Prevention - Equipment and Supplies

- Exhaust extraction systems in fire stations, washing machines to remove contaminants from firefighting gear

Cancer Prevention - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Facepieces, balaclavas, etc.

Cancer Prevention - Minor Infrastructure

- Showers in fire stations

Technology – Minor Infrastructure Modernization

- Bringing internet to fire stations that do not currently have access to improve connectivity and training opportunities

Lithium-Ion Incident Response- Equipment and Supplies

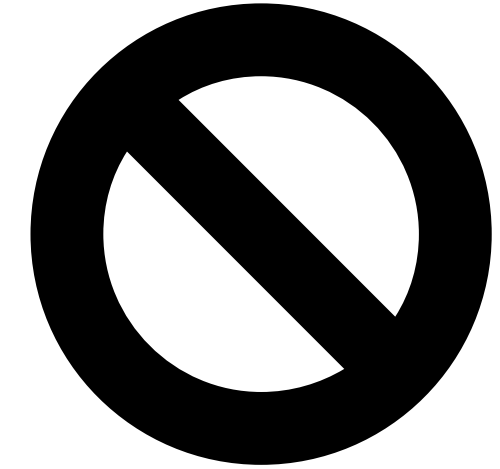
- Extinguishing agents, fire decontamination systems and safety solutions



Exclusions

The following items are **not** eligible for funding:

- Increased staffing complements
- Any staffing related expenses (including salary, benefits or overtime)
- Direct medical costs (e.g., cancer screening or medical monitoring)
- Direct training costs (including textbooks, course fees, 3rd party training providers)
- External consultant fees
- Large-scale infrastructure projects



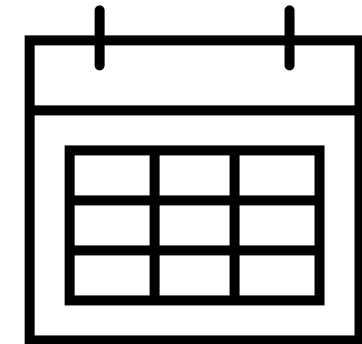
Funding Allocations

- Each municipality will receive a per-station allotment through an equitable funding strategy.
- Funding will be divided equally based on the total number of active fire stations across Ontario.
- Final allocation amounts will depend on the total number of approved applications.
- Based on OFM statistics, there are a total of 1,210 active municipal fire stations in the province. This would allocate approximately \$16,500 per station for cancer prevention and lithium-ion incident response initiatives.

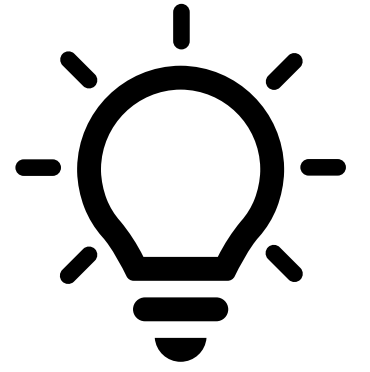


Plan Ahead for Election-Related Impacts

- “Lame duck” period begins August 21, 2026. Planning will be critical to ensure procurement timelines are not impacted.
 - Each municipality operates with differing spending and procurement approval requirements. It is recommended that you consult with your finance department or Municipal Clerk to confirm:
 - Existing approval authorities, and
 - Which purchases will require Council approval.
- Where Council approval is required, Fire Chiefs should plan to ensure items are brought forward early and are on Council agendas prior to August 21, 2026, to avoid delays.



Tips

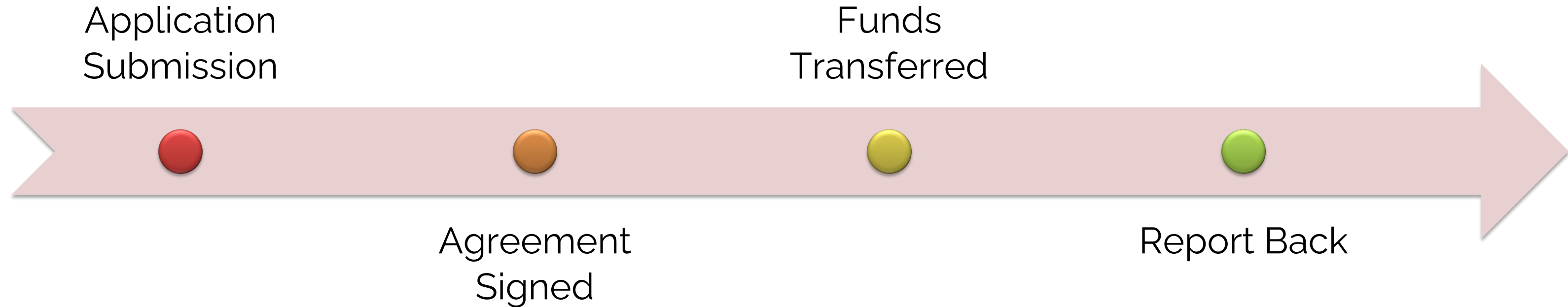


- Be prepared early – have a project in mind, start collecting costing information and quotes to support your application.
- Municipalities are encouraged to apply for at least your estimated funding allocation to maximize available funding.
- Funds must be formally committed through an executed TPA prior to March 31, 2027.
- Field and Advisory Services (FAS) are here to help – reach out to your FAS Advisor early and often for support and assistance.
- Funding can be awarded to assist with ongoing initiatives (projects started in previous grant years).
- Where municipal procurement processes allow, municipalities are encouraged to utilize Ontario-based vendors.



Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON)

The full application process will continue to be conducted through the TPON portal including:



TPON Application

- An Adobe PDF form will be available for download via the TPON portal beginning July 16, 2026.
- Your FAS advisor is available to guide you in completing the application.
- Complete the PDF form along with all necessary forms and submit via the TPON portal.
Applications will only be accepted through TPON
- Submit any supplementary information through TPON.
- Direct TPON contact will be required for technical questions about the portal and access.
- TPON Customer Service: (416) 325-6691 or 1-855-216-3090 or TponCC@Ontario.ca



Application Submission

- All applications must be completed through the municipal login within the TPON system. The OFM Grants Team will be in contact via email once an initial review of your application has been completed.
- OFM reviewers will review every application for completeness and validation of the information provided and may contact applicants for clarification or additional information.
- If partners are listed, the OFM will confirm their intent to pool their funding.
- Once all applications have been reviewed, recommendations will be made to the Ministry for approval.
- Once approved, your TPA will become available in TPON. If you are having issues accessing your TPA, you are encouraged to reach out to OFMGrants@Ontario.ca.



Report-Back

- All successful applicants will be required to complete a Report-Back.
- The Report-Back window for Year 3 is expected to open during summer 2027.
- This Report-Back will be required to confirm that grant allocations have been spent and the objectives have been met.
- Any funds not spent as identified in the approved application must be returned to the government.





Questions