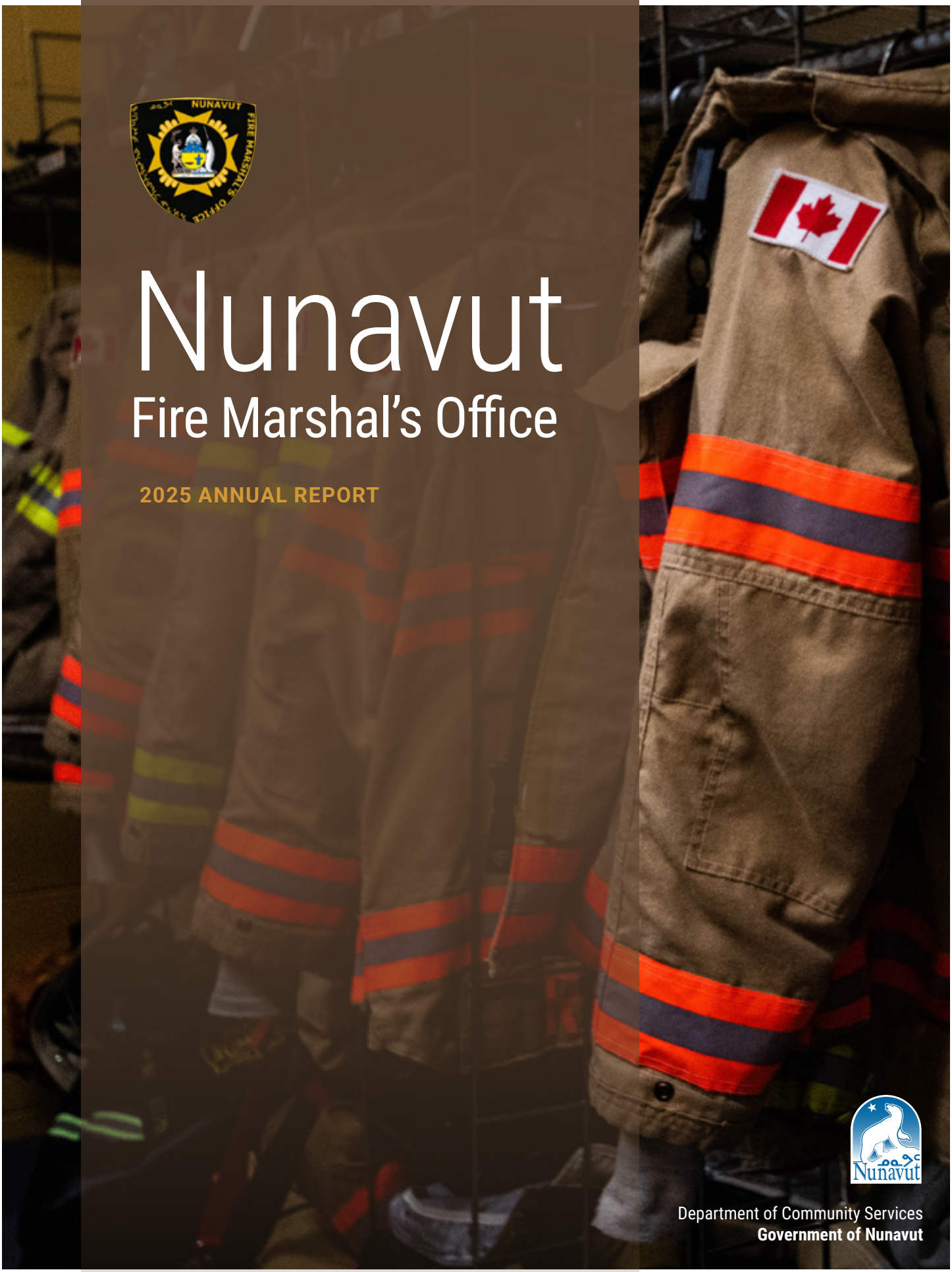


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Message from the **Honourable Minister Craig Simailak**



As the Minister responsible for the Department of Community Services, it is my pleasure to present the 2025 Annual Report of the Nunavut Fire Marshal's Office.

Fire and life safety is a shared responsibility across Nunavut. Our communities rely on the dedication of municipal firefighters, community leaders, the Nunavut Fire Marshal's Office, and partners who work together to prevent fires, respond when incidents occur, and protect people and property.

Throughout 2025, the Nunavut Fire Marshal's Office continued its work to strengthen fire prevention, support municipal fire services, advance fire and life safety oversight, and provide expertise during complex fire incidents.

This work included public education, firefighter training and capacity building, fire investigations, inspections, and continued investment in community fire services.

The work reflected in this report demonstrates the importance of strong partnerships and continued investment in fire safety across the territory. I would like to thank Nunavut firefighters, community partners, and the Nunavut Fire Marshal's Office staff for their commitment to protecting Nunavummiut.

Ma'na,

Honourable Craig Simailak
Minister, Community Services

> *"In 2025, 77 fires were reported to the Nunavut Fire Marshal's Office, resulting in one fire-related fatality, five fire-related injuries, and approximately $46.9 million in estimated fire losses.*

Message from the **Nunavut Fire Marshal**



As Nunavut's Fire Marshal, I recognize the important role that fire prevention, public education, and firefighter training play in keeping Nunavummiut safe.

The 2025 Annual Report highlights the work undertaken throughout the year to support those efforts across the territory.

Throughout the year, the Nunavut Fire Marshal's Office focused on supporting communities, strengthening local fire services, advancing fire prevention initiatives, and expanding training opportunities for firefighters across Nunavut.

The accomplishments highlighted in this report reflect the dedication of firefighters, municipal leaders, and public safety partners throughout the territory. Many of Nunavut's firefighters serve as volunteers, dedicating their time and skills to protecting their communities. Their commitment and leadership are essential to fire and life safety in Nunavut.

As we look ahead, the Nunavut Fire Marshal's Office remains committed to supporting communities, strengthening fire prevention efforts, and enhancing training and development across the territory.

Qujannamiik,

Erik Campbell
Nunavut Fire Marshal



About the **Nunavut Fire Marshal's Office**

The Nunavut Fire Marshal's Office (NFMO) works to create safer communities through fire prevention, fire and life safety education, inspections, and compliance under the *Fire Safety Act.*

Guided by Inuit Societal Values and community-based collaboration, NFMO supports fire safety awareness, risk reduction, and stronger fire protection practices across Nunavut.

The NFMO supports fire and life safety across the territory through:

- Fire and life safety inspections
- Fire origin, cause and circumstance investigations
- Fire prevention and public education
- Firefighter training and certification
- Support for municipal fire departments, including access to equipment and resources
- Advice and guidance to communities, organizations, and other partners

The NFMO works closely with municipal fire departments and partners at the community, territorial, and national levels to strengthen fire prevention, response capacity, and fire and life safety practices across Nunavut.

The **Four Pillars** of Fire Safety

Together, these four pillars guide the NFMO's work to reduce fire risk, strengthen local capacity, and support safer communities across Nunavut.



EDUCATION

Building fire safety knowledge and awareness through public education, prevention messaging, community outreach, and resources that help Nunavummiut understand and reduce fire risks.



PREVENTION

Identifying and reducing fire and life safety risks before incidents occur through inspections, prevention activities, risk reduction, and support to communities and municipal fire services.



LEGISLATION

Supporting compliance with the Fire Safety Act, applicable codes, standards, and fire and life safety requirements through regulatory oversight, inspections, advice, and guidance.



RESPONSE

Supporting effective response to fire incidents through municipal fire service capacity, firefighter training and equipment, fire investigations, and coordination with communities and response partners.

2025
By the Numbers*

77 REPORTED FIRES

1 FIRE-RELATED FATALITY

2 COMMUNITIES RECEIVING NEW FIRE APPARATUS

$46.9 MILLION IN ESTIMATED FIRE LOSSES

5 FIRE-RELATED INJURIES

38 FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS

**Fire activity statistics reflect incidents reported to the NFMO and may not represent all fires that occurred in Nunavut during the reporting year.*

Fire Prevention and **Public Education**

Fire prevention and public education are important parts of reducing fire risk and supporting safer homes and communities across Nunavut.

NFMO works with municipal fire departments and other partners to provide Nunavummiut with practical fire and life safety information and resources.

Throughout 2025, NFMO continued supporting fire prevention and public education activities across the territory, providing communities with resources to support local fire safety awareness and education.

Supporting Community Fire Safety Education

In 2025, NFMO distributed fire safety education kits to communities across Nunavut to support local fire services in delivering fire prevention activities during Fire Prevention Week. The kits provided communities with resources to help promote fire safety awareness and share prevention information with residents.

12 Days of Holiday Safety

In late 2025, NFMO launched Nunavut's first 12 Days of Holiday Safety campaign, delivering daily fire safety messaging throughout the holiday season. The campaign focused on common seasonal risks and provided practical information to help Nunavummiut reduce fire hazards in their homes and communities.

The campaign demonstrated the value of timely, practical public education in reaching Nunavummiut with fire prevention information during a period of increased seasonal risk.

53,904
PEOPLE REACHED.



Fire Activity **and Fire Loss**

Fire incident reporting helps NFMO identify trends, understand fire risks, and inform prevention, investigation, and public education efforts across Nunavut.

In 2025, 77 fires were reported to the Nunavut Fire Marshal's Office, resulting in one fire- elated fatality, five fire-related injuries, and approximately $46.9 million in estimated fire losses.

Fire Activity*

Fire Activity	2024	2025
Reported fires	127	77
Fire-related fatalities	2	1
Fire-related injuries	11	5
Estimated fire-losses	**$9,946,650**	**$46,922,728**

**Fire activity statistics reflect incidents reported to NFMO and may not represent all fires that occurred in Nunavut during the reporting year.*

Reported fire activity decreased for the second consecutive year, from 140 reported fires in 2023 to 127 in 2024 and 77 in 2025. Fire-related fatalities decreased from two in both 2023 and 2024 to one in 2025, while reported injuries decreased from 11 in 2024 to 5 in 2025.

NFMO can only track fires that are reported to the office, and the decline in reported fires may not reflect the total number of fires that occurred across the territory. Communities are required to report fires to NFMO, and improving the consistency and timeliness of fire reporting remains an important area of focus. A new fire notification standard is planned for 2026 to strengthen reporting across Nunavut.

In 2023
140
FIRES REPORTED

In 2024
127
FIRES REPORTED

In 2025
77
FIRES REPORTED

Fire Classification

Reported fires are classified based on the findings of the fire origin and cause investigation. NFMO uses four recognized classifications – incendiary, accidental, natural, and undetermined – to support consistent fire reporting and help identify trends that can inform prevention and public education activities.

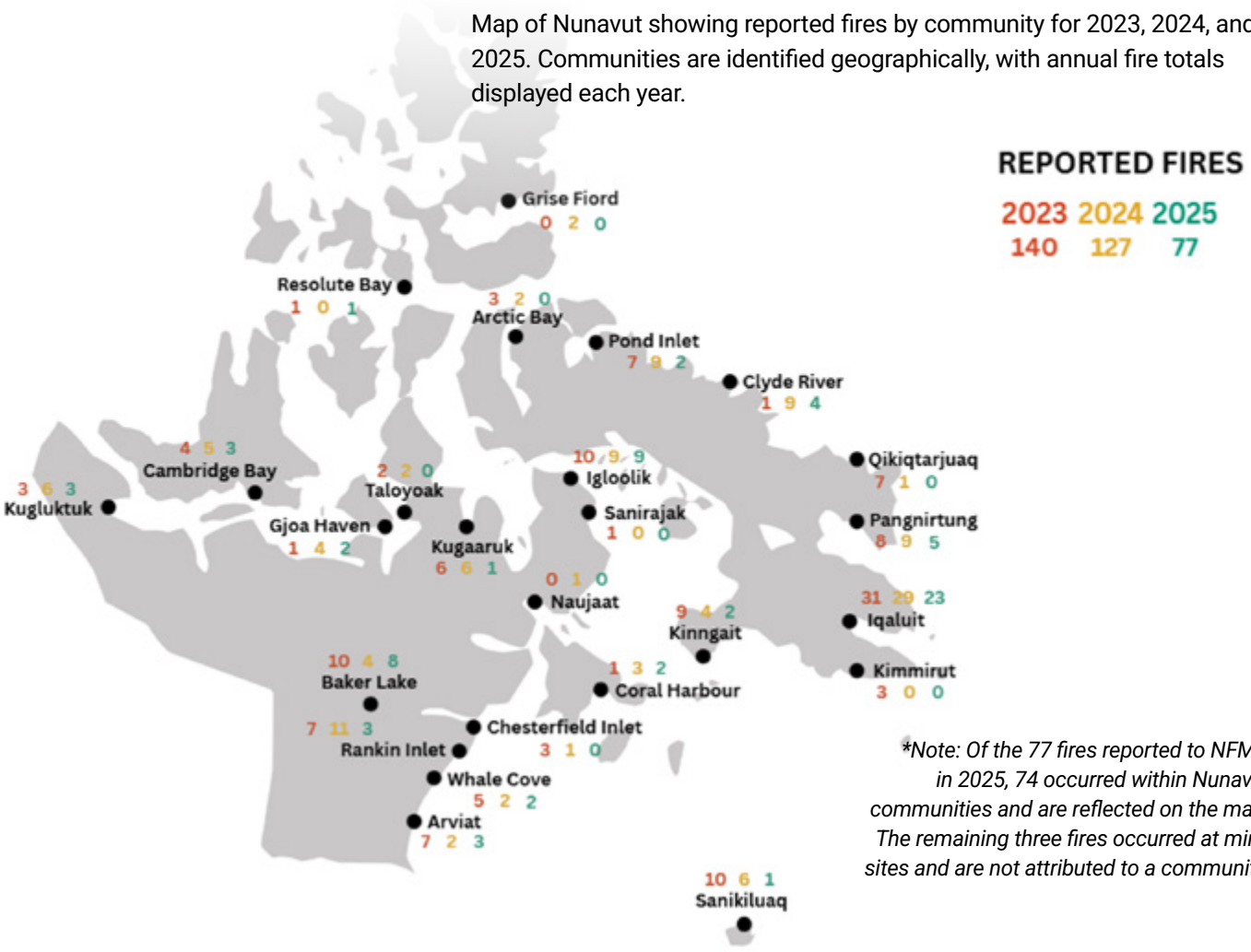
FIRE CLASSIFICATION	2023	2024	2025
Incendiary	35	5	10
Accidental	10	26	26
Natural	0	0	0
Undetermined	95	96	41
Total	**140**	**127**	**77**

In 2025, accidental fires accounted for 26 of the 77 reported fires, while 10 were classified as incendiary and 41 as undetermined. No fires were classified as natural. The number of fires classified as undetermined decreased from 96 in 2024 to 41 in 2025.

Fires by Community

Fire activity varies across Nunavut's communities from year to year. Tracking reported fires by the community helps NFMO understand where fire incidents are occurring and identify trends that may inform prevention, public education, training, and other fire safety activities.

Map of Nunavut showing reported fires by community for 2023, 2024, and 2025. Communities are identified geographically, with annual fire totals displayed each year.



**Note: Of the 77 fires reported to NFMO in 2025, 74 occurred within Nunavut communities and are reflected on the map. The remaining three fires occurred at mine sites and are not attributed to a community.*

Fire Origin, Cause and Circumstance Investigations

Fire investigations help determine how and where fires begin and support NFMO in identifying trends that can inform prevention, public education, and fire safety activities across Nunavut.

Reported fires may be investigated by NFMO staff, a Local Assistant to the Fire Marshal, or trained members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), depending on the circumstances of the incident.

In 2025, eight fire investigations were conducted or supported across Nunavut. Two were conducted by NFMO, four by the RCMP, and two by an external third-party contractor.

In 2025, NFMO continued supporting fire origin, cause and circumstance investigations across the territory, including working closely with the RCMP during a fatal fire investigation in the Kivalliq region. NFMO provided technical support related to fire origin and cause, strengthening coordination between the two organizations during complex investigations.

Fire investigation supports more than determining what happened. Findings can help NFMO identify recurring risks, strengthen prevention activities, and support fire and life safety education across Nunavut.

Fire and Life Safety Inspections

Fire and life safety inspections help identify hazards, support compliance with applicable requirements, and promote safer buildings and public spaces across Nunavut. NFMO conducts inspections and provides regulatory oversight, advice, and guidance to support fire and life safety across the territory.

Inspection activity has varied considerably in recent years. NFMO completed 630 Fire Code inspections in 2023, 68 in 2024, and 38 in 2025.

The decrease in inspection activity in 2024 and 2025 was primarily due to critical staffing vacancies within NFMO, which affected the office's capacity to conduct inspections across the territory.



In 2023

630

FIRE CODE INSPECTIONS

In 2024

68

FIRE CODE INSPECTIONS

In 2025

38

FIRE CODE INSPECTIONS

Inspection activity has been affected by staffing capacity in recent years. The significant decrease in inspections in 2024 was attributed to vacancies within NFMO

Supporting Communities **During Complex Fire Events**

NFMO provides technical expertise and operational support to communities during complex fire-related incidents.

This can include supporting municipal fire departments, coordinating additional resources, providing fire investigation expertise, and working with territorial and external response partners.

In 2025, NFMO provided direct support during a prolonged waste management site fire in the Kitikmeot region. As the incident continued, NFMO helped coordinate additional resources and expertise to support the community and address responder fatigue and safety concerns.

Strengthening **Fire Service Capacity**

Supporting municipal fire services remained a key focus for NFMO in 2025.

This included strengthening access to firefighter training and certification opportunities and continuing the replacement of aging fire apparatus in communities across Nunavut.

Looking ahead, NFMO planned nine certification-based training sessions for 2026, including basic firefighting. These courses will help strengthen municipal fire service capacity and support consistent fire and life safety practices across the territory.

Firefighter Training

Training helps municipal firefighters build and maintain the knowledge and practical skills needed to respond safely and effectively to fire and other emergencies.

NFMO has historically delivered and supported firefighter training across Nunavut. In 2025, work continued to strengthen training opportunities and prepare for additional certification-based training in 2026.

In 2023

30

COURSES DELIVERED

141



FIREFIGHTERS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED TRAINING

In 2024

7



IN-COMMUNITY TRAINING COURSES DELIVERED

In-community training delivered in 2024 was not pass/fail; therefore, a directly comparable number of firefighters successfully completing training is not available.

Fire Apparatus Replacement

NFMO continued supporting communities through the replacement of aging municipal fire apparatus.

Fire apparatus replacement is managed through a multi-year schedule to support the planned renewal of municipal fire vehicles across Nunavut. In recent years, industry-wide changes in fire apparatus manufacturing and procurement have resulted in significantly longer production and delivery timelines for new vehicles. These pressures are affecting fire services across Canada, and NFMO continues to monitor procurement timelines and adjust replacement planning as needed.

Operational training is provided with new apparatus to support their safe and effective use.

2025

DELIVERED TO
QIKIQTARJUAQ AND ARCTIC BAY



2026

SCHEDULED FOR
SANIRAJAK AND TALOYOAK



Working with **Partners**

Fire and life safety in Nunavut relies on collaboration between communities, municipal fire services, territorial and federal organizations, and other response partners.

NFMO works with these partners to strengthen fire prevention, response capacity, training, information sharing, and coordination across the territory.

Throughout 2025, NFMO continued working closely with municipal fire departments and community leadership to support local fire services and address fire and life safety needs. The office also worked with organizations such as the RCMP during fire investigations and with other response partners when additional expertise or resources were required.

Looking Ahead **2026**

Building on the work completed in 2025, NFMO will continue strengthening fire and life safety across Nunavut through prevention, training, regulatory oversight, municipal fire services, and continuing to build relationships with territorial and national partners.

Strategic Priorities

Priorities for 2026 will focus on strengthening local capacity, improving fire prevention and compliance activities, supporting municipal fire services, and continuing to build relationships with territorial and national partners.

Firefighter Training & Capacity

Certification, skills development and professional development

Fire Prevention & Compliance

Inspections, prevention, public education and regulatory oversight

Municipal Fire Services

Equipment, apparatus, technical support and operational capacity

Partnerships & Coordination

Community, territorial and national collaboration

Emerging Risks and **Changing Conditions**

Fire and life safety in Nunavut continues to be influenced by changing environmental conditions, infrastructure pressures, community growth, and the unique challenges of delivering fire services across a vast and remote territory.

NFMO will continue monitoring these conditions and incorporating emerging risks into prevention, training, inspections, equipment planning, and support to municipal fire services.



