

# SHELBURNE & DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT



# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



  
DEDICATED TO A  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
PERSONNEL  
PAST AND PRESENT

# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to begin by respectfully acknowledging that the Town of Shelburne resides within the traditional territory and ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, including the Ojibway, Potawatomi, Chippewa and the People of the Three Fires Confederacy.

These traditional territories upon which we live, work, play and learn are steeped in rich Indigenous history and traditions. It is with this statement that we declare to honour and respect the past and present connection of Indigenous peoples with this land, its waterways and resources.



Gail Little  
Township of Amaranth



Brad Metzger  
Township of Amaranth



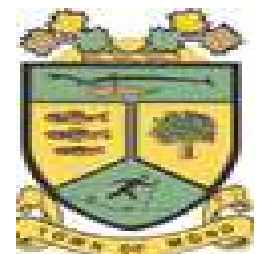
Bill Nielson  
Township of Melancthon



James McLean  
Township of Melancthon



## 2025 SHELBURNE & DISTRICT JOINT BOARD OF MANAGEMENT



Wade Mills  
Town of Shelburne



Shane Hall  
Town of Shelburne



Janet M. Horner  
Township of Mulmur



Earl Hawkins  
Township of Mulmur



Melinda Davie  
Town of Mono



Fred Nix  
Town of Mono

# 2025 HIGHLIGHTS



Responded to 449 emergencies (25% increase)



Responded to 74 Fire Alarm incidents (51% increase)



Responded to 21 fire incidents



Responded to 86 motor vehicle accidents (65% increase)



Responded to 36 CO related incidents (300% increase)



Responded to 37 medical incidents (100% increase)

Responded to 30 incidents in 24-hours during the March Ice Storm



Received \$6,450 from the Shelburne Legion to purchase automatic external defibrillators.

Received the \$8,230 from the OFM for the Fire Protection Grant to purchase PPE



Purchased new Chief officer vehicle 2025 Dodge Durango





# FIRE CHIEF'S MESSAGE

This past year has been one of continued change and progress for SDFD. The fire service across Ontario continues to evolve, with new expectations, regulatory requirements, and increasing demands placed on fire departments. SDFD remains committed to adapting to these changes while maintaining the high level of service that our community expects and deserves.

A significant development affecting fire departments across the province is the implementation of mandatory firefighter certification under the framework established by the Fire Protection and Prevention Act. These requirements ensure that firefighters meet consistent provincial standards for training and competency. While this initiative strengthens professionalism and safety within the fire service, it also requires considerable time and effort from our members to complete the necessary training and certification. I am proud of the dedication shown by our staff in meeting these requirements while continuing to respond to emergencies and serve the community.

2025 saw progress in the development of a comprehensive review of our Levels of Service, which will guide revised establishing and regulating by-laws for the municipalities we serve. This by-law will formally define the services we provide, ensuring compliance with provincial legislation and providing clear directions for governance and accountability.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our firefighters, officers, and support personnel for their dedication and professionalism throughout the year. Their commitment to training, certification, and service ensures that our community remains protected.

Finally, I would like to thank the Fire Board of Management and the community for their continued support. Together, we will continue to adapt to change, meet new challenges, and maintain a strong and effective fire service.

## OUR VALUED STAFF MEMBERS

DFC JEFF CLAYTON  
ADMIN NICOLE HILL  
CPT OS FLEMING  
CPT STEVE MONDS  
CPT MIKE MORRELL  
CPT KEVIN RIDEOUT  
LT OLUF JENSEN  
LT TONY QUESNELLE  
LT ARRON FERGUSON  
LT MARK CROSS

FF MIKE GLASSFORD  
FF IAN WALLACE  
FF JASON DUCK  
FF MATT GILES  
FF DEVON SUTTELL  
FF EDDIE LANE  
FF LUKE DOWNEY  
FF BRANDON BATCHELOR  
FF CHRIS GARRETT

FF JULIUS MENSAH  
FF TREVA COURTNEY  
FF HUDSON DUCK  
FF SCOTT HUGHES  
FF ZACKARY KRUGER  
FF BRYAN KUBALA  
FF TYLER MACLACHLAN  
FF DARIN WATSON  
FF JOEY DEMELO

FF CODY FARROWS  
FF AIDAN TANNAHILL  
FF DAWSON HANCOCK  
FF TRENT WALLACE  
FF NICK CURRIE  
RCT CARLOS ANTUNES  
RCT KARAN GILL  
RCT ELISSA KARL  
RCT JESS COLBOURNE

### 2025 RETIREMENTS

FF ROB SELLAR      FF DUANE FOULGER      FF OWEN BENNINGTON      FF DUANE KETTLEWELL

## 2025 FIREFIGHTER RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION NIGHT



LT Tony Quesnelle - 15 Years of Service



FF Matt Giles - 10 Years of Service



FF Devon Suttell - 10 Years of Service

# YOUR FIRE SERVICE

Shelburne & District Fire Department (SDFD) is an all-hazards emergency response organization. SDFD provides residents, visitors, and businesses with protection against loss of life, property and the environment from the effects of fire, illness, accidents, and all other hazards through preparedness, prevention, public education and emergency response, with an

## VISION

**SERVICE \* SAFETY \* COMMUNITY**

We are a responsive and progressive part of the communities we serve. We commit to excellence and professional accountability through effective training and technology and by adapting to the changing needs of our communities. We seek to remain respected by our citizens for anticipating and responding to their ever-changing needs. We embrace new technologies and techniques, focusing on training and education to provide the highest level of customer service and satisfaction in a professional and caring manner.

## MISSION

**PREVENTION \* PROTECTION \* RESPONSE**

The Mission of the Shelburne & District Fire Department is to protect the lives and property of our citizens and visitors by providing prompt and professional services in the event of fire, accident, medical emergency, disaster, or any other event which may threaten the public welfare. We will serve the community through fire and accident prevention, public education, and immediate response to emergencies.

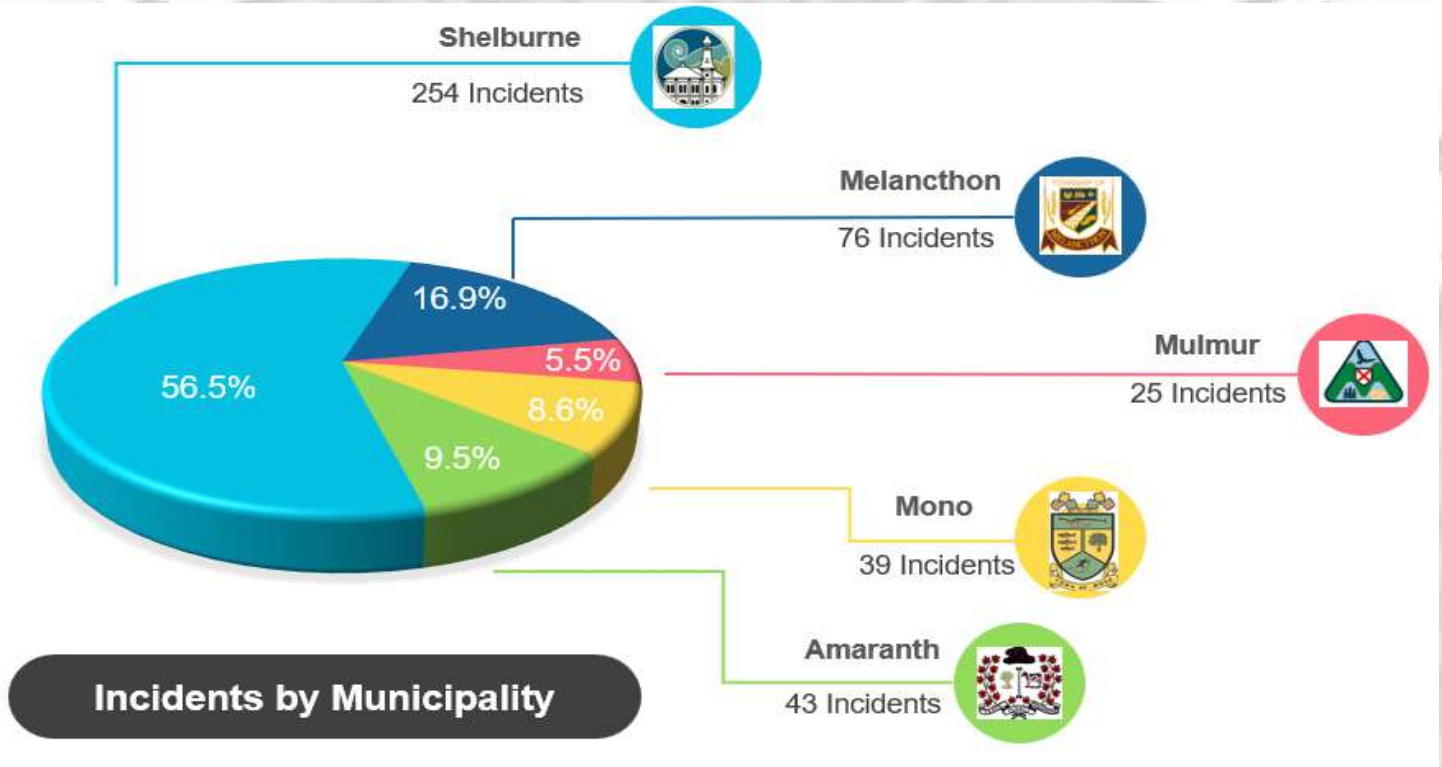
## VALUES

**INTEGRITY \* RESPECT \* COMMITMENT**

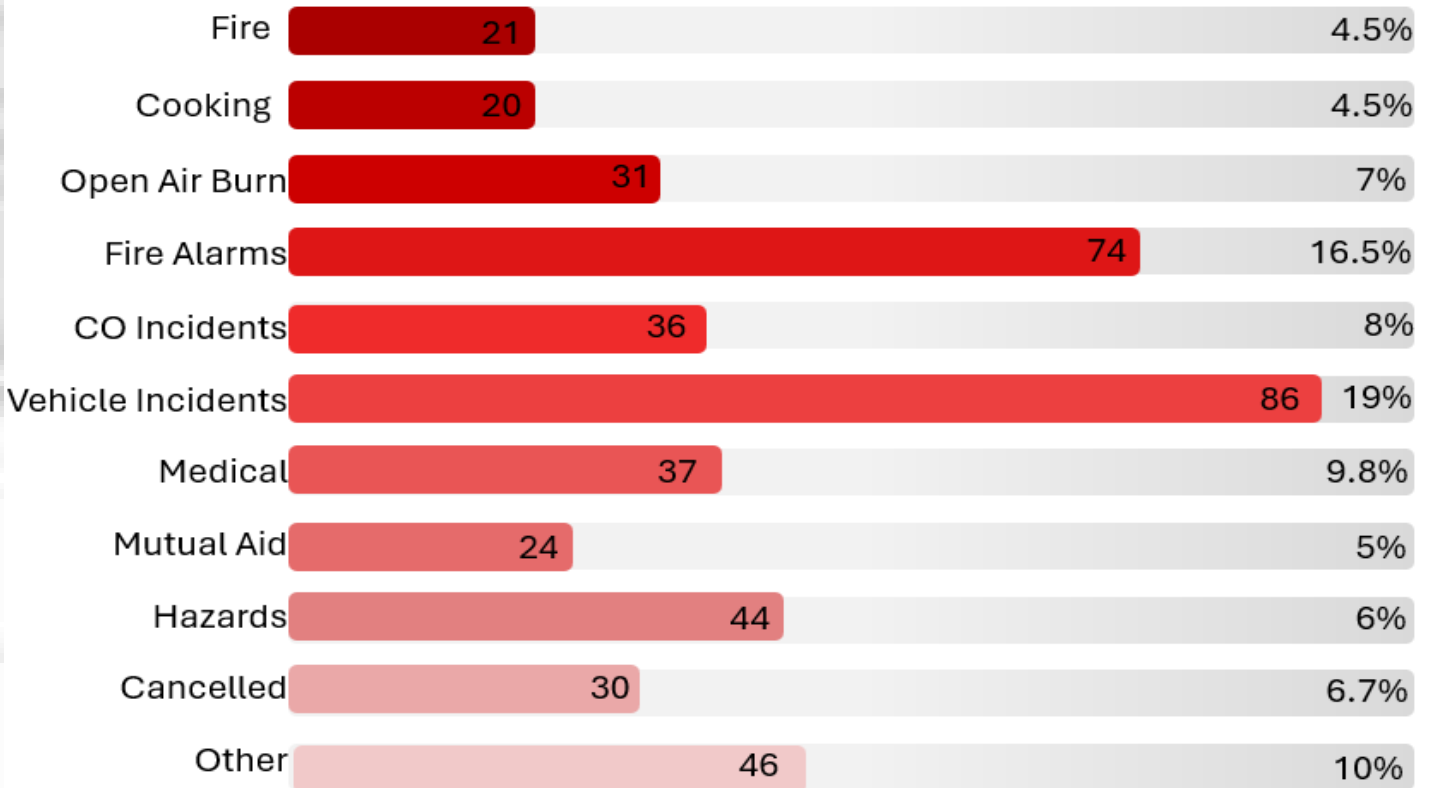
We value the lives and property that we are entrusted to protect throughout our community. We value character, integrity, and honesty and require both personal and organizational accountability. We value reliability, each member's commitment to excellence in training and performance, and a passion for community service. We value leadership, teamwork, communication, innovation, collaboration, and initiative. We value diversity and are respectful, courteous, and inclusive of all talents and needs while focusing on the social good we do as an organization and as individuals. We value tradition and the founding principles of loyalty and pride as they reflect the progressive heritage of our department. We recognize and embrace the honour of carrying forward the legacy of those who served before us.

# 2025 INCIDENT SUMMARY

The Shelburne & District Fire Department (SDFD) experienced a 25% increase in emergency responses in 2025, with the number of calls increasing from 358 in 2024 to 449 in 2025.

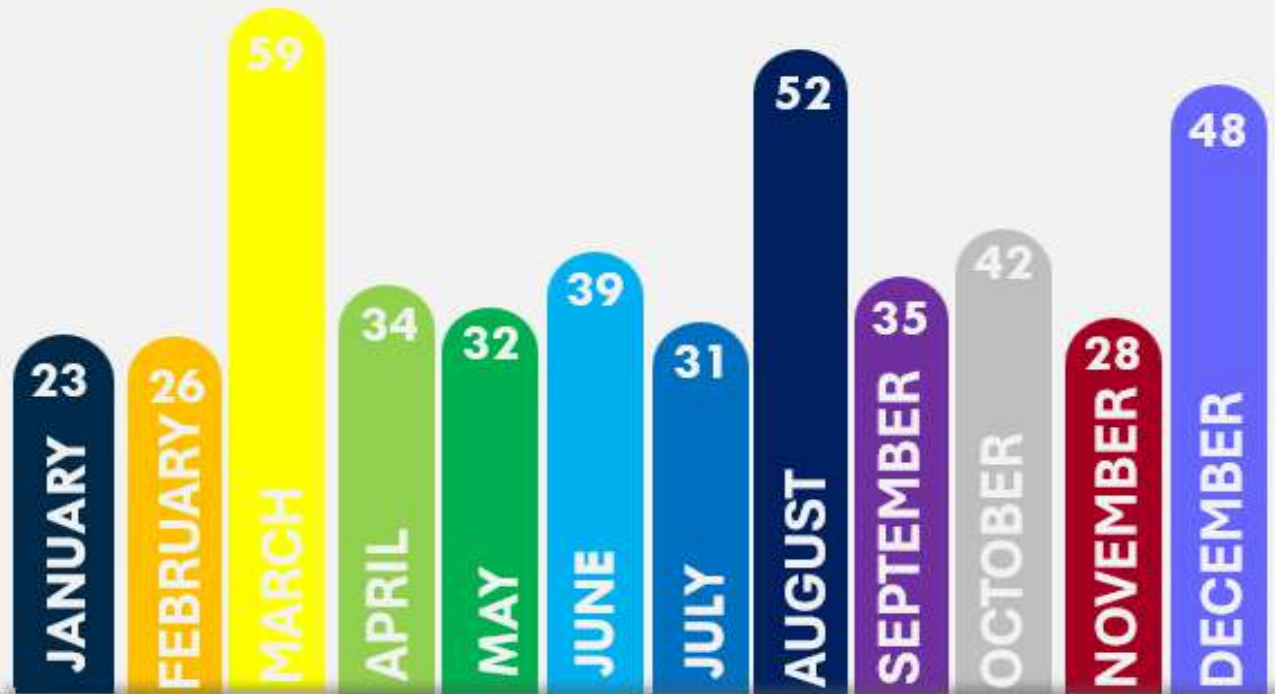


## INCIDENTS BY TYPE

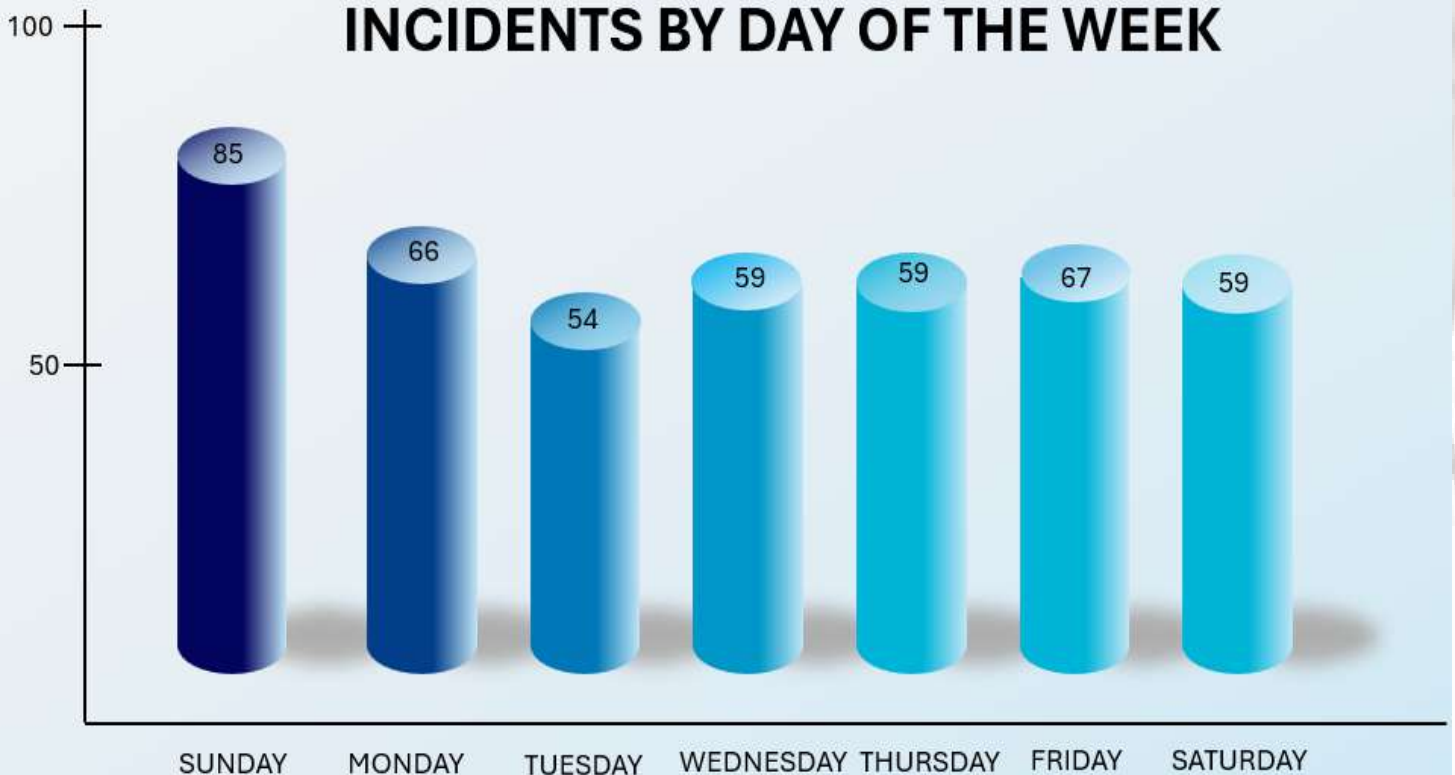


# 2025 INCIDENT SUMMARY

## INCIDENTS BY MONTH

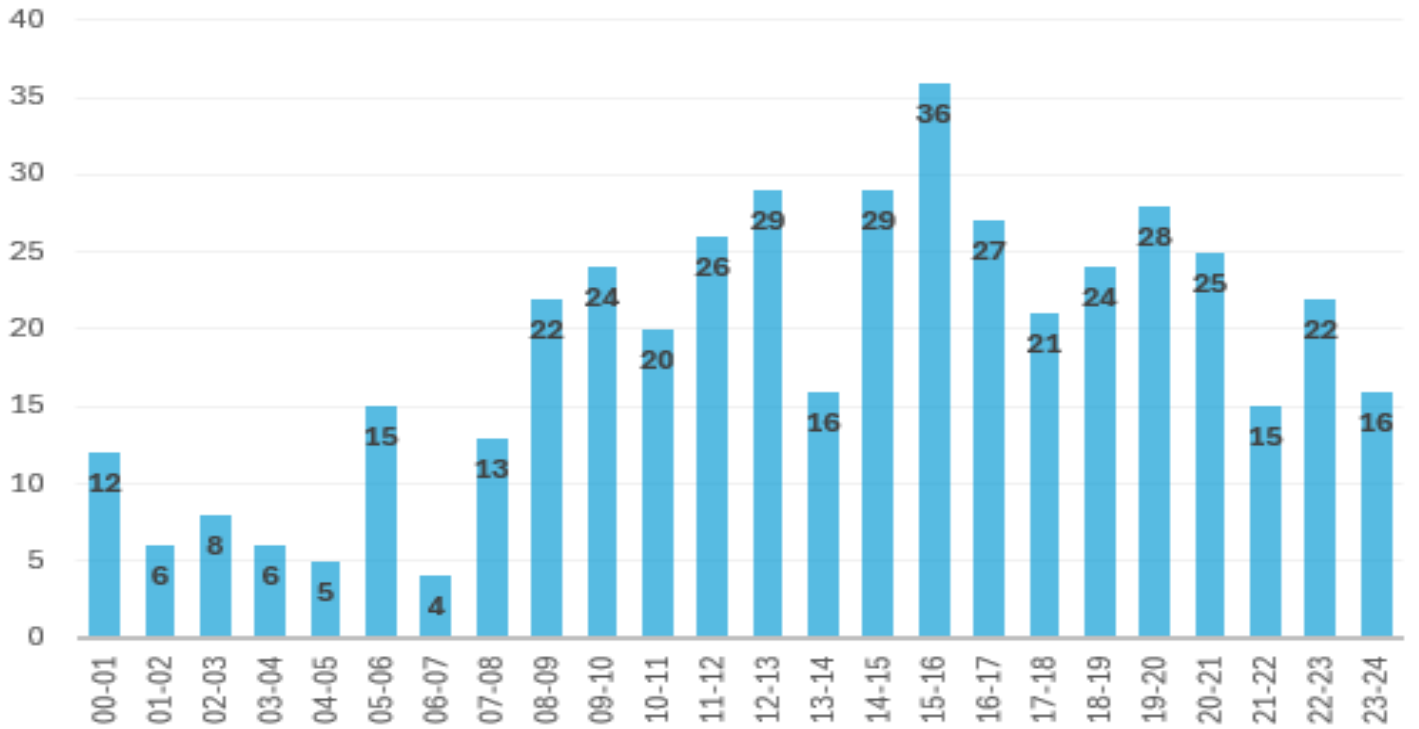


## INCIDENTS BY DAY OF THE WEEK

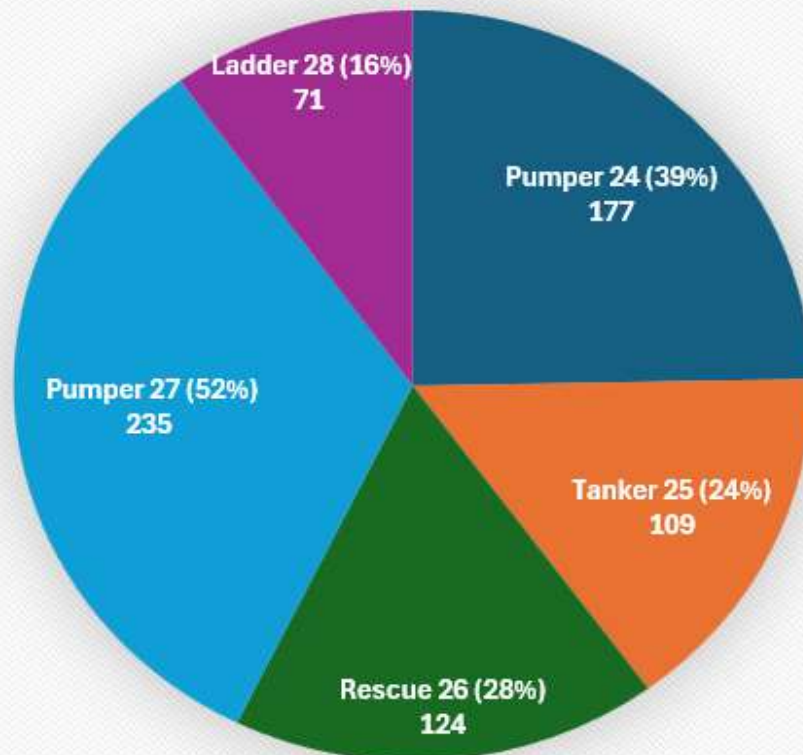


# 2025 INCIDENT SUMMARY

## Incidents by Time of Day



## Responses per Apparatus



■ Pumper 24 ■ Tanker 25 ■ Rescue 26 ■ Pumper 27 ■ Ladder 28

# COST SHARE PER MUNICIPALITY

2025

Municipality	% Levy	\$ Levy
Shelburne	58.32	\$997,945.01
Mono	8.15	\$139,534.07
Amaranth	12.30	\$210,562.31
Melancthon	14.01	\$239,727.27
Mulmur	7.21	\$123,464.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$1,711,233</b>

### Shelburne:

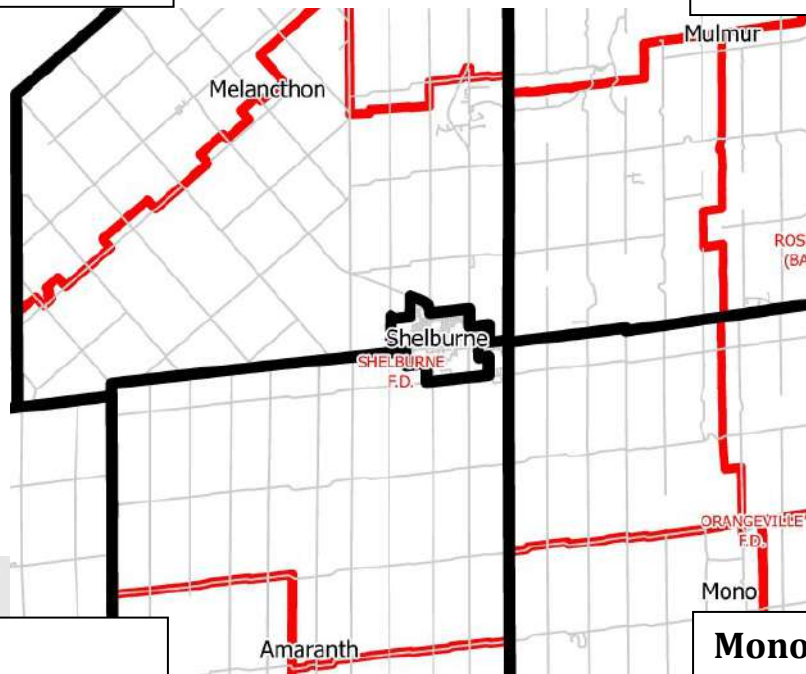
**# of Incidents: 254**  
**Population: 10610**  
**Residential Buildings: 2327**  
**Properties: 5946**  
**Km's of County Roads: 5.1**  
**% of coverage: 100%**

### Melancthon:

**# of Incidents: 76**  
**Population: 816**  
**Residential Buildings: 623**  
**Properties: 1052**  
**Km's of County Roads: 26.6**  
**% of coverage: 40%**

### Mulmur:

**# of Incidents: 25**  
**Population: 777**  
**Residential Buildings: 345**  
**Properties: 424**  
**Km's of County Roads: 9.1**  
**% of coverage: 23%**



### Amaranth:

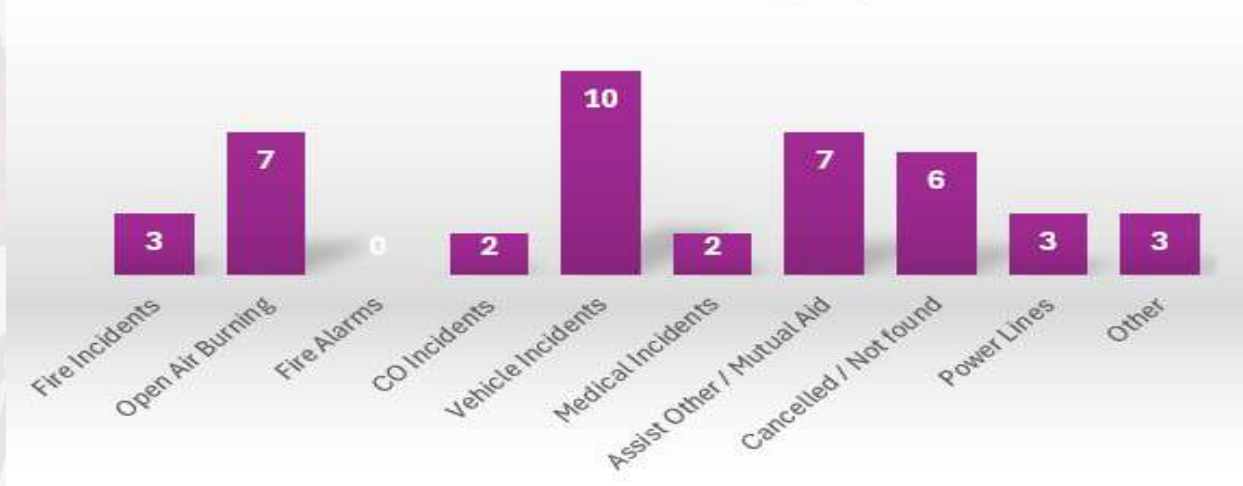
**# of Incidents: 43**  
**Population: 1562**  
**Residential Buildings: 583**  
**Properties: 804**  
**Km's of County Roads: 20.3**  
**% of coverage: 45%**

### Mono:

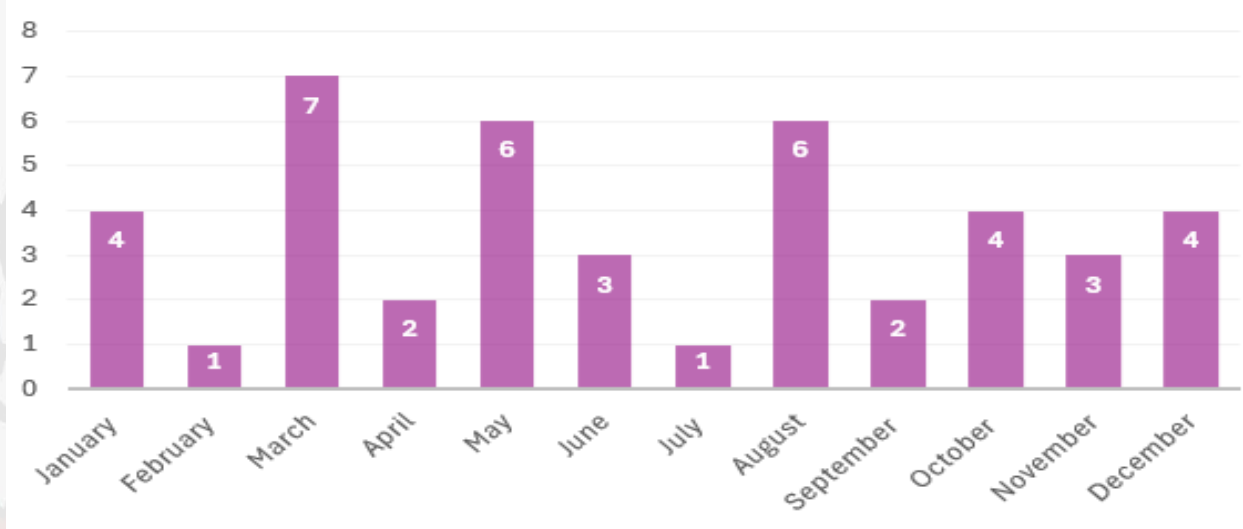
**# of Incidents: 39**  
**Population: 1889**  
**Residential Buildings: 311**  
**Properties: 424**  
**Km's of County Roads: 0**  
**% of coverage: 19%**

# TOWNSHIP of AMARANTH

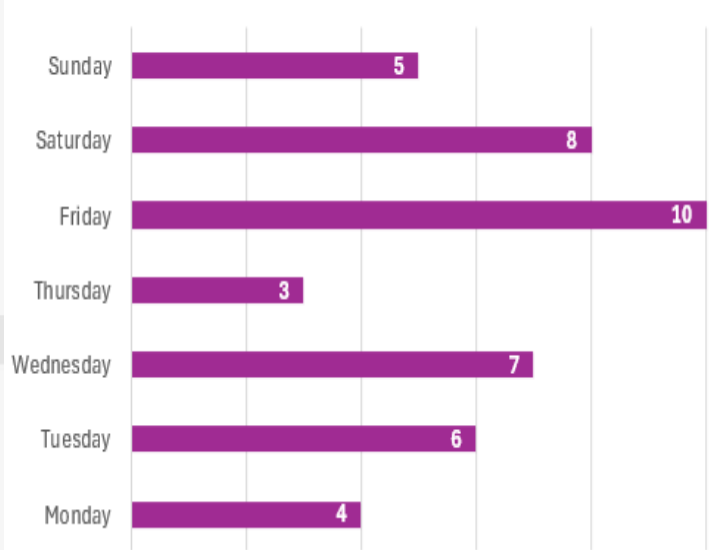
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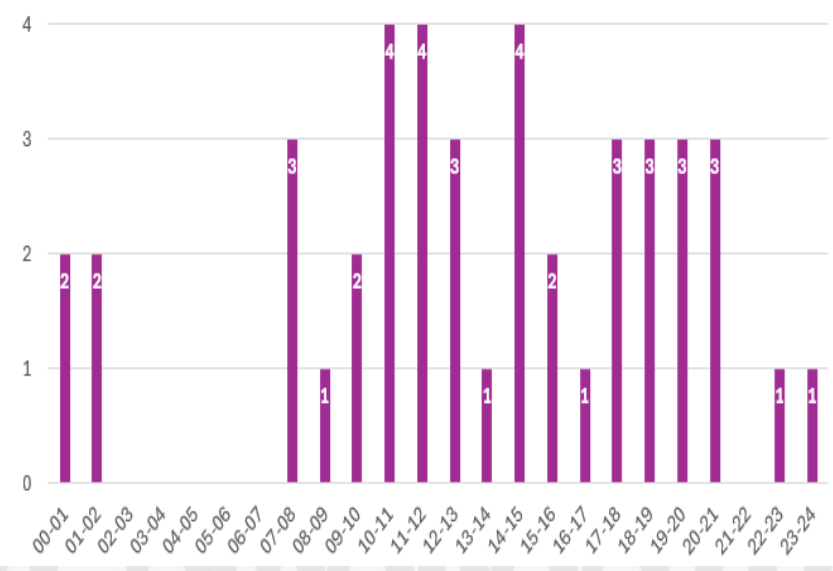
## 2025 Incidents by Month



## 2025 Incidents by Days of the Week

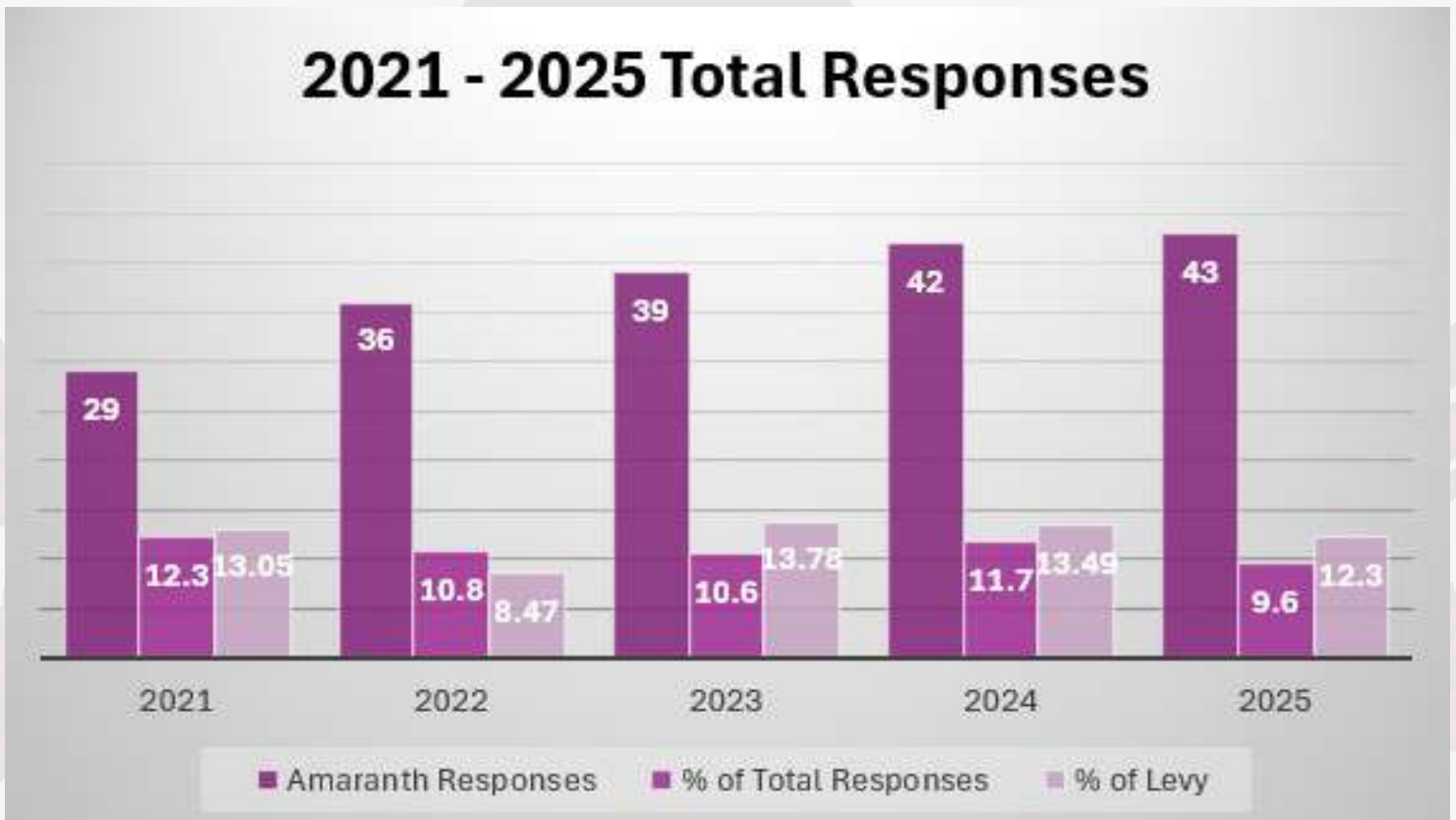


## Incidents by Time of Day

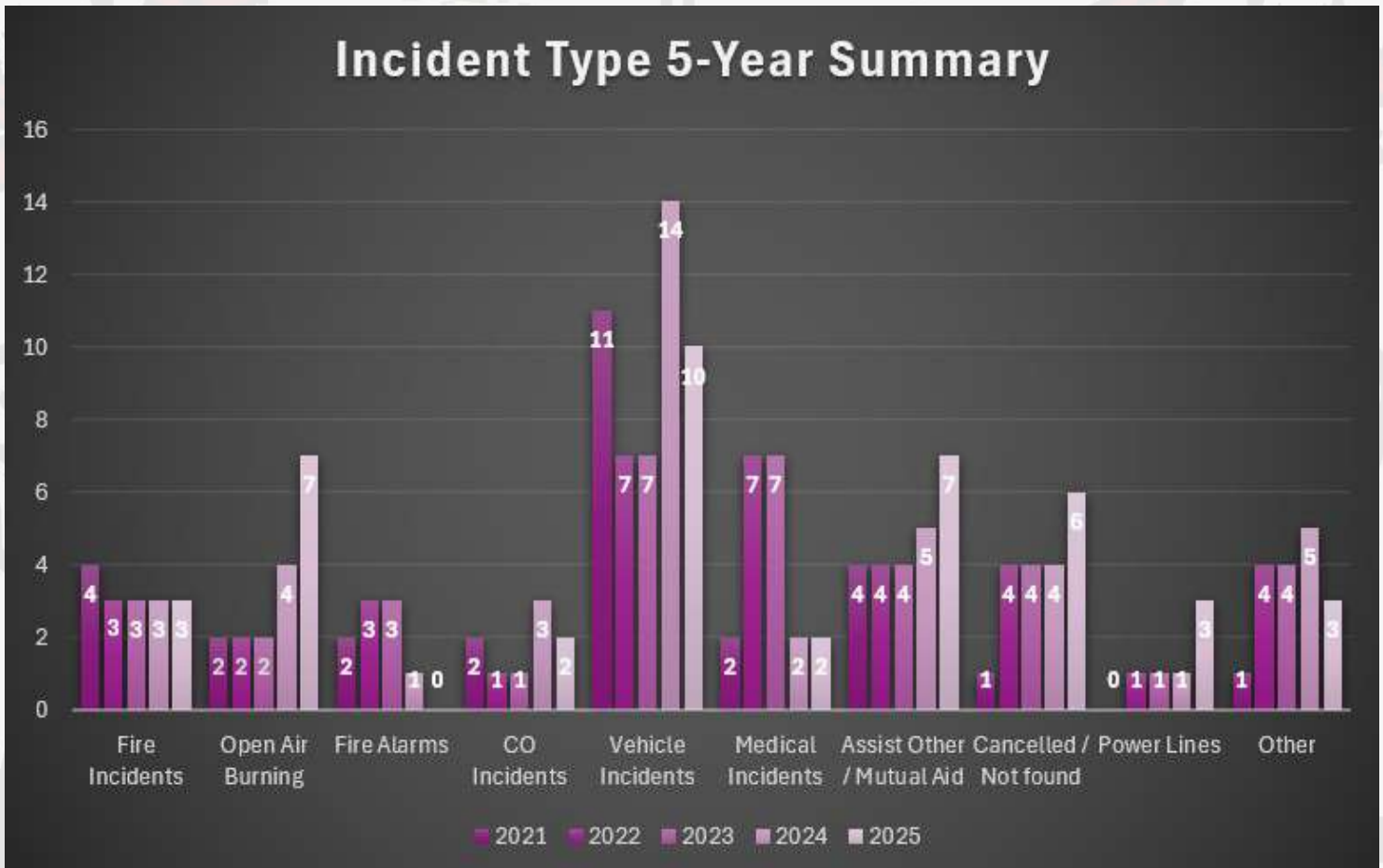


# TOWNSHIP of AMARANTH

## 2021 - 2025 Total Responses

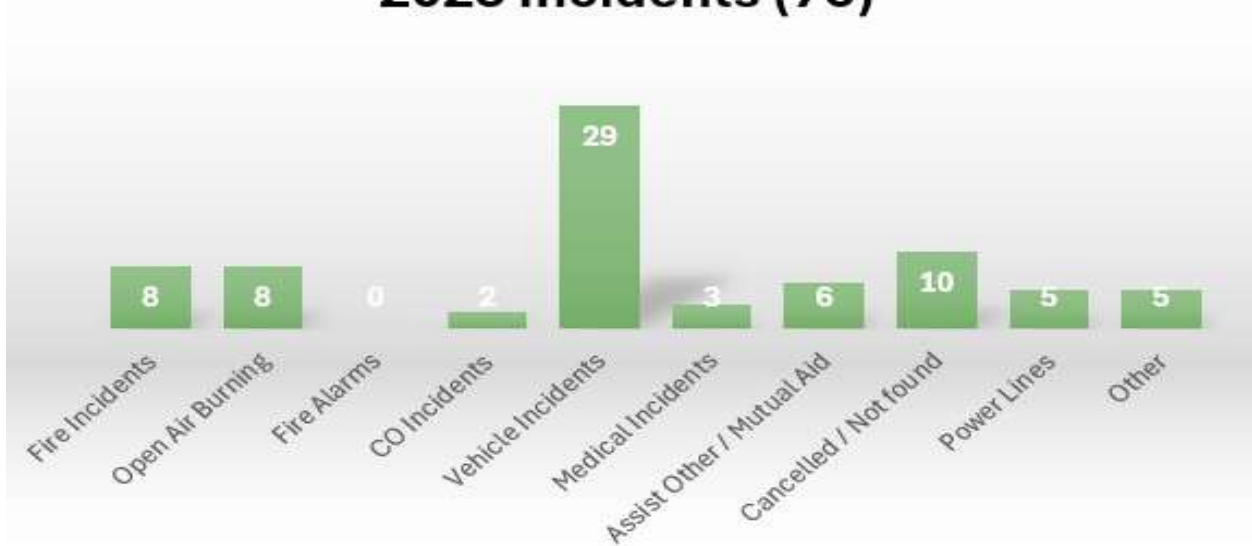


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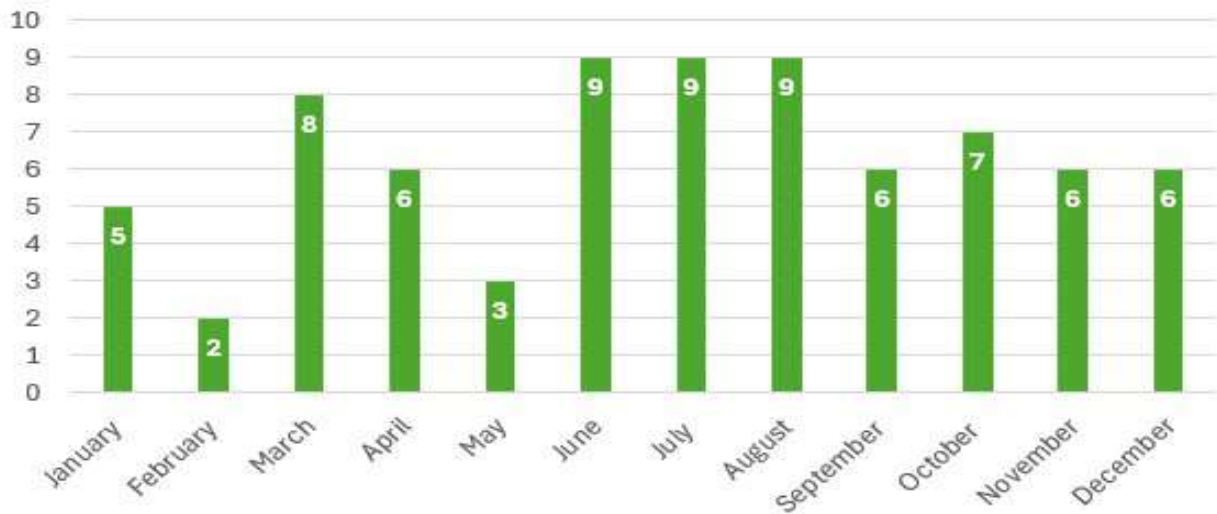


# TOWNSHIP of MELANCTHON

## 2025 Incidents (76)



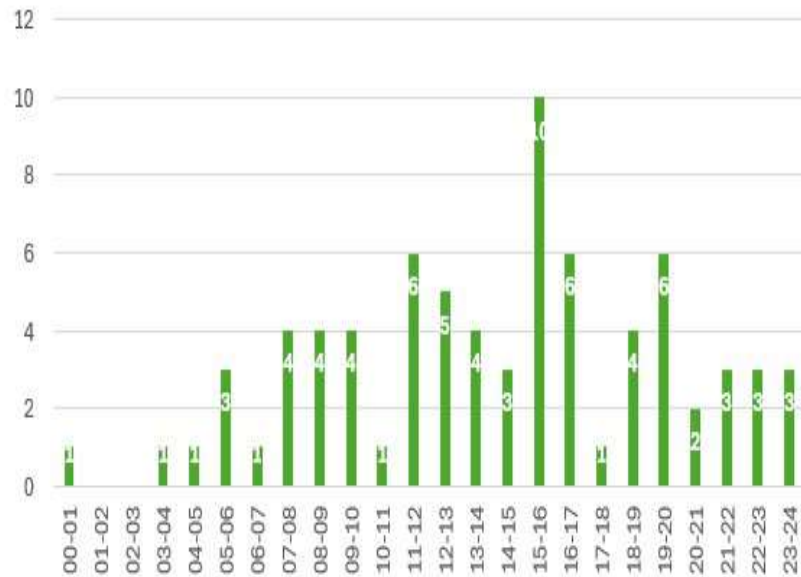
## 2025 Incidents by Month



## 2025 Incidents by Days of the Week

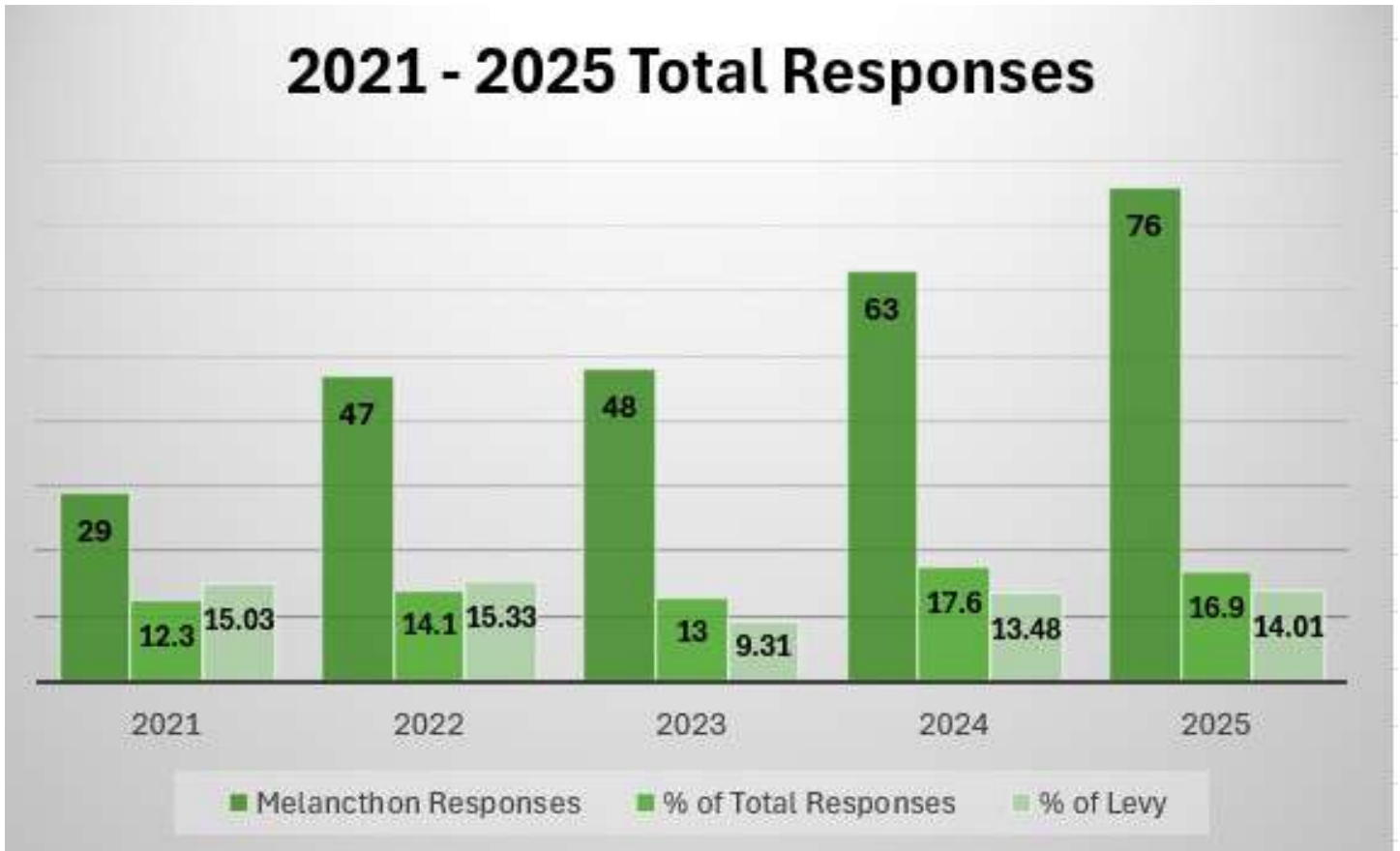


## Incidents by Time of Day

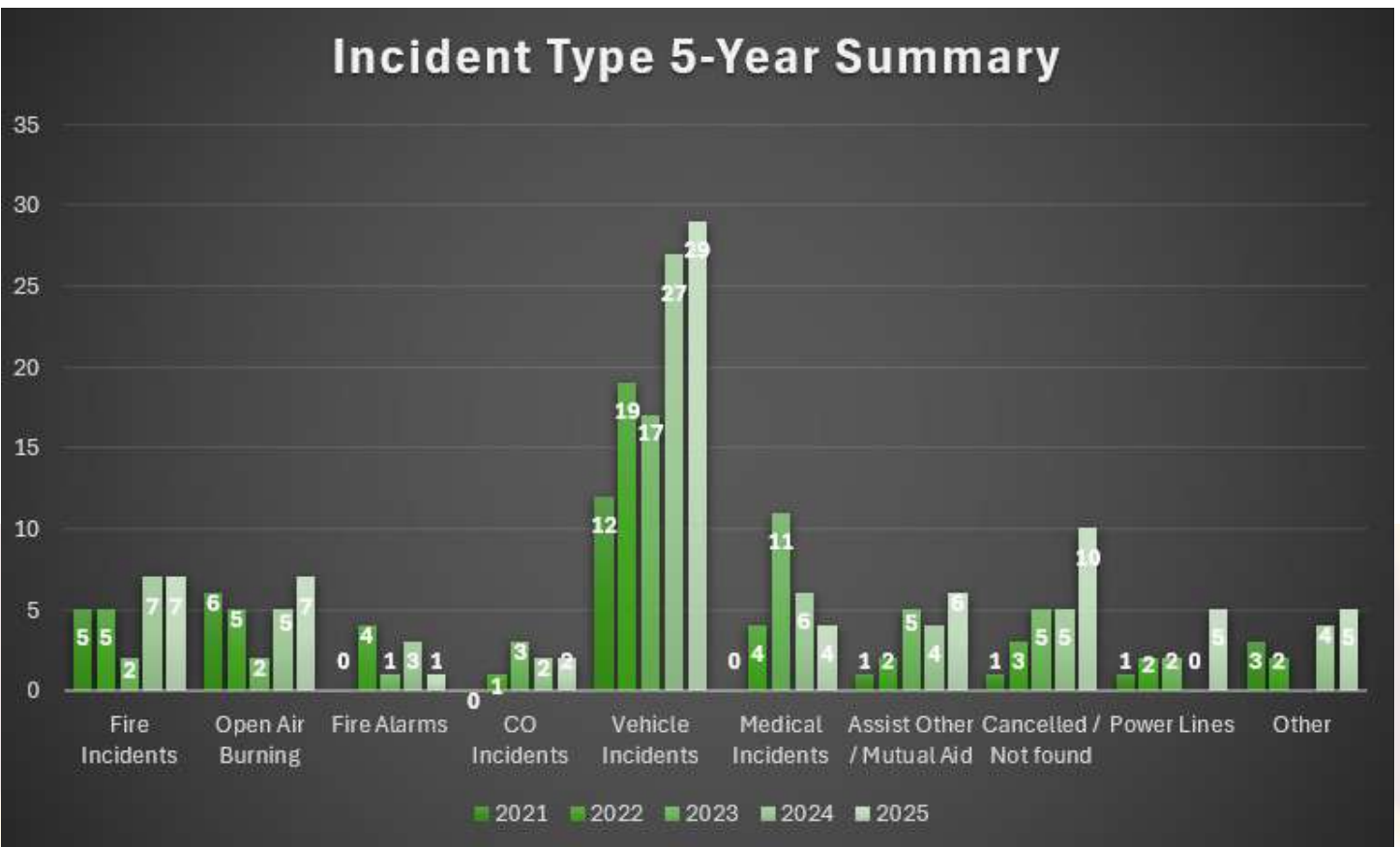


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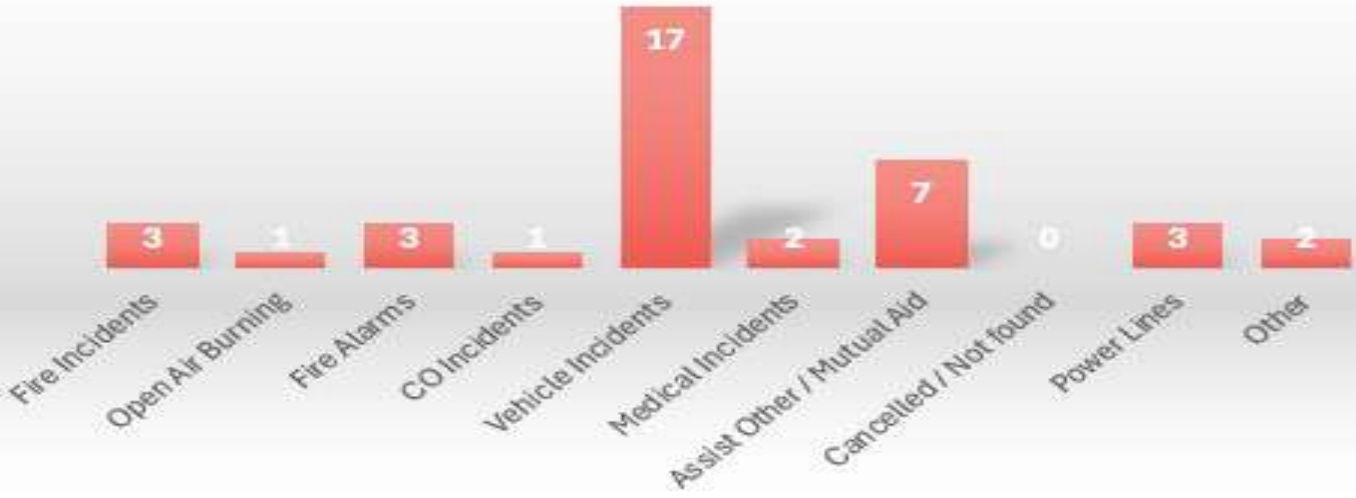


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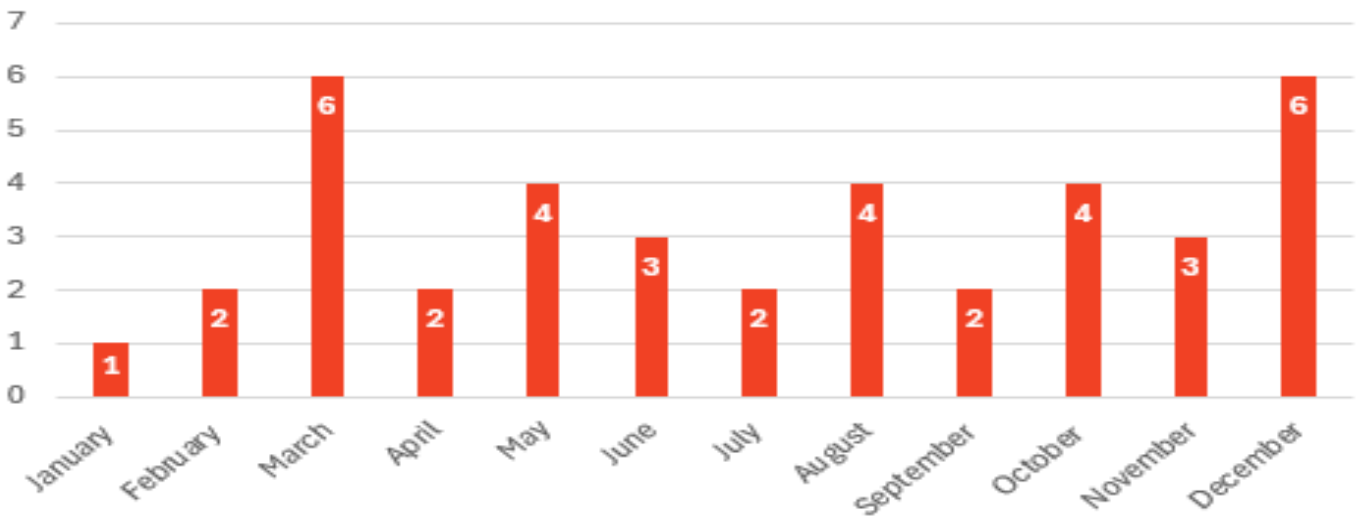


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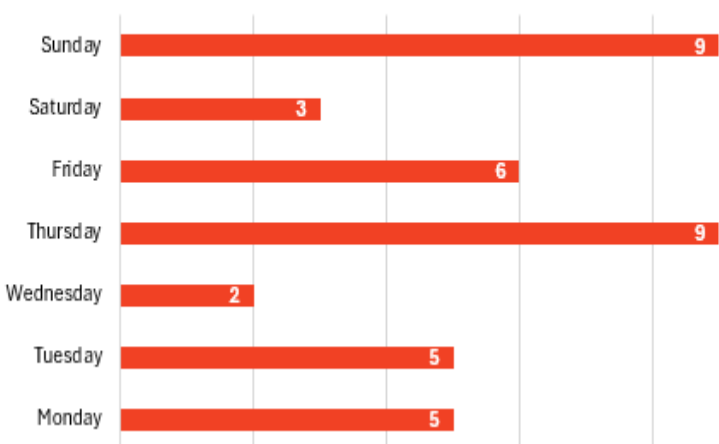
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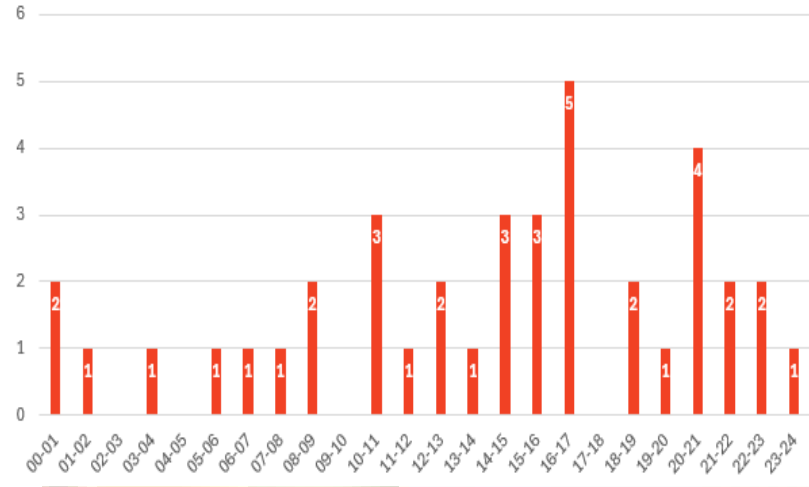
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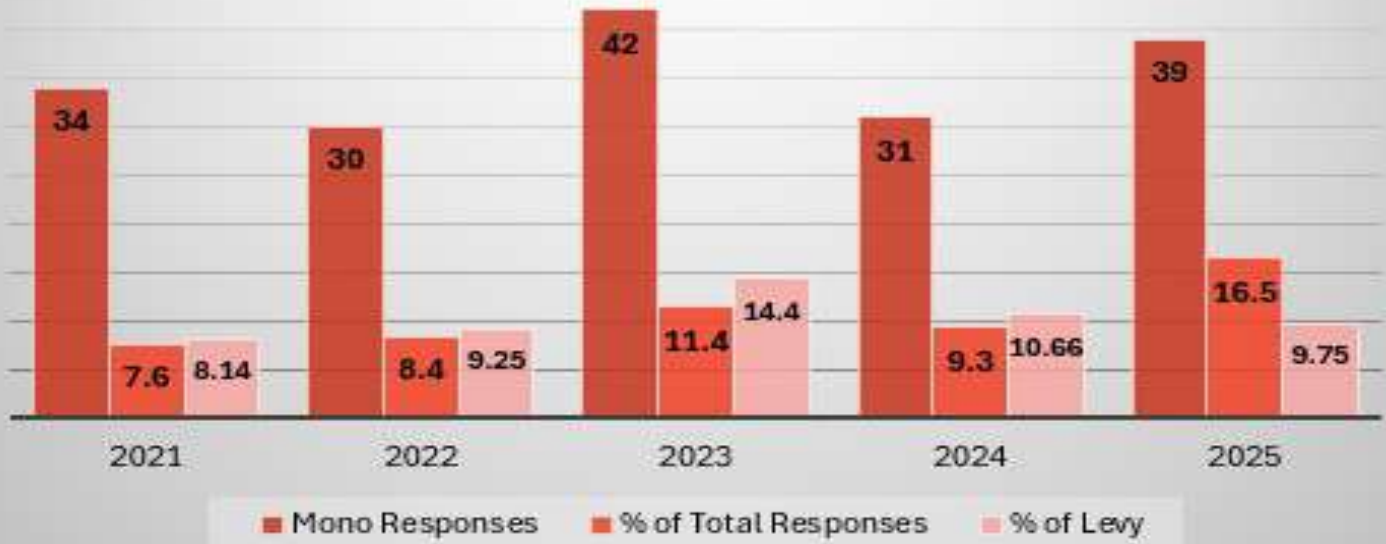


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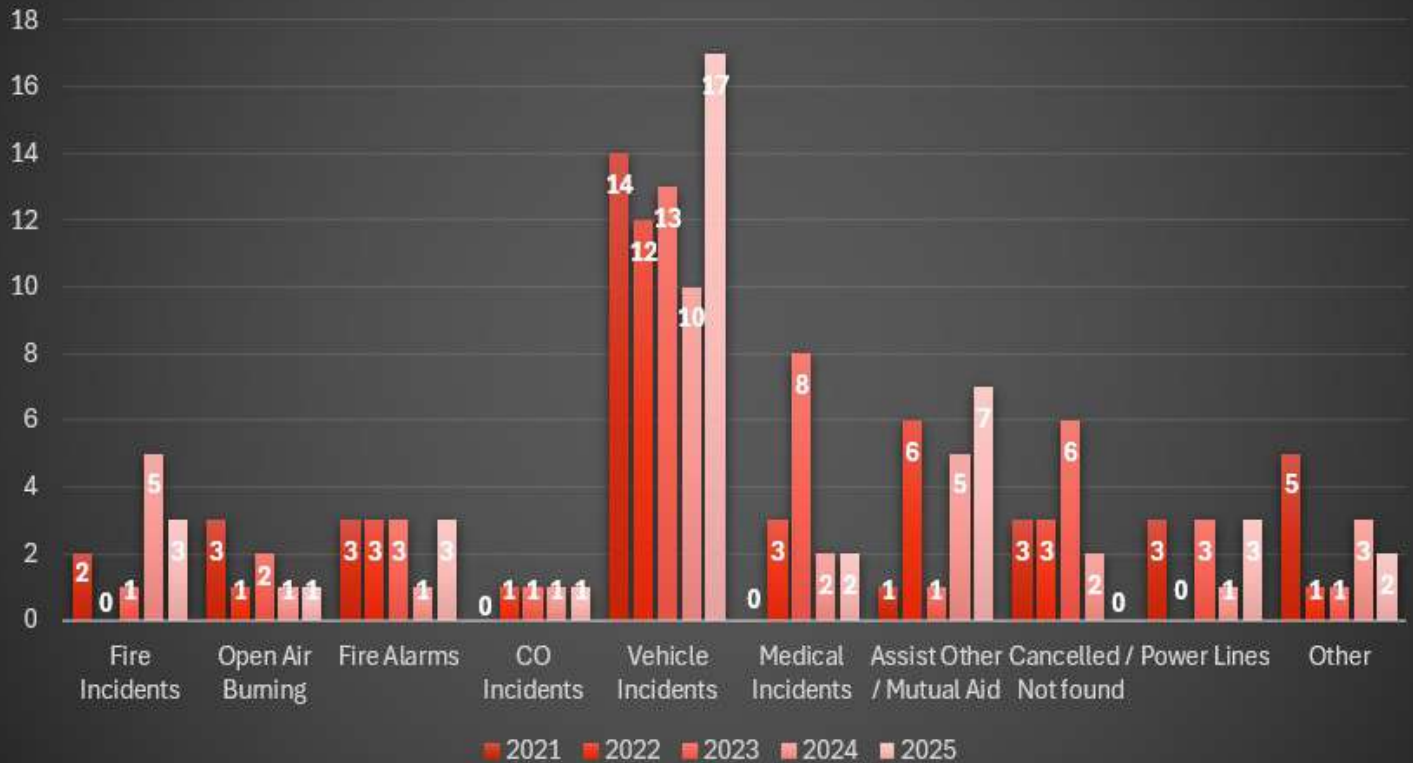


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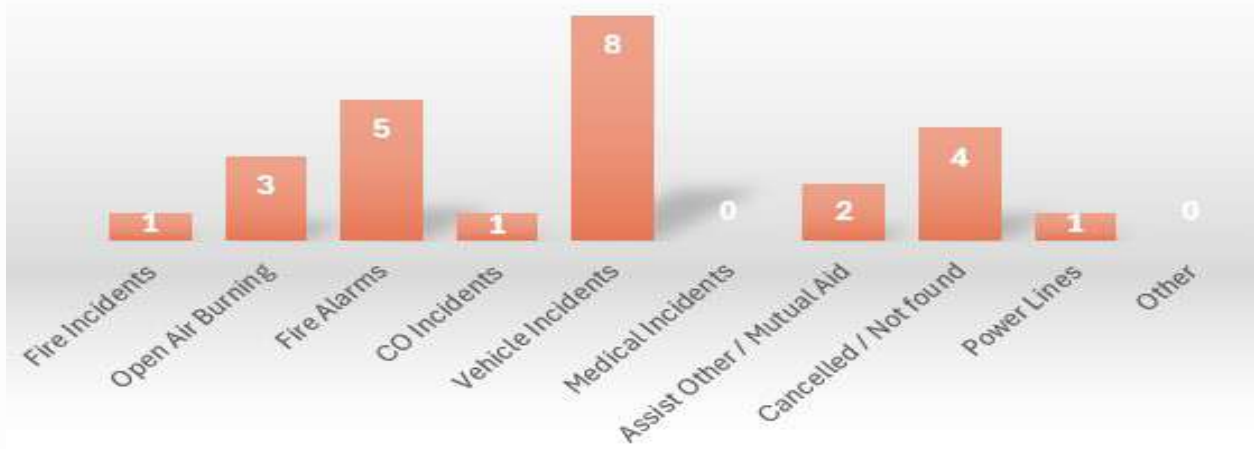


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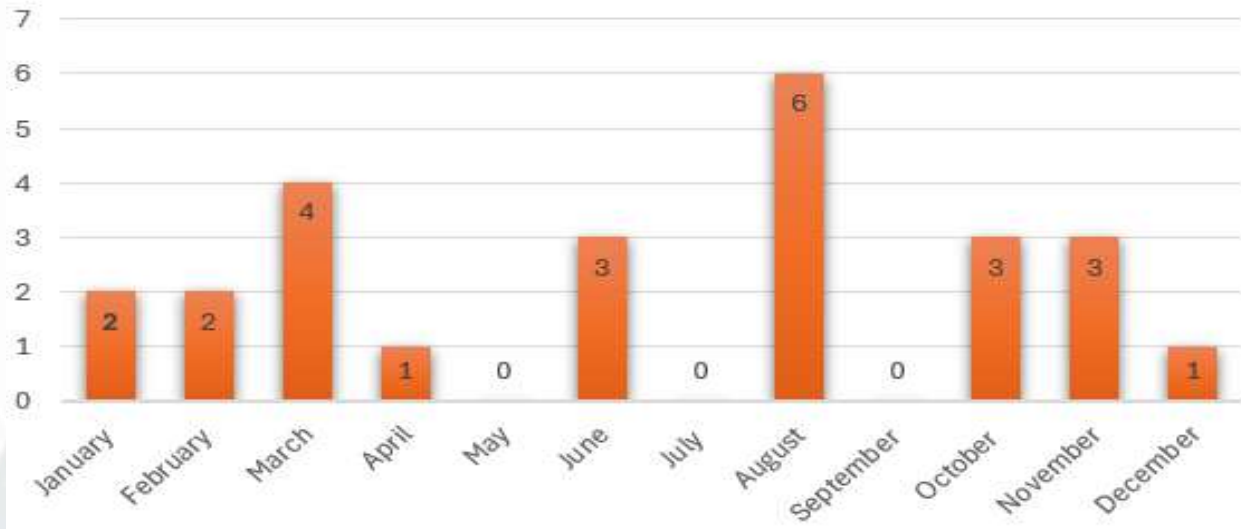


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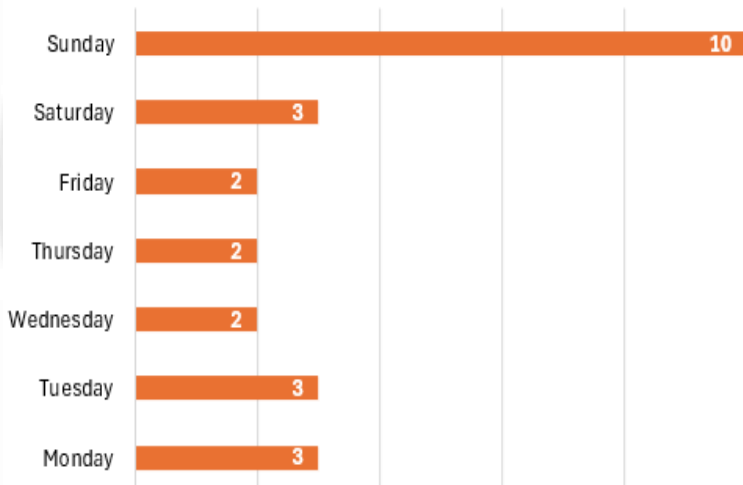
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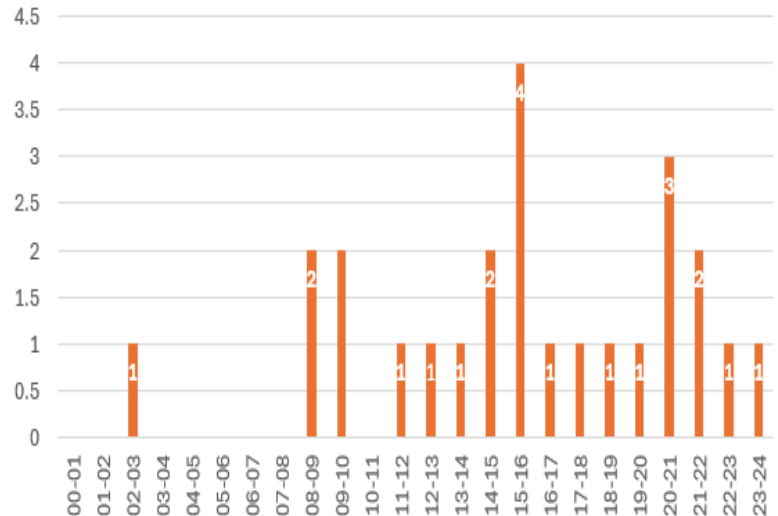
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## 2025 Incidents by Days of the Week

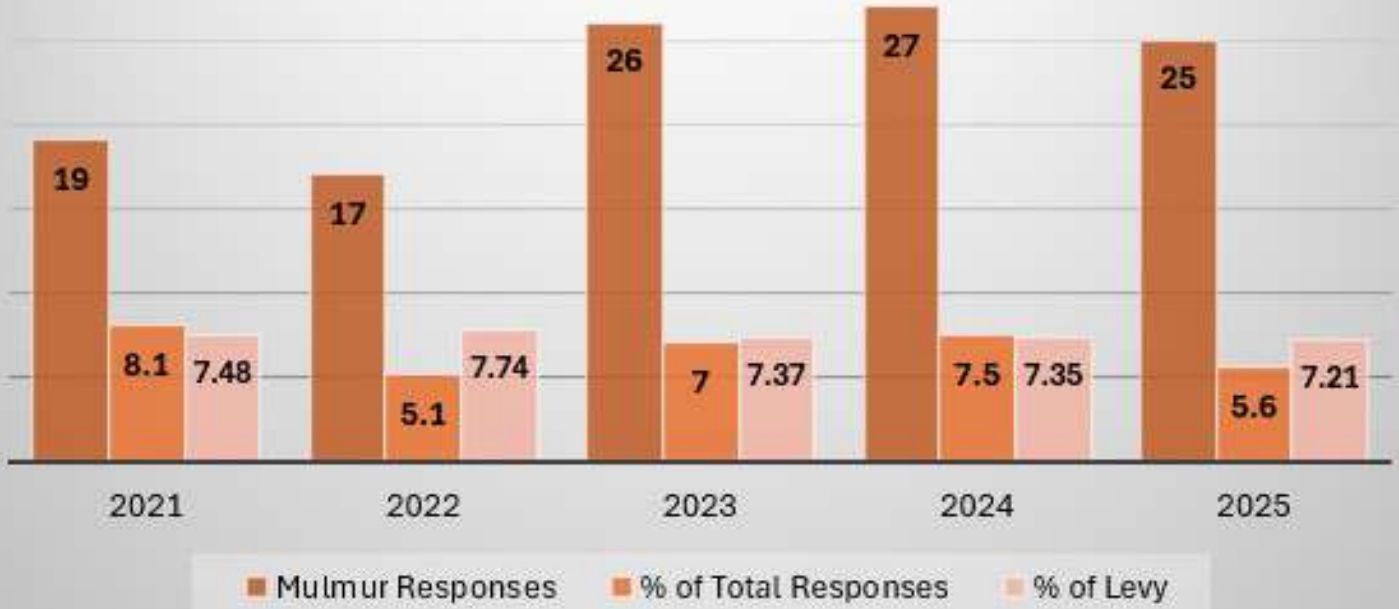


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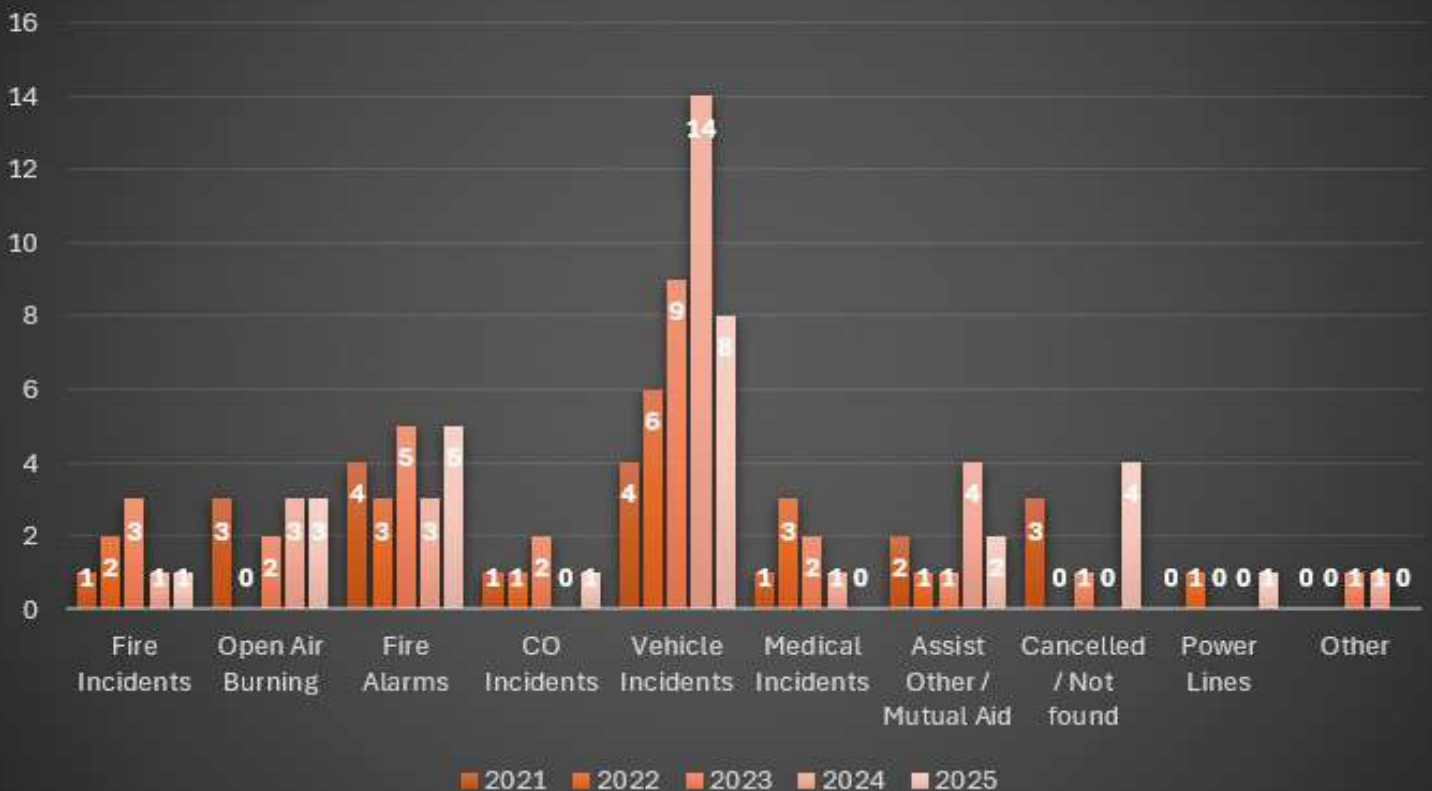


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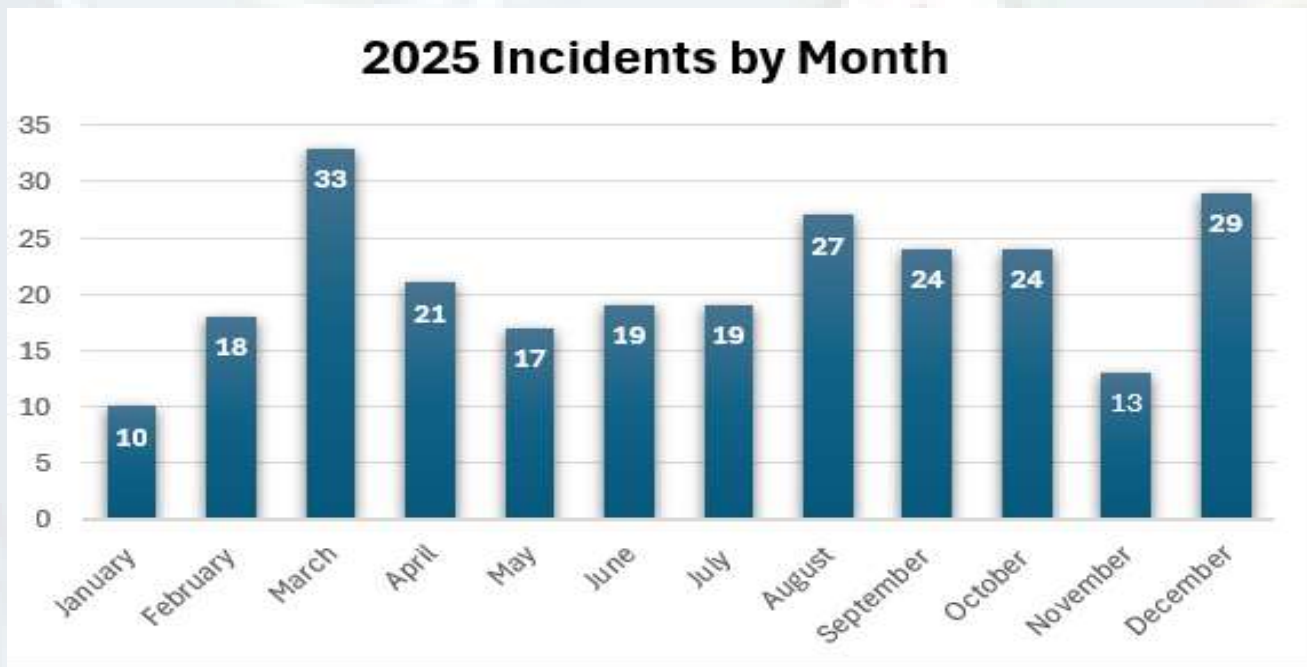
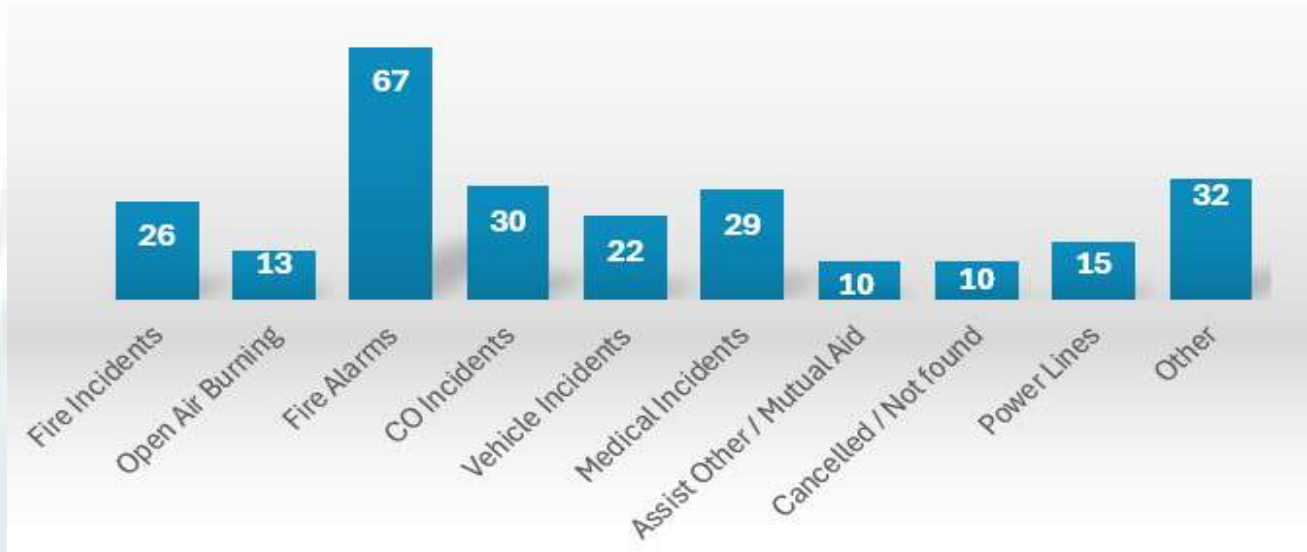


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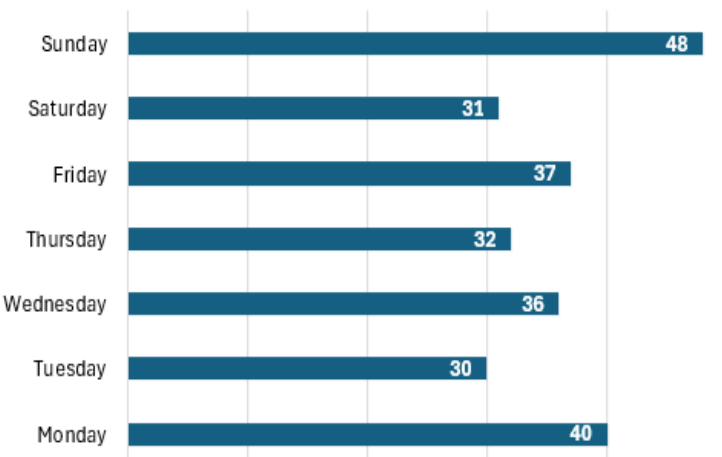


# TOWN of SHELBURNE

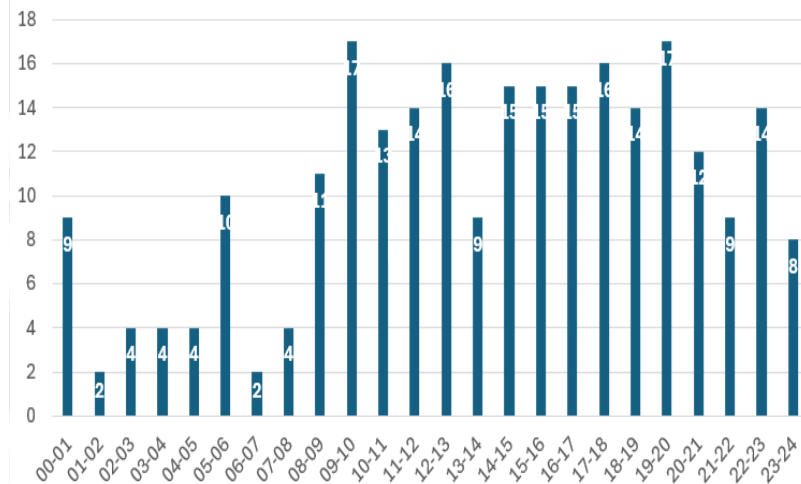
## 2025 Incidents (254)



### 2025 Incidents by Days of the Week

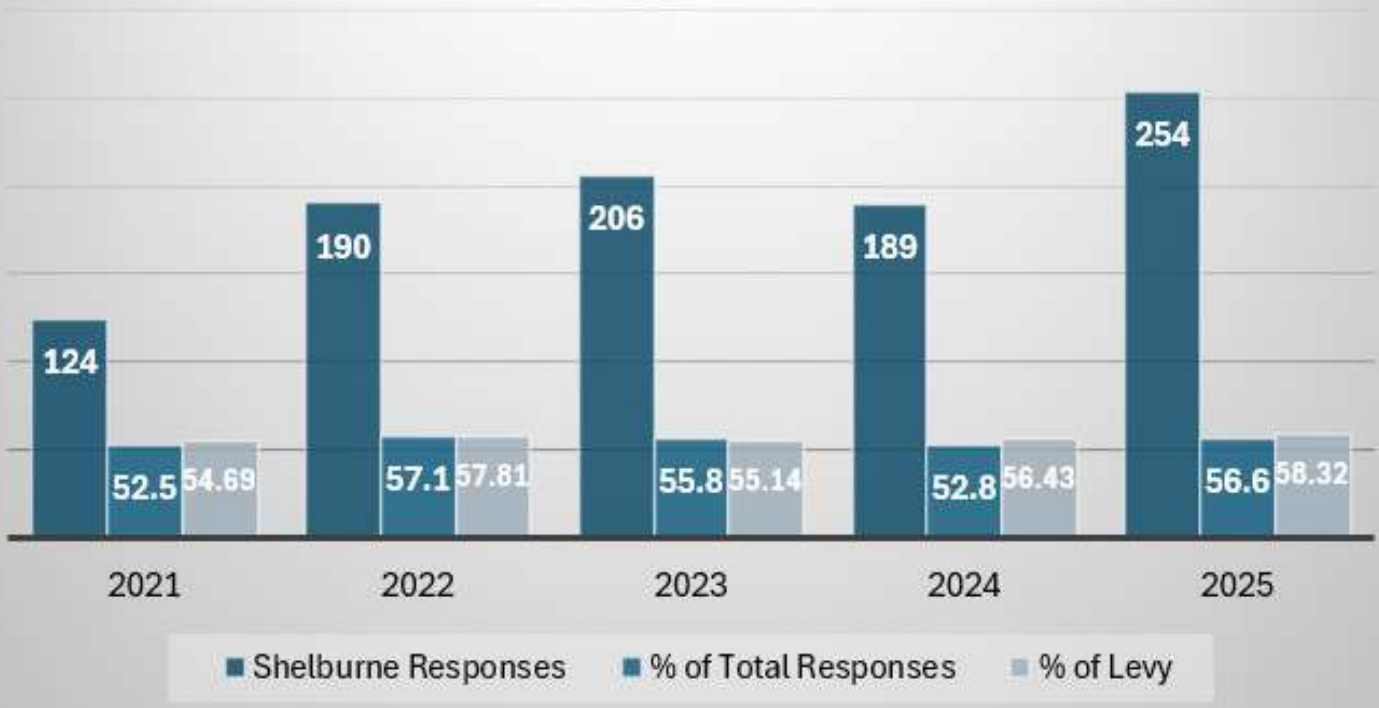


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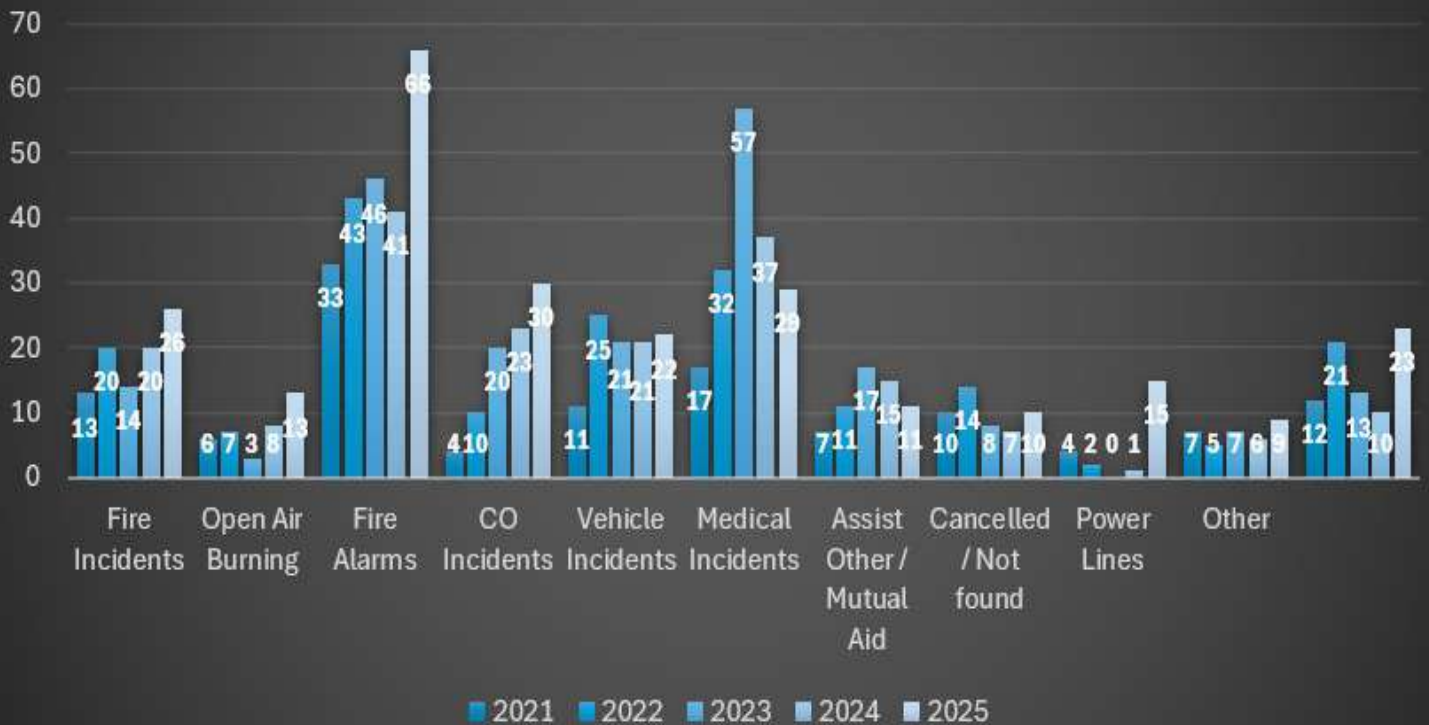


# TOWN of SHELBURNE

## 2021 - 2025 Total Responses



## Incident Type 5-Year Summary



# PUBLIC EDUCATION

## IN THE COMMUNITY

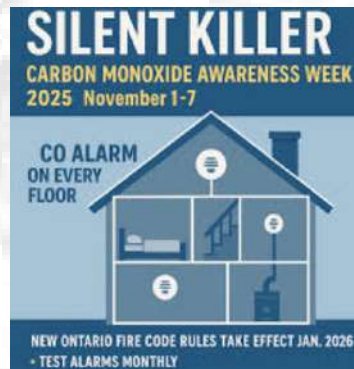
SDFD recognizes that community safety begins with prevention. Through proactive education and engagement, our goal is to reduce incidents before they occur. Public education and fire prevention efforts are central to our goal of building an informed, prepared, and resilient community. SDFD will continue to increase its ability to deliver targeted education initiatives to residents both in-person and online. These initiatives include programs, events, and presentations designed for diverse audiences, including youth, adults, seniors, new Canadians, businesses, and community organizations.



Skate with a Firefighter at CDRC on the Annual Test Your Smoke Alarm Day



Staff participated in the Shelburne Terry Fox Run



Staff helping out at the Fall Fair Feature Smash



Highland Heights E.S. School Meet the Teacher Night



SDFD Fire Prevention Week Open House



Firefighter Green Light Awareness Campaign



SDFD was selected a winner of a Spring Fire Prevention Kit from Medallion Group Insurance, in partnership with the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council

# PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY

- Sparks and Girl Guides Station Tours
- Shelburne Touch –A-Truck Event
- Fire Prevention Week Open House
- Shelburne Santa Claus Parade
- Highland Heights E.S. School Play Day
- Lesson Up After School Program
- Shelburne Firefighters Golf Tournament
- Glenbrook E.S. Kindergarten Class Visits
- Fire Safety Radio Messaging Campaign
- Dufferin Oaks Evacuation Drills
- Tim Horton’s Camp Day
- Dufferin County Community Support Services
- Literature Program—Shelburne Legion
- Remembrance Day Services
- 12 Days of Holiday Safety
- CDRC Summer Camp Visits
- McHappy Day
- YMCA Daycare



Shelburne Firefighters Association Legion Breakfast



Shelburne Firefighters Food & Toy Drive

**12 DAYS OF HOLIDAY FIRE & CO SAFETY**

**12 TIPS FOR HOLIDAY FIRE & CO SAFETY**

- TIP #1 TUESDAY DECEMBER 12** **HOLIDAY LIGHTS.** You don't need to be Clark Griswold to shine bright with lights this holiday! Consider using LED lights and hanging with nail-free clips for your outdoor rated lights. Cut your loss and free damaged strings – an electrical fire is a sure bet for a heavy holiday.
- TIP #2 WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13** **CANDLES & DECORATIONS.** Is that candle too close to the decoration sitting on your table? Fires caused by holiday decorations and open flames from candles are all too common this season. Battery-powered candles are a great alternative but if you must light up, keep candles away from pets and children, put the candle in a sturdy container and always blow out when you leave the room.
- TIP #3 THURSDAY DECEMBER 14** **SMOKE ALARMS.** 'Tis the season – literally! Fatal fires are all too frequent during the holidays. When seconds matter, a working smoke alarm is the gift of lifes in the event of a fire. An alarm on every sleep, tested monthly, and batteries replaced annually, is probably the best gift you can give your family this season.
- TIP #4 FRIDAY DECEMBER 15** **CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS.** Unlike griefmewent, it's odorless. Unlike your uncle's ugly Christmas sweater, it's invisible. Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a deadly gas that can cause flu-like symptoms. A CO alarm alerts you to a potential CO emergency with four beeps and is the best way to protect your family from The Silent Killer.
- TIP #5 SATURDAY DECEMBER 16** **TREE WATERING.** Falling needles are your tree's way of telling you it's drying out and is a fire waiting to happen. Avoid being a statistic and water your tree daily. The way of heat sources near the tree including furnace vents and non-LED lights.
- TIP #6 SUNDAY DECEMBER 17** **EXTENSION CORDS.** Getting wound up in the holiday spirit? Don't "overstress" your outlets. Extension cords are a temporary solution and if more outlets are required, have them installed by a licensed electrician. Fire and electric shock are not on anyone's list this season – avoid overloading a circuit and never run extension cords under a rug.
- TIP #7 MONDAY DECEMBER 18** **KIDS IN THE KITCHEN.** Holiday baking with children this holiday season? Make sure to keep an eye on those little helpers and remember to never leave the oven unattended. Safety first, cookies second. #KidSafeHolidays
- TIP #8 TUESDAY DECEMBER 19** **HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLANNING.** Santa needs one way out of your home – you need two. Give your family the gift of peace of mind with a home fire escape plan and have two ways out of a burning home to ensure your loved ones are prepared for the worst so you can focus on the best: festive cheer!
- TIP #9 WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20** **COOKING.** Holidays are stressful enough but when 17% of fires in Ontario are cooking related, it's important to remember to slow things down in the kitchen. Fires caused by cooking mostly happen when the stove is left unattended so be mindful when cooking and never leave the kitchen while using a stove.
- TIP #10 THURSDAY DECEMBER 21** **HEATING SOURCES.** Really, it's cold outside! Staying warm this Winter Solstice means practicing the safety. Space heaters, wood stoves and fireplaces are all great choices until an accident happens. Keep at least one metre (3 feet) distance between your heat source and combustibles, like paper and fabric.
- TIP #11 FRIDAY DECEMBER 22** **SMOKING.** Lit cigarettes are Ontario's number one cause of fatal fires. This season, have all smoking done outside using deep, sturdy ashtrays. Never flick your butt – a lit butt might be the difference between a holiday to remember and a holiday you'll never forget.
- TIP #12 SATURDAY DECEMBER 23** **LITHIUM ION BATTERIES.** Recharging a new lithium-ion toy during the festive period can be tempting but it can also add potential risk to your home. Always monitor the toy or device when it is charging, read the manufacturer's instructions for safe charging & do not exceed the recommended charging time.



SDFD Fire Hall Visits



Town of Shelburne Touch –A-Truck Event

Approximately 65% of all carbon monoxide deaths and injuries in Ontario occur in the home

**Keep Your Family Safe from Carbon Monoxide**

Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home.

Test them every month.

SDFD Fire Pumpers added fire safety messaging on their roll up doors to help spread safety messaging in the community.

**Don't Forget!**

Test your smoke alarms **once a month** and **change the batteries at least once a year.**

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# 2025 STATION TRAINING

SDFD Training Committee supports the department by maintaining firefighter readiness with overseeing skills maintenance, implementing new technical advancements, and promoting health and safety. Career development through leadership and supervisory training is also supported through this branch.



Laura King, NFPA Regional Director, presented to staff on lithium-ion batteries and NFPA855 'Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems'.

## 2025 Station Training Summary

- 50 Weekly Training Sessions
- Average 25 persons attending
- 3,332 hours annual training
- 4 recruits joined the department

### Firefighting

Firefighter Safety / Survival (RIT Paks)  
Firefighter Lift and Carry  
Vent, Enter, Isolate & Search  
Fire Hose (nozzle & streams)  
Roof Operations  
Salvage and Overhaul  
Fire Control  
Ventilation (positive, negative, hydraulic)  
Search & Rescue  
Wildland Fire Equipment  
Haz Mat (Emergency Response Guide)

### Personal Protective Equipment

Bunker Gear Inspection and Cleaning  
SCBA Donning and Doffing  
SCBA Air Consumption  
Scott SCBA and Jordair Cascade Filling Station



Liz Cordeiro, Program Manager, presented to staff about Boots on the Ground peer support for First Responders

### Medical

Red Cross Standard First Aid - CPR / AED  
Primary Assessment / First Aid Scenarios  
Stokes Basket and Cart

### Auto Extrication

Vehicle Stabilization  
Air Bags  
Chains and Strap Equipment

### Water Supply

Drafting, Water Transfer (Holley Tube)  
Relay Pumping

### Incident Command

Radio communications  
Incident Action Plans  
Draeger Air Monitors  
Thermal Imaging Camera

### Fire Apparatus

Operation and Placement  
Hose Loads / Advancement  
Driver Operations / Safety  
Ladder 28 – Master Streams  
Scene Lighting

# 2025 CERTIFICATION TRAINING

Additional fire certification courses that were completed in 2025 through the Ontario Fire College and Regional Training Centres include:



- NFPA 1002 Pump Operation
- NFPA 1006 Rope Rescue Operations
- NFPA 1021 Fire Officer Level 1
- NFPA 1031 Legislation
- NFPA 1031 Fire Code Division B Part 2 & 6
- NFPA 1031 Courtroom Procedures
- NFPA 1035 Fire & Life Safety Educator Level 1

## MOBILE LIVE FIRE TRAINING UNIT

The Shelburne & District Fire Department hosted the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office (OFM) Mobile Live Fire Training Unit (MLFTU) in July. The MLFTU is a propane-fueled state-of-the-art live-fire simulator, managed by Ontario Fire College instructors and funded by the OFM. This initiative is designed to enhance crucial firefighting skills, including fire suppression, pumper operations, and incident management systems. This unit was brought to SDFD at no cost as it is funded by the province to ensure accessible training throughout Ontario. These units are customizable, with adjustable walls and configurations to simulate various scenarios. The ability to train at home with familiar equipment and team members is vital.



SDFD Fire Board members Gail Little and Melinda Davie, were on hand as SDFD Fire Chief Dave Pratt presented MPP Sylvia Jones an honorary Fire Chief helmet in appreciation of the MLFTU, which was introduced when MPP Jones was Ontario's Solicitor General. Also, thank you to the implementation of the Fire Protection Grant by her government.



The MLFTU initiative was shared with Grand Valley & District Fire Department, Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department, Orangeville Fire Department and Rosemont District Fire Department. Each department brought their own crews and cycled through the MLFTU completing various scenario based training. Over 4 days there were approximately 60 firefighters who participated in live fire training.

# 2025 ROPE TEAM TRAINING

SDFD Rope (Technical Rescue) Team is dedicated to responding to specialized emergencies. The team comprises 14 highly trained members, each possessing advanced skills in this specialty area. Rope rescue demands rigorous training to develop the unique skill sets required.

Members of the team participated in eight all day training sessions and collectively accumulated 415 hours throughout the year.

Rope Rescue is formally an approved level of service, and the team strives for all members to achieve technical level response which includes:

- Accessing a patient that requires the rescuer to climb up or down structures, which can expose the climber to a significant fall hazard.
- Use a rope rescue system to move a rescuer and patient along a horizontal path, above an obstacle or projection.
- Understanding and applying the principles of physics in constructing rope rescue system, including system safety factors, critical angles and causes and effects of force multipliers.
- Performing high-angle rope rescue with a litter using tender(s) to negotiate obstacles, manipulate or position the patient, or provide medical care while being raised or lowered.



# 2025 FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

2025 saw a decrease in the number of completed fire investigations, totaling eight (8) investigations. All files were closed with a possible or probable cause assigned. Table 1 represents the investigations by township. SDFD staff also assisted with three investigations assisting other departments, and mentoring a new fire investigator through a structure fire and fire investigation report.

There were 21 reported '01 Fire' responses recorded in 2025. Eight (8) structure fires and eleven (11) vehicle fires; cumulative cost for these investigations amounted to \$15,655,200 in fire loss.

Table 1.

Township	Types
Amaranth	No investigations completed
Melancthon	1 Structure, 2 outdoor minor fires
Mono	1 Structure (assist OFM & TSSA), 1 vehicle (assist
Mulmur	1 outdoor minor fire
Shelburne	2 structure fires



# LOOKING AHEAD

The Shelburne & District Fire Department (SDFD) is committed to being a data-driven, outcome-based, strategic, customer-focused, properly resourced and modern fire service that supports an inclusive and diverse workplace. Each division has key priority areas moving forward through 2026 to ensure we meet the expectations of our growing community.

As we look ahead to 2026, SDFD remains committed to enhancing our capabilities, advancing firefighter skills, and fostering a culture of excellence in service to the community. Below are some of the key focuses for the year ahead:

**Community Risk Reduction:** Greater community involvement and education in fire safety and prevention is imperative. SDFD will begin exploring various opportunities to advance efforts related to public education and fire prevention. Using existing staff or the development of a Public Education Team, we will address community needs and identify where the verifiable risks lie, and aim to have a measurable impact in lowering fire loss and injuries.



**Further Certifications for Firefighters:** Continuing our commitment to professional development, 2026 will see many of our firefighters pursue additional certifications in specialized areas such as technical rescue, hazardous materials, firefighting, fire officer, fire instructor, pump operations, and emergency medical services. These advanced certifications ensure our team is prepared for a wide range of emergencies, strengthening our readiness and ability to tackle complex situations effectively.



**Commitment of Paid-Per-Call Firefighters:** Above all, the foundation of our fire department's success is the remarkable commitment of our paid-per-call firefighters. These dedicated personnel respond to emergencies at all hours of the day and night, leaving their homes, families, and jobs to serve the community. Whether it's the middle of the night or during a busy workday, their unwavering dedication ensures we are always ready to respond when needed. Their selfless service, often at great personal sacrifice, is the cornerstone of our department's ability to provide exceptional public safety.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are excited about the opportunities for growth and the continued development of our department. We are poised to continue raising the bar for public safety. We are incredibly proud of our paid-per-call firefighters, whose commitment and sacrifice remain the heart of our service to the community.



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