

2023 Highlights

North Okanagan Fire Training Centre (Est. 1991)

2023 was a year of success for the North Okanagan Fire Training Centre (FTC). The new training standards for RDNO firefighters were met in advance of the provincial deadline, new rental customers were added and a much-needed compressor was procured. The facility continues to be well-used by local fire departments and organizations throughout the region. WWW.RDNO.CA/FTC

Facility Features



Live Burn Building



Scaffold Tower



Natural Gas/Propane Props



Fire Extinguisher Training Props



Administration Building & Classroom



Confined Space Structure



Fire Apparatus Pump Testing



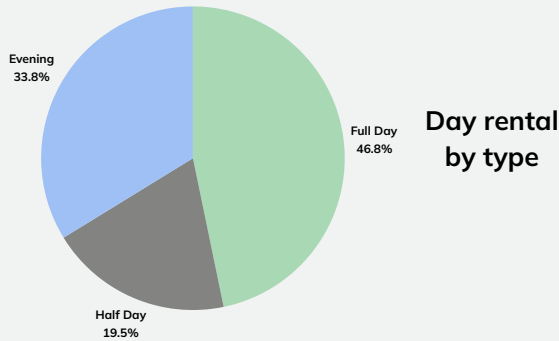
Self-Rescue Structure & Forcible Entry Props



Search and Rescue Props

Rentals

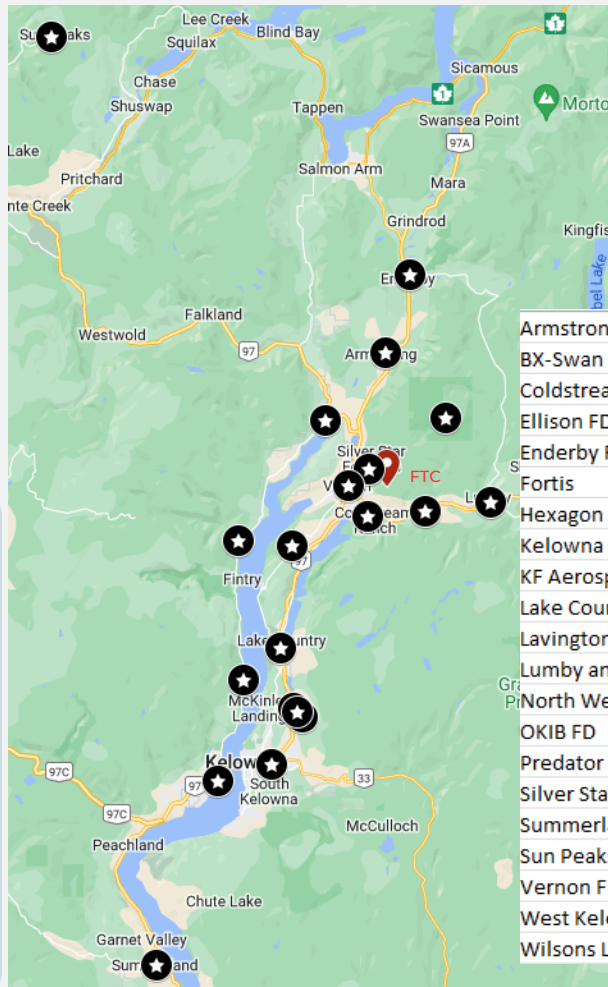
Rentals increased by over 55% from 2022's total largely due to an increase in full-day facility rentals. The facility was rented 77 times in 2023.



Programs and Courses

In addition to facilitating rentals, the FTC offered the following 14 courses in 2023:

- Air Brakes
- Auto Ex/Rope Rescue
- EMALB Licensing
- Emergency Scene Leader, FO I
- Emergency Scene Traffic Control
- EVO 1002
- Exterior Firefighter
- Fire Service Instructor I
- Firefighter II
- Medical First Responder
- HazMat Operations
- Incident Safety Officer
- Interior Firefighter
- WFF-WPP I Train-the-Trainer



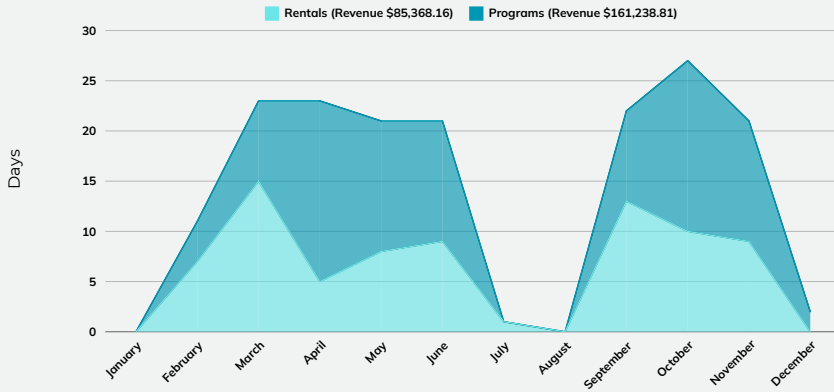
Users & Distance Travelled

Armstrong/Spallumcheen FD	26 km
BX-Swan Lake FR	6.2 km
Coldstream FD	6.6 km
Ellison FD	44.5 km
Enderby FD	39 km
Fortis	416.6 km
Hexagon Purus Systems	44.3 km
Kelowna FD	51.4 km
KF Aerospace	42.8 km
Lake Country FD	33.5 km
Lavington FR	15.4 km
Lumby and Dist. FD	26.5 km
North Westside RD	44.5 km
OKIB FD	19.4 km
Predator Ridge FD	18.5 km
Silver Star FD	24.4 km
Summerland FD	100 km
Sun Peaks FD	173 km
Vernon FD	4.7 km
West Kelowna FR	61.4 km
Wilson's Landing FD	67.2 km

FTC Bookings by month

To accommodate summer vacation and winter weather the facility is typically used more frequently February to June, September to November.

FTC Facility Use by Month



RDNO FTC Team



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Manager, Rural Services

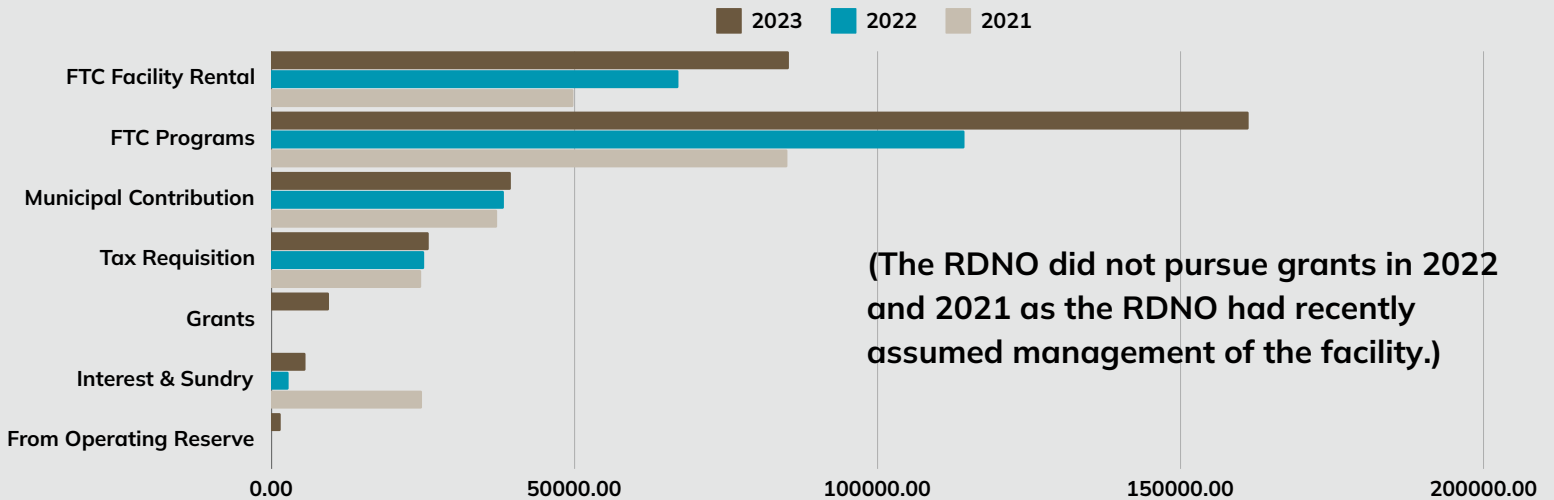
Alastair Crick
Manager, Protective Services

Steve Hidasi
Fire Training Officer

Sharon Ilott
Clerk, Protective Services

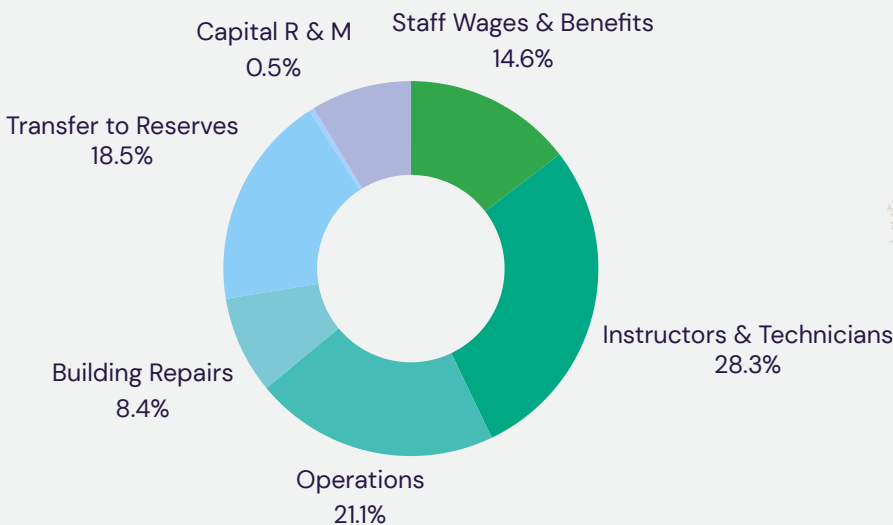
The RDNO FTC Team is supported by many contractors, instructors, and technicians.

Revenue

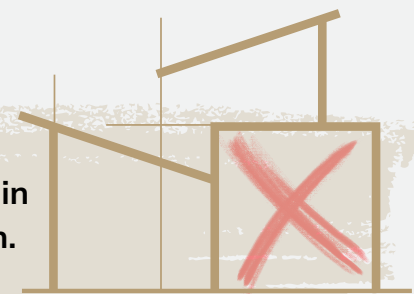


(The RDNO did not pursue grants in 2022 and 2021 as the RDNO had recently assumed management of the facility.)

Expenses



Burn building in poor condition.



A Preliminary structural assessment of the burning building revealed widespread cracking and spalling of its concrete walls, ceilings and floors. The NE quadrant, originally built in 1988, is closed temporarily pending further assessments. Repairs to the remainder of the building will take place early 2024. These repairs will ensure the safety of users for training purposes in the short term. Discussions for long-term use of the burn building are ongoing.