



2024
Indigenous Public
Safety Conference

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Conférence sur la Sécurité Publique Autochtone

Vancouver, British Columbia

SCHEDULE/ CALENDRIER

October 22-23/ 22-23 Octobre

Pre Conference Training/Formation Pré-Conférence

October 24-25/ 24-25 Octobre

Indigenous Public Safety Conference/Conférence sur la Sécurité Publique Autochtone

October 26/ 26 Octobre

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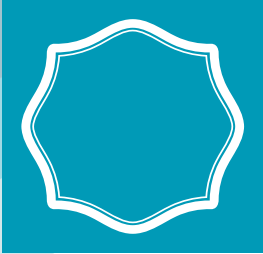
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Meaning Behind the IPS Conference Logo

The National Indigenous Fire Safety Council (NIFSC) is pleased to unveil its Indigenous Public Safety (IPS) Conference logo. It was designed to represent the key services that support public safety in Indigenous communities.



The **Maltese Cross** has been used by the fire service to represent truth, protection, honor, and courage which are core to all Fire Services across Canada.

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Star of Life is used to identify pre-hospital emergency medical services, the six points of the star of life represent detection, reporting, response, on scene care, care in transit, and transfer to definitive care. The IPS Conference will continue to serve as a place for knowledge sharing, discussion and expansion of pre-hospital emergency medical services to Indigenous communities.

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The feather represents trust, honor strength, wisdom, power, and freedom. These values are at the heart of every Indigenous community and represent the fundamentals that fire departments and fire safety organizations operate. The feather also reminds us to incorporate traditional Indigenous values, customs, and culture in our work and the IPS Conference.

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The headset represents the vital role in communication required to provide public safety services from connecting the community to the service urgently required (911), alerting fire and emergency response, response communication to keep responder safe, and connect with other agencies that will collaborate to support the event (police, ambulance, mutual aid, wildfire, hospitals, etc.).

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Together, these symbols represent the IPS Conference and its goal of the future of Indigenous communities, emergency medical services, and fire protection. This conference brings together professionals from across the country to share knowledge, collaborate, build connections, and gain access to training opportunities that will contribute to safer communities.

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Opening Remarks from NIFSC Executive Director

Michelle Vandevord

My name is Michelle Vandevord (Day Star Woman) from Muskoday First Nation, Saskatchewan, where I have resided for over 25 years. I'm a mother of three daughters and three sons. I'm also a very proud Kokum to four grandsons. I started volunteering to be a good role model for my daughters and females in my community. It is also to keep my grandmothers and mothers' legacy of volunteering alive in my family.

I'm the longest serving female firefighter and the first female Captain in my department's history. I'm very proud to be a part of a very active and progressive First Nation Volunteer Fire Department. I have received our Fire Departments Hubert Bear Memorial Award for volunteering which I'm very proud of as it is named after my uncle. I was honored by my community when I received the Fire Service Exemplary Service Medal with my brothers in the pow wow circle.

I'm currently the Interim Executive Director for the National Indigenous Fire Safety Council (NIFSC) and part time Associate Director for Saskatchewan First Nation Emergency Management (SFNEM). The regional and national organizations are working to improve fire and emergency services on-reserve. This work is both very rewarding and challenging. On August 15th, 2019, I was voted as the Saskatchewan Director for the Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada (AFAC) at the Annual General Assembly. I was then voted as President on August 15th, 2020. In both positions I'm the first female in the Associations history. I'm proud to be the President at such a historic time as AFAC manages the creation of the National Indigenous Fire Safety Council. The term "for us by us" is something that I have kept close to my heart as we stand up an organization built to support First Nations Safety on-reserve. The new organization is operational and will continue to serve the needs of First Nations, Metis and Inuit moving forward.

I was very honored to be selected as a recipient of the National Fire Protection Association Rising Star Program which allowed me to travel to San Antonio, Texas in 2019 to attend the National Fire Prevention Association Conference. On Nov 20th, 2019, I was voted as a Board Member for the National FireSmart Board a program which I have been actively promoting to all our First Nation communities.

I currently sit on the SARIDM Advisory Group, SFN EM Technical Working Group, Sk. Provincial Training Standards Committee, Saskatoon EMO, NIFSC TAC Committee, Sk. First Responder Mental Health Committee, Red Cross/PAGC Collaboration Committee, to name a few. I was also honored to be selected to sit on the National Steering Committee for AFN and ISC which addressed the Emergency Management Assistance Program Auditor General Report and Recommendations.

My job every day is to support First Nation Fire & Emergency Management training, response, and improve services on-reserve. My teams are creating real change and building capacity that has been recognized across Saskatchewan and Canada "for us, by us".

Michelle Vandevord
Executive Director / National Indigenous Fire Safety Council

Land Acknowledgement



We would like to acknowledge Musqueam Nation is a First Nation whose traditional territory encompasses the western half of what is now Greater Vancouver, in British Columbia, Canada. Musqueam's ancestors have lived throughout and stewarded the Fraser River estuary for thousands of years.

Keynote Speakers

Douglas Hall

Closing Ceremonies Keynote Speaker

Douglas qualified for the High School National Finals Rodeo and the College National Finals Rodeo. He was the Reserve Champion Saddle Bronc Rider in the Big Sky Region and qualified for the PRCA Columbia River Circuit Finals. 2 years after he qualified for the PRCA Columbia River Circuit Finals, he had 2 bucking horses that he raised qualify for that same circuit finals.



Douglas graduated from The University of Montana Western with a Bachelor's degree in business administration, a Bachelor's in Natural Horsemanship, an Associates in Natural Horsemanship, and an Associate in equine management.

He's been featured on TV shows like The Real Winning Edge, Special Cowboy Moments, and on Flint Rasmussen's show Outside The Barrel. He was also in Ian Munsick's music video "White Buffalo."

He's also been featured on Montana's news station KRTV several times for riding bucking horses, raising bucking horses, being an inspirational speaker, and being a stuntman in the movie industry.



Terry Diabo Sr.

Opening Ceremonies Keynote Speaker

Terry Diabo Sr's passion for protecting Kahnawake and all Indigenous communities still burns, even after he has retired from the volunteer fire brigade after 40 years of esteemed service.

Terry was a founding member of the Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada (AFAC) that is now the National Indigenous Fire Safety Council (NIFSC). He has held positions as secretary/treasurer and was president for 10 years.

Message from Knowledge Keeper

Alec Guerin

Alec is a dedicated student of Musqueam language and culture, deeply invested in preserving Indigenous heritage. His journey began with a curiosity about his own roots, leading him to explore the rich narratives and traditions of the Musqueam people. As an associate of the JWR Group, he plays a vital role in supporting First Nations across British Columbia and Canada with governance building and negotiations, empowering communities to navigate complex legal landscapes and assert their sovereignty.



In addition to his professional work, Alec is a passionate maker and storyteller. He finds joy in creating art that reflects Indigenous culture, often using traditional techniques and materials. Through storytelling circles, he shares both traditional Musqueam tales and contemporary narratives, fostering understanding and empathy among diverse audiences. Alec's multifaceted approach not only honors his heritage but also inspires others to appreciate and engage with Indigenous cultures.

Indigenous Public Safety Conference



National Indigenous Fire Safety Council
Conseil national autochtone de la sécurité incendie



Schedule

24 October Thursday		25 October Friday	
8:00 - 9:30	Opening Ceremony/ Keynote Address/Breakfast	8:30 - 9:30	Breakfast
9:30 - 10:30	Session 1 Panel Discussion	9:30 - 10:30	Session 5 Panel Discussion
10:30 - 10:45	Break	10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 11:45	Session 2	10:45 - 11:45	Session 6
11:45 - 12:45	Lunch	11:45 - 12:45	Lunch
12:45 - 13:45	Session 3	12:00	Trade show Day 2 concludes
13:45 - 14:00	Break	12:00 - 13:30	Closing Ceremony/ Keynote Address
14:00 - 15:00	Session 4	13:30 - 13:45	Break
15:15 - 16:00	Cancer Prevention Session	13:45 - 14:45	Session 7
17:30	Trade show Day 1 concludes	14:45 - 15:00	Break
16:00 - 19:00	Networking Event	15:00 - 16:00	Session 8

Session Detail

Stream

- Fire Operations
- Wildfire
- Emergency Management
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Fire Prevention
- Climate Change
- Policy management

Session 2 (10:45-11:45)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dave Robertson Capilano Room First Five Command ● Shaun McCumber/Kevin Hardy Fraser Room Fire prevention through inspections and utilizing Artificial Intelligence ● Michelle Vandevord/Blaine Wiggins Whistler Ballroom Value Protection Basics ● Dave Waterhouse Lillooet Room Your FD's Carbon Footprint improvement and the socio-economic impact of Fire Prevention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Steven Santelli Thompson Room CN Rail Emergency Response and Training Opportunities ● Arnold Lazare Similkameen Room Traditional Fire Knowledge Policy Management ● Arjuna George Birkenhead Room The 7 Gifts From Burnout

Session 3 (12:45–13:45)

- **Jeremy Parkin Capilano Room**
Fireground Safety, Conducting Community Risk Assessments
- **Blaine Wiggins Fraser Room**
Fire Prevention
- **Kenzie Hartt Whistler Ballroom**
Community-Based Wildfire Planning
- **Cheryl Evans Lillooet Room**
Dust-Busting 101: Community-Based Approaches to Kickstart Climate Resilience
- **Marc D’Aquino/Cam Challenger Thompson Room**
Skills for High-Stress Operations
- **Monte “Awan” Fronk Birkenhead Room**
Honoring Nada Fronk A Native Fathers Experience with his Missing and Murdered Indigenous Daughter
- **Len Garis Similkameen Room**
Fire Fighters Health and Safety

Session 4 (14:00–15:00)

- **Gary Foo and Nicholas Rhone Capilano Room**
Waterless Initial Suppression for Exigent Response
- **Len Garis Lillooet Room**
Fire Deaths in Indigenous Communities
- **DeLea Mapstone Whistler Ballroom**
Community Fire Risk Reduction Dashboard Enhancement Project
- **Marley Kozak (Virtual) Fraser Room**
Harmony in Diversity: Harnessing Thematic Engagement for Climate Adaptation – Insights from Piikani Nation and the Region of Wood Buffalo
- **Jonathan Reimer Birkenhead Room**
Decision-making under Uncertainty in Emergency Management
- **Jeremy Parkin Similkameen Room**
Bylaws 101
- **Richard Amnotte Thompson Room**
Cancer Prevention and Risk Reduction

Session 6 (10:45–11:45)

- **Leon Smallboy Similkameen Room**
Reconciliation & Fire Services
- **Amanda Robbins Lillooet Room**
Exploring the National Fire Information Database 2005–2021 for fire incidents involving Indigenous Communities in Canada
- **Anabela Bonada Capilano Room**
Wildfire-Ready: Empowering our Communities to Mitigate Wildfire Risk
- **William Gordon Glenwood Maddess Fraser Room**
Update your Knowledge
- **Ryan William Schubert Thompson Room**
Energy Emergency – Lessons Learned
- **Kevin McDonald (Virtual) Whistler Ballroom**
The Levels of Service Standards (Indigenous Services Canada)
- **Jan Chappel Birkenhead Room**
Build it Better: Approaches for Implementing an Occupational Health and Safety Program



Session 7 (13:45–14:45)

- **Adam Hawryliw Lillooet Room**
Fire fighting in our communities and the struggles you deal with
- **Monte “Awan” Fronk Whistler Ballroom**
Tribal Community Risk Reduction- A Cultural Approach
- **Kelsey Winter Fraser Room**
Post-wildfire examinations
- **Christopher Boucher/Jeremy Fyke Capilano Room**
Climate Data for Long-term Wildfire Planning and Preparedness
- **Josée Boudreau Similkameen Room**
Transportation of Dangerous Goods Directorate (TDG)
- **Gina M Nagano Birkenhead Room**
Community Safety & Social Justice Infrastructure
- **Marc D’Aquino Thompson Room**
How to Develop a Strong Emergency Coordinator Position in your community

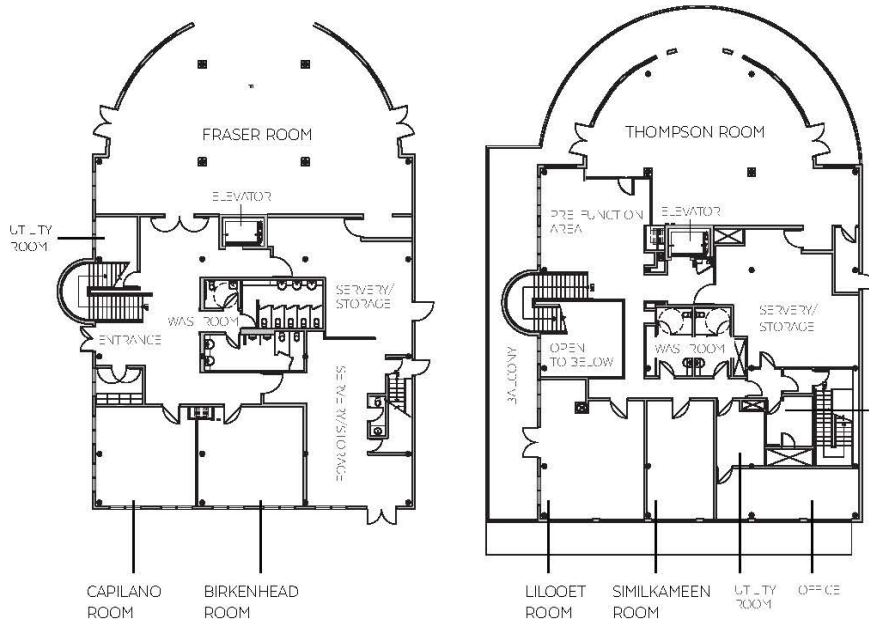
Session 8 (15:00–16:00)

- **Matt Lapointe/ Kelsey Boettcher Capilano Room**
Ignitable Liquid Detection Canines: Sniffing out cause and origin
- **Malina Garner Fraser Room**
FireSmart BC & Community Resiliency in British Columbia
- **Clifford Jerome Buettner Lillooet Room**
Saskatchewans Indigenous Approach to Wildfire and Firesmart
- **ISC Whistler Ballroom**
Session Content to be determined
- **Fady Al Zarka Similkameen Room**
CANUTEC and the 2024 Emergency Response Guidebook
- **Leon Smallboy/ Blaine Wiggins Birkenhead Room**
Policy development to utilize Fire & Building Codes
- **Ryan William Schubert Thompson Room**
Change Management and Strategy in Health and Safety Programming

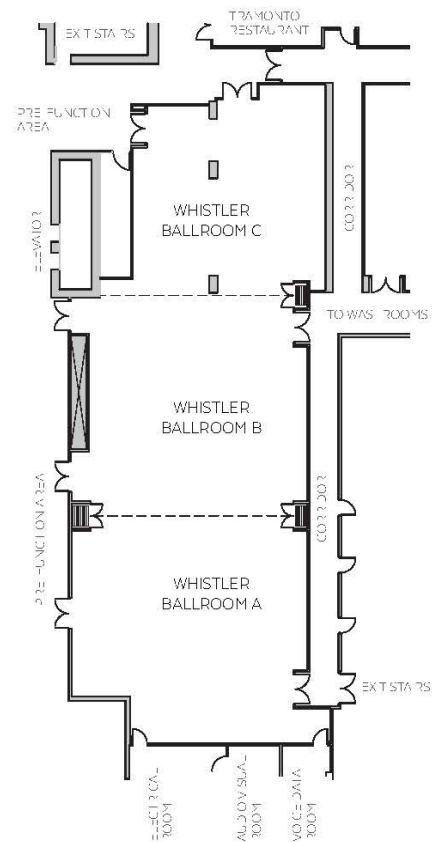


MEETING SPACE CONFIGURATIONS

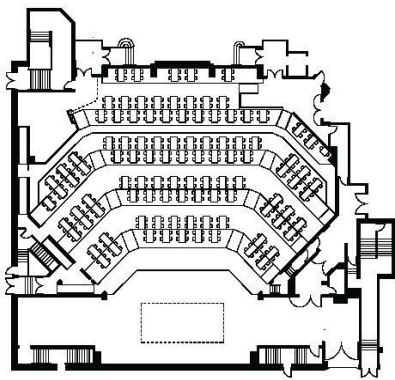
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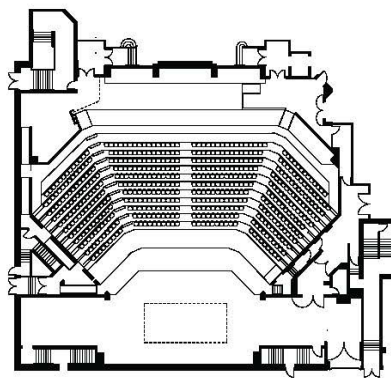
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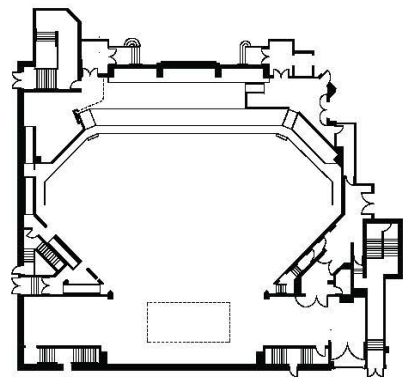
SHOW THEATRE CONFIGURATIONS



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THEATRE SEATING



SPECIAL EVENTS

Speaker Biographies



Adam Hawryliw **Iqaluit Fire Department**

Adam Hawryliw is currently working as Deputy Fire Chief for the City of Iqaluit Nunavut, with 20 years of experience in the fire and emergency services field as Deputy Chief, training officer, instructor, captain, 1st to 5th class firefighter and worked as a probationary fire to earn the above positions mentioned. He grew up in Saskatchewan on mosquito grizzly bear head lean man reserve. He excels in stressful environments and can perform professionally under pressure.



Amanda Robbins **National Research Council**

Amanda has 20+ years of fire safety experience, bringing together research, engineering design, codes standards development, and policy and technical development. Her work has supported such areas as the development of new standards, code changes, and informing fire service policy and operational decisions. Using collaborative teams and working with intended users, she is passionate about developing evidence-based, useful and usable solutions that empower communities to make informed decisions.



Anabela Bonada **Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation, University of Waterloo**

Dr. Bonada leads and supports research that integrates science, project management, risk assessment and policy to understand and adapt to a changing climate. Dr. Bonada engages with scientists, government officials, and community stakeholders to implement practical solutions that address climate challenges, with a focus on wildfire, extreme heat, flooding and erosion, and nature-based solutions.



Arjuna George **Silver Arrow Coaching & Consulting**

Arjuna George, CEC, CTMP, CCS, CWS, a seasoned leader with 25 years of experience, retired from the Fire Service in 2021 after 24 years of exemplary service. Now an executive coach and consultant, Arjuna empowers high performers and emerging leaders to master stress and build resilience.



Arnold Lazare
National Indigenous Fire Safety Council

Arnold has been a member of the Kahnawake Fire Brigade for 43 years and was Fire Chief for 17 years. He is an instructor with the JIBC, Quebec Fire Academy and the Red Cross. He recently retired from the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake as the Director of Public Safety. He continues to support fire life safety in communities as the Deputy Chief of Operations for the IFMS.



Blaine Wiggins
National Indigenous Fire Safety Council

From the Bay of Quinte Mohawks in Ontario, and raised in the interior of British Columbia, Blaine Wiggins is committed to improving safety in First Nations communities. Blaine has led regional and national organizations to bring awareness and support measured progress to address legislative, policy, capacity and resource gaps in First Nations fire and emergency services.



Cam Challenger
Holistic Emergency Preparedness & Response

Cam Challenger started his emergency and disaster lifestyle 27 years ago at age 13 when his mother forced him into Bronze Medallion, an entry level water rescue course, because “you can’t sit at home all summer” -Ms. Challenger. Since that time, he has been employed as a Head Lifeguard, Ocean Lifeguard, Dive Master, and Rescue Diver. Emergency Medical Responder and Primary Care Paramedic. Industrial Firefighter and contract rescue professional.



Cheryl Evans
Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation

Cheryl Evans is the Principal Consultant at Climate Ready Together Ltd. She has over 20 years’ experience working collaboratively with residents, businesses and all orders of government to create climate-ready risk assessment tools, public and professional training programs, and community-based education projects. Cheryl holds a Bachelor of Environment and Resource Studies from the University of Waterloo and is currently pursuing a Master’s Degree in Disaster and Emergency Management from Royal Roads University.



Christopher Boucher
Canadian Centre for Climate Services

Chris Boucher is a Policy Analyst with the Northern and Indigenous Service Delivery team at the Canadian Centre for Climate Services.



Clifford Jerome Buettner
Prince Albert Grand Council - Forestry and Emergency Protective Services

Cliff Buettner is the Director of Forestry and Emergency Protective Services Prince Albert Grand Council. He graduated from Renewable Resources Technology – Kelsey Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences (Saskatoon) in 1980. He worked for Saskatchewan Environment and seasonally seconded to Wildfire Management Branch for 17 years primarily involved in Wildland Fire Suppression Operations.



Dave Robertson
Fire Edge Fire Service Training

Chief Dave Robertson has 25 years in the fire service in 5 different departments, from busy urban systems to wildland to rural/semi-rural. He has instructed within his fire departments, in fire academies, paramedic schools, private fire institutions, and as a Chief of Training. He created fire operations curriculum for a soon-to-be-rolled-out national training for Indigenous community fire departments with NIFSC.



Dave Waterhouse
Montreal Security Service

Mr. Dave Waterhouse is currently Assistant Chief at the Service de sécurité incendie de Montréal. He is the co-author of numerous studies on the economic and social benefits of Fire Department’s operational activities and Fire Prevention programs. He is an active contributor at the NFPA Research Foundation.



DeLea Mapstone
Canadian Public Safety Operations Organization

DeLea Mapstone is spearheading stakeholder consultative engagement for the Community Fire Risk Reduction Dashboard Enhancement Project for the Canadian Public Safety Operations Organization (CanOps), in partnership with Statistics Canada. With over 25 years of experience in public safety and stakeholder liaison roles, DeLea specializes in communications and stakeholder relations, employing a holistic approach to her work.



Fady Al Zarka
Transport Canada

Fady Al Zarka has been with CANUTEC since 2017, first as an Emergency Response Advisor and now as the Manager of Research and Publishing Services. He holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Chemical Engineering, and an Honours Bachelor of Sciences with Specialization in Biochemistry. Fady plays a lead role in the development, publication, and distribution of the 2024 Emergency Response Guidebook.



Gary Foo
Independent First Nations Alliance Regional Fire Rescue

Gary Foo is the Deputy Fire Chief of Independent First Nations Alliance Regional Fire Rescue (IFNA – RFR) and in heads the Special Operations, Standards and Training. Deputy Chief Foo is known as a visionary and dynamic leader with an extensive range of expertise and skills who is passionate about First Nations and safer communities.



Gina M Nagano
House of Wolf & Associates Inc.

Gina Nagano is a Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation Beneficiary and Citizen of the Wolf Clan from Dawson City in Yukon. Gina retired from her first career with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) after 21 years of loyal service. She has had a very diverse background in policing and served as operational and administrative police officer within the RCMP and within many Aboriginal Communities in Canada.



Jan Chappel
Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety

Jan Chappel is a Senior Technical Specialist at the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) where she provides expertise in mental health, workplace safety, occupational hygiene, and education to CCOHS' team of specialists. Jan is the project lead for the Center's online fact sheets (OSH Answers) and publications.



Jeremy Fyke
Canadian Centre for Climate Services

Jeremy Fyke has a background climate science and services, which includes a Geology degree and Climate Modelling MSc the UVic Climate Modelling Lab, PhD work at Victoria University of Wellington (VUW) in New Zealand and postdoctoral and staff climate research positions at the US Department of Energy Los Alamos National Laboratory.



Jeremy Parkin
Chippewas of Rama First Nation

Jeremy Parkin, E.C.F.O. is the Director of Emergency Services for Rama First Nation where he oversees fire & paramedic services, and emergency management. In his twenty-plus year career which includes volunteer firefighter experience, Jeremy has been an active member in various local, provincial and federal boards and committees.



Jonathan Reimer
Capital Regional District / Emergent Risk Management

Jonathan Reimer is a senior fire and emergency manager. He was Director of BC's Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre, member of Canada's National Incident Management team, and led response to Canada's largest wildfire disaster. He holds a Masters of Science and is a leading researcher on decision-making under uncertainty. He is an Emergency Manager with the Capital Regional District and principal of Emergent Risk Management Ltd.



Josée Boudreau
Transport Canada, Transportation of Dangerous Goods

Josée has been with Transport Canada, dangerous goods for almost 20 years. She started at CANUTEC and now has been based out of Abbotsford for the past 8 years. Her focus is both Part 7 of the TDG regulations which covers ERAP requirements as well as Emergency Response to dangerous goods incidents. Incident attendance of note include Lac Mégantic Québec derailment, Gainford Alberta LPG railcar vent and burn operations.



Kelsey Winter
FPInnovations

Kelsey Winter is the mother of three young girls and her and her husband are grateful to be able to raise their family on the traditional lands of the Lekwenen Peoples, today known as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations. She is the Manager of Wildfire Operations Research at FPInnovations, a national not-for-profit that specializes in creating solutions that accelerate the growth of the Canadian forest sector.



Kenzie Hartt
The Ember Alliance

Kenzie Hartt has focused her career on conservation and restoration of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado, USA. She has worked in private land conservation, stewardship and volunteer management, ecological restoration, and wildfire planning and preparedness. As a project manager with The Ember Alliance, Kenzie works with communities in Colorado, Washington, and other states to understand their wildfire risk and make action plans for mitigating that risk.



Kevin Hardy
CGI & Mustimuhw Information Systems

With over 20 years of experience, Kevin is a proven leader in guiding teams to deliver data analytics solutions that transform organizations by enhancing their analytical capabilities. As a certified SAFe Product Owner, his project delivery expertise spans cloud adoption, artificial intelligence, data governance, product optimization, operational efficiency, and customer insights.



Laura King
National Fire Protection Association

Laura King is NFPA’s regional director for Canada. Laura was editor of Fire Fighting in Canada and Canadian Firefighter magazines for 10 years before moving to NFPA in 2017. She was a reporter and editor for more than 20 years for newspapers and magazines across Canada and the United States.



Len Garis
National Indigenous Fire Safety Council

Len Garis is the Director of Research for the National Indigenous Fire Safety Council, Fire Chief (ret) for the City of Surrey, B.C., an Advisor, Centre for Social Insights and Data Innovation, Stats Canada, Associate Scientist Emeritus with the B.C. Injury Research and Prevention Unit, Adjunct Professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice & Associate to the Centre for Social Research at the University of the Fraser Valley.



Malina Garner
FireSmart BC

Malina Garner is Dënesųtiné and British and a member of Buffalo River Dene Nation, which is located in Treaty 10 Territory in Northern Saskatchewan. Malina began her emergency services journey as a volunteer firefighter for Sun Peaks Fire Rescue, and within a few years began working for fire services related non-profit organizations, including her current position with the First Nations Emergency Services Society of BC.



Marc D’Aquino
Holistic Emergency Preparedness & Response

Born on the east coast of Canada and raised in Vancouver, British Columbia, Marc brings a comprehensive business, security, and emergency management and response background to Holistic Emergency Preparedness and Response. Marc has demonstrated his unique emergency management skills to develop and maintain strong working relationships in all jurisdictions including First Nations communities.



Kelsey Boettcher
Alberta K9

Kelsey Boettcher specializes in training and handling working canines for a variety of public safety roles. With over a decade of working canine experience, Kelsey has combined her passion for working dogs with continuing education to become a leader in the working canine industry. Kelsey is a certifying official with the US-based Canine Accelerant Detection Association, as well as a certified ignitable liquid canine handler through the International Police Work Dog Association.



Matt Lapointe
Alberta K9

Matt Lapointe, a citizen of the Metis Nation of Alberta, is a retired law enforcement officer who previously served with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as well as the Blood Tribe Police Service. During his career, Matt worked in Indigenous communities throughout Alberta and Saskatchewan, and found that a large number of both structural fires and wildfires on-reserve were being mis-classified by cause - or were simply not being investigated at all.



Monte "Awan" Fronk
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

Monte "Awan" Fronk is a 35 year Tribal Public Safety Responder who oversees Tribal Emergency Management and Community Risk Reduction. Monte is also a Tribal Firefighter/EMT who holds a Masters Degree in Public Safety Executive Leadership plus multiple certifications in Fire and EMS.



Nick Rhone
Independent First Nations Alliance Regional Fire Rescue

Nick Rhone is currently the IFNA Integrated Emergency Services Director and Regional Fire Rescue Chief working with 5 communities. He has over 20 years of experience in emergency services having served in various roles in policing, emergency management, and also as an officer in the military reserves.



Richard Amnotte
City of Levis – Fire Department

From his early days as a volunteer firefighter, his teaching career at the provincial fire academy to his frontline officer and upper management positions as deputy fire chief and fire chief, Richard Amnotte’s career in the fire service spans more than 39 years. He has been a strong voice and contributor to firefighters’ health and safety education in Quebec, but also abroad in France and Belgium.



Ryan Schubert
Metis Nation of Ontario – Consultation Lead.

Ryan Schubert held a number of progressive leadership positions through his 18 years at Waterloo Fire Rescue. Schubert has been forded the opportunity to provide over 10 years of leadership in the capacity of a Chief Officer. Schubert has overseen fire sector functional areas of Fire Prevention, Operations, Training, Administration, Emergency Management, and Communications. Schubert has been engaged in the Commission of Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) education and accreditation processes since 2014 dedicating himself to industry processes associated with continuous improvement.



Shaun McCumber
Mustimuhw Information Solutions Inc.

Shaun McCumber is a senior Business Consultant and Project Director with extensive experience in information management and information technology. He was the BC lead for the BC First Nations Tripartite eHealth Planning and Strategic Plan development in the pre-formation of the First Nations Health Authority. He was recently the First Nations Health Authority Project Manager for the Vancouver Island First Nations-led Primary Care Initiatives.



Steven Santelli
Canadian National Railway(CN)

Steven Santelli is the Indigenous Relations Manager for Canadian National Railway (CN), based in Winnipeg. Steven has been working with CN for 12 years, and most recently was the Senior Dangerous Goods Officer for Canadian Operations working with communities regarding training and outreach activities and responding to rail related incidents.

Event Information

Networking Event

Date: Thursday, October 24

Time: 16:00 pm – 19:00 pm

Location: Whistler Ballroom, River Rock Casino and Resort



2024 National Firefighting Competition – Regional Fire Prevention Activities – Presentation (Run 4)

The 2024 National Firefighting Competition will take place on Saturday, October 26th where teams will compete on the field in three timed, and judged events to determine the 2024 National Firefighting Competition Champion.

A portion of their overall score will be based on their fire prevention activity/program, presented on Thursday afternoon, during the networking event. A member of each regional team will have 5-10 minutes to present on their fire prevention activities, which will be judged and incorporated into their overall score as Run 4. Join us to meet the teams and learn more about fire prevention activities taking place in each region.



Date: Thursday, October 24

Time: 16:00 pm – 19:00 pm

Location: Whistler Ballroom, River Rock Casino and Resort

Meal Schedule

Thursday, October 24

- Breakfast(8:30 am – 9:30 am): Whistler Ballroom, River Rock Casino and Resort
- Lunch(12:45 pm – 12:45 pm): Whistler Ballroom, River Rock Casino and Resort
- Light refreshments and a cash bar will be available at Networking Event(16:00 pm – 19:00)

Friday, October 25

- Breakfast(8:30 am – 9:30 am): Whistler Ballroom, River Rock Casino and Resort
- Lunch(11:45 am – 12:45 pm): Whistler Ballroom, River Rock Casino and Resort

NIFSC Membership

Become an NIFSC member and elect incoming board members and help shape the future of the NIFSC's role, impact, programs, and services.



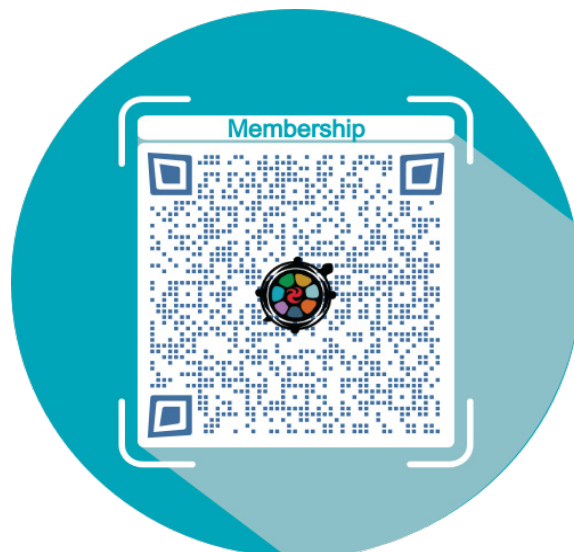
Membership Eligibility

The NIFSC Membership Eligibility Requirements:

- First Nation, Inuit, or Metis Firefighter
- Resides in Canada
- At least 18 years of age or older

Benefits of Becoming an NIFSC Member:

- As a voting member, you will help guide the future direction of the NIFSC by electing NIFSC Board of Directors and the NIFSC Executive Committee at the Annual General Meeting
- Increase your awareness and advocacy for fire and life safety among all Indigenous Nations.



Tradeshow

Date: Thursday, October 24 to Friday, October 25

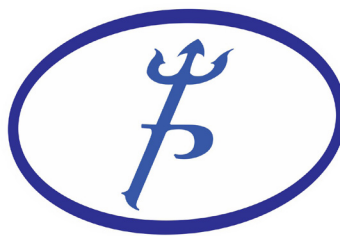
Time: Thursday 8:30 am – 17:30 pm – Friday 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Whistler Ballroom, River Rock Casino and Resort

Participating Vendors:

3T1B Products Inc., 5 Star Services, Alberta K9 Inc, Altohelix, Associated Fire Safety Group, Canadian Safety Equipment Inc, Fattruck Alberta, Fire Power Emergency Apparatus & Service Ltd., Firemark AI Inc., FireSwarm Solutions Inc., Global Fire Rescue Service Inc., LIVUnLtd., MARTIN & LEVESQUE UNIFORME INC, Mercedes Textiles Limited, Nova / Hummingbird Drones, Rocky Mountain Phoenix, Safetek Profire, Scotty FIREFIGHTER, Surgically Clean Air, Inc., Trident Pump Inc, Vallfirest North America - the Wildfire Company, WASP MANUFACTURING LTD, WFR Wholesale Fire & Rescue, Hawk Lace, Ironstar Indigenous Company, Mariella key, Michaelhilldesigns, Native souls & crafts, Prospering Nations, Shadae Johnson, Shining Bear Designs, SIYACreations, Sweetgrass Soap, Arctic Fire Safety Services, Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Center, Canadian Mental Health Association - Resilient Minds, Canadian Volunteer Fire Services Association (CVFSA), Firefighters Without Borders Canada, First Nations Emergency Services Society, FNESS, OFNTSC

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