

# 2025 Indigenous Public Safety Conference

Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre, 1316 33 St NE, T2A 6B6 Calgary, Alberta



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

## Schedule

### 22 October Wednesday

13:00 - 19:00	Conference Registration
17:00 - 19:00	Opening Ceremony/ Keynote Address
19:00 - 20:00	CN Rail Discussion

### 23 October Thursday

8:00	Tradeshow Opens
7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30	Firefighting Competition Presentations
9:30 - 10:30	Session 1 Panel Discussion
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 11:45	Session 2
11:45 - 12:45	Lunch
12:45 - 13:45	Session 3
13:45 - 14:00	Break
14:00 - 15:00	Session 4
17:00	Tradeshow Day 1 Closes

### 24 October Friday

8:00	Tradeshow Opens
7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:15	Annual General Meeting
9:15 - 9:30	Break
9:30 - 10:30	Session 5
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 11:45	Session 6
11:45 - 12:45	Lunch
12:45 - 13:45	Session 7
13:45 - 14:00	Break
14:00 - 15:00	Session 8
15:00 - 16:00	Closing Ceremony/Keynote Address/Tradeshow Conclusion

# Session Detail

## Stream

- Fire Operations
- Wildfire
- Emergency Management
- Panel Discussion
- Fire Prevention
- Climate Change
- Occupational Health and Safety

### Session 1 (9:30–10:30) Thursday October 23

- **Panel Discussion Plaza 3,4,5**  
Mutual Aid Agreements

### Session 2 (10:45–11:45) Thursday October 23

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Brent Sterling – Garden Court 1</b><br/>A Comprehensive Roadmap for First Nations Communities to Proactively Manage Risks</li><li>● <b>Jordan Rekve – Pineridge</b><br/>Building Fire-Resilient Indigenous Communities: Prevention, Capacity, and Response</li><li>● <b>Kurtis Black – Garden Court 2</b><br/>Operations During Forest Fire</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Fady Al Zarka – Horizons Room</b><br/>CANUTEC and the 2024 Emergency Response Guidebook</li><li>● <b>Dr. Jill Price – Rundle</b><br/>PSPNET: A Tool to Support the Mental Health of Indigenous Public Safety Personnel in Canada</li><li>● <b>Klay Tindall – Boardroom</b><br/>Climate Change Leading to Wildfire in Lil'wat Territory and Work to Mitigate Risks</li></ul> |
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### Session 3 (12:45–13:45) Thursday October 23

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Inge Pudelek – Garden Court 1</b><br/>Care &amp; Maintenance of Firefighter Bunker Gear</li><li>● <b>Darryl Culley – Pineridge</b><br/>A Unique Partnership</li><li>● <b>Anabela Bonada – Garden Court 2</b><br/>Wildfire-Ready: Building Resilience Through the Alberta FireSmart Community Scorecard</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Jeremiah Louis – Horizons Room</b><br/>Partnerships Development</li><li>● <b>Ryan Schubert – Rundle</b><br/>Prioritizing Organizational Health</li><li>● <b>William Gordon Maddess – Boardroom</b><br/>Designing a Wildfire Course with an Indigenous Lens</li></ul> |
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## Session 4 (14:00–15:00) Thursday October 23

### ● John Summers – Garden Court 1

Emergency Response – Transportation of Dangerous Goods

### ● Len Garis – Pineridge

Fire Deaths in Canadian Indigenous Communities

### ● Kelsey Winter – Garden Court 2

Leading from Between

### ● Harold Isbister – Horizons Room

Indigenous Search and Rescue in Sask First Nations History and Process for SAR

### ● Arnold Lazare – Rundle

How to Begin Occupational Safety and Health Program in Community

### ● Myrna Bittner – Boardroom

Visibly Safer Futures: Using Synthetic Twin Technology to Plan for Resilience in a Changing World

## Session 5 (9:30 – 10:30) Friday October 24

### ● Mel Grandjamb – Garden Court 1

Be Your Own Hero: A Story of Resilience and Leadership During the 2016 Fort McMurray Wildfires

### ● Monte Fronk – Pineridge

Tribal Community Risk Reduction—An Indigenous Community Story

### ● Alexander Gagnon – Garden Court 2

Wildfire-Ready: Empowering our Communities to Mitigate Wildfire Risk

### ● Dean Young – Horizons Room

Emergency Management Through a Harm Reduction Lens

### ● Len Garis – Rundle

Cardiovascular Disease Disparities in Indigenous Communities: Prevention and Outcomes

### ● Chris Boucher – Boardroom

Climate Data for Long-term Planning and Wildfire Preparedness

## Session 6 (10:45–11:45) Friday October 24

### ● Kidde – Garden Court 1

Session Content to be Determined

### ● Shane Ferguson – Pineridge

Fire Prevention and Firefighter Training in Remote First Nations Communities

### ● Elizabeth (Beth) Weckman, – Garden Court 2 Hannah Odia and Len Garis

Community-Based WUI Fire Safety – with Simon Lefebvre and Shawn Goulais

### ● Shelley Napier – Horizons Room

Strengthening Emergency Programs in Indigenous Communities

### ● Blaine Wiggins – Rundle

Cancer & Fire Operations

### ● Red Lab – Boardroom

Session Content to be Determined



## Session 7 (12:45–13:45)

Friday

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● **Steven J Santelli – Garden Court 1**

CN Rail

● **Magda Zachara – Pineridge**

Building a Wildfire Resilient Community – One Step at a Time

● **Jonathan Cote, Frederic – Garden Court 2**  
**Lalague, Billy Moffat**

First Nations and SOPFEU Partnerships – Fire Service

● **Chantal Guénette – Horizons Room**

Who Pays? Your Roadmap to Financial Recovery Following a Major Railway Accident Involving Crude Oil

● **Riane Marrs – Rundle**

Preparing for Emergency: Climate Change and Emergency Preparedness Workshop

● **WRCC – Boardroom**

Session Content to be Determined

## Session 8 (14:00–15:00)

Friday

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● **Trisha Teale – Garden Court 1**

Working Together to Keep Communities Safe on the Land: AdventureSmart–Search and Rescue Prevention Programs

● **Barry M. D. Ho – Pineridge**

First Nation Emergency Power Blackout Home Generator Linkage

● **Jeffrey Simon Golden – Garden Court 2**

Policy Decisions in the Age of Megafires; We've Never Been Here Before

● **Karie Allen – Horizons Room**

Vessel Fires and Shore Based Response

● **Elizabeth (Beth) Weckman, – Rundle**  
**Hannah Odia, Len Garis**

Insights into 4 Pillars of Wellness for Indigenous Firefighters

● **Brian Wiens – Boardroom**

Weather and Fire in a Changing Climate

