

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**
Mutual Aid Agreements

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

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Inge Pudelek
Care & Maintenance of Firefighter Bunker Gear● Darryl Culley
A Unique Partnership● Anabela Bonada
Wildfire-Ready: Building Resilience Through the Alberta FireSmart Community Scorecard | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Jeremiah Louis
Partnerships Development● Ryan Schubert
Prioritizing Organizational Health● William Gordon Glenwood Maddess
Climate Change and Wildfire Effects |
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Session 4 (14:00–15:00) Thursday October 23

● John Summers

Emergency Response – Transportation of Dangerous Goods

● Len Garis

Fire Deaths in Canadian Indigenous Communities

● Kelsey Winter

Leading from Between

● Harold Isbister

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

● Arnold Lazare

How to Begin Occupational Safety and Health Program in Community

● Myrna Bittner

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

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

● Monte Fronk

Tribal Community Risk Reduction–An Indigenous Community Story

● Alexander Gagnon

Wildfire-Ready: Empowering our Communities to Mitigate Wildfire Risk

● Dean Young

Emergency Management Through a Harm Reduction Lens

● Len Garis

Cancer Prevention (Research Focused)

● Chris Boucher

Climate Data for Long-term Planning and Wildfire Preparedness

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

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Session Content to be Determined

● Shane Ferguson

Fire Prevention and Firefighter Training in Remote First Nations Communities

● Elizabeth (Beth) Weckman, Hannah Odia and Len Garis

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

● Shelley Napier

Strengthening Emergency Programs in Indigenous Communities

● Blaine Wiggins

Cancer & Fire Operations

● Red Lab

Session Content to be Determined



Session 7 (12:45–13:45)

Friday

October 24

- **Steven J Santelli**
CN Rail
- **Magda Zachara**
Building a Wildfire Resilient Community – One Step at a Time
- **Isabelle Dumais**
First Nations and SOPFEU Partnerships – Fire Service

- **Steve Anderson**
Who Pays? Your Roadmap to Financial Recovery Following a Major Railway Accident Involving Crude Oil
- **Riane Marrs**
Preparing for Emergency: Climate Change and Emergency Preparedness Workshop
- **WRCC**
Session Content to be Determined

Session 8 (14:00–15:00)

Friday

October 24

- **Trisha Teale**
Working Together to Keep Communities Safe on the Land: AdventureSmart–Search and Rescue Prevention Programs
- **Barry M. D. Ho**
First Nation Emergency Power Blackout Home Generator Linkage
- **Jeffrey Simon Golden**
Policy Decisions in the Age of Megafires; We’ve Never Been Here Before

- **Karie Allen**
Vessel Fires and Shore Based Response
- **Elizabeth (Beth) Weckman, Hannah Odia, Len Garis**
Insights into 4 Pillars of Wellness for Indigenous Firefighters
- **Brian Wiens**
Weather and Fire in a Changing Climate

