

# 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

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| 13:00 - 19:00 | Conference Registration              |
| 17:00 - 19:00 | Opening Ceremony/<br>Keynote Address |
| 19:00 - 20:00 | CN Rail Discussion                   |
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### 23 October Thursday

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| 8:00          | Tradeshow Opens                           |
| 7:30 - 8:30   | Breakfast                                 |
| 8:30 - 9:30   | Firefighting Competition<br>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                    |
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### 24 October Friday

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| 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<br>Address/Tradeshow<br>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"><li>● <b>Brent Sterling</b><br/>A Comprehensive Roadmap for First Nations Communities to Proactively Manage Risks</li><li>● <b>Jordan Rekve</b><br/>Building Fire-Resilient Indigenous Communities: Prevention, Capacity, and Response</li><li>● <b>Kurtis Black</b><br/>Operations During Forest Fire</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Fady Al Zarka</b><br/>CANUTEC and the 2024 Emergency Response Guidebook</li><li>● <b>Dr. Jill Price</b><br/>PSPNET: A Tool to Support the Mental Health of Indigenous Public Safety Personnel in Canada</li><li>● <b>Klay Tindall</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</b><br/>Care &amp; Maintenance of Firefighter Bunker Gear</li><li>● <b>Darryl Culley</b><br/>A Unique Partnership</li><li>● <b>Anabela Bonada</b><br/>Wildfire-Ready: Building Resilience Through the Alberta FireSmart Community Scorecard</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Jeremiah Louis</b><br/>Partnerships Development</li><li>● <b>Ryan Schubert</b><br/>Prioritizing Organizational Health</li><li>● <b>William Gordon Glenwood Maddess</b><br/>Climate Change and Wildfire Effects</li></ul> |
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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

Cardiovascular Disease Disparities in Indigenous Communities: Prevention and Outcomes

### ● Chris Boucher

Climate Data for Long-term Planning and Wildfire Preparedness

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

### ● Kidde

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)

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- **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

- **Chantal Guénette**  
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

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- **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

