



# Indigenous Public Safety Pre-Conference Training 2025

October 21 / October 22, 2025

Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre in Calgary, Alberta.

## Fire and Life Safety Educator

Instructor: Paul Knudsgaard and Fred Morrison

Certification: NIFSC Certificate of Completion

Participants will gain the knowledge and skills to deliver effective public fire education. Topics include fire myths vs. realities, human behavior during fire emergencies, and strategies for engaging diverse audiences. Students will learn how to select educational materials, work with the media, and evaluate program success. This course meets NFPA 1035 Chapter 4 (Fire & Life Safety Educator I) standards. NOTE: The FLSE program includes two in-class days, followed by several assignments to be completed and submitted over the subsequent three weeks

## Fire Department Admin – 1

Instructor: Blaine Wiggins

Certification: IFMS Issued Certificate (required course for Fire Officer 1 Proboard Certificate)

This course is based on NFPA 1021: Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, 2020 Edition. The course identifies the requirements necessary to perform administrative duties in the fire service. This course introduces the student to fire service management and supervision context by including topics as Organizational Structure, Communication Skills, Human Resource Management, Public Relations, Planning, Emergency Service Delivery, and Occupational Health & Safety.

## ICS 100 and ICS 200

Instructor: TBD

Certification: ICS Canada I-100 & I-200

I-100 introduces ICS structure and terminology for all responders. I-200 expands on this with leadership roles, planning, and operational coordination. Completion of I-100 is required before I-200. These courses support standardized emergency response across jurisdictions.



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## Resilient Minds™ for First Responders

Instructor: Steve Fraser and Brett Pituka

Certification: Resilient Minds for Indigenous Responders through the CMHA

This course fosters psychological resilience among fire teams. Participants will learn to recognize and respond to psychological injuries and trauma, promoting a mentally healthy work culture.

## S-100 Basic Suppression and Safety & S-185 Fire Entrapment Avoidance

Instructor: Leon Smallboy & Kevin Oman

Certification: S-100 certificate from BCWF and S185 NIFSC certificate of completion

This course is designed as a foundational entrance into the wildfire services. S-100 covers wildfire suppression basics including fire behavior, safety, equipment use, and initial attack strategies, combining classroom and field instruction. S-185 builds on this with a focus on fire behavior awareness, entrapment prevention, and safe decision-making during wildfires.

## Traditional Fire Knowledge

Instructor: Arnold Lazare

Certification: NIFSC Certificate of Completion

Explore Indigenous cultural burning practices and their impact on modern fire management, ecosystem restoration, and biodiversity. The course establishes a foundation in traditional fire knowledge, encouraging sharing of current practices and experiences.



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