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The **VOICE** of BC's
FIRE SERVICE

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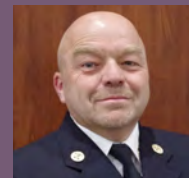
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Dan Derby
2022/2024 FCABC President
Fire Chief, Kootenay Boundary
Regional Fire Service

On behalf of our Board of Directors and our members across the province, I am pleased to introduce the 2023 Briefing Book for the Fire Chiefs' Association of BC.

One constant since our last Briefing Book in 2021 has been change. The FCABC has strived to keep apprised of what is necessary to continue its important core work of enhancing fire and life safety in our province. This document highlights who we are, what we do, who we collaborate with, and why our work continues to be so important.

While the COVID-19 pandemic was an eye opener and highlighted some necessary required improvements in the resiliency of our communities, this year's wildfire season has again brought into focus the reality of climate change and the need to plan and be responsive on a wide range of hazards.

The Association has been actively involved in mental health to assist in supporting our members and their respective staff for quite a few years. I am pleased to inform you that this year we have taken this one step further and established a peer support program for our members.

One of our philosophy's remains: "We are stronger working together", both within our organization and with our stakeholders and partners in fire and life safety. As you read through this document, we encourage you to consider ways that you and your organization may collaborate with the FCABC for the benefit of all. Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions or opportunities.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE

Thank you for taking time to read the 2023 edition of Fire Chiefs Association of BC (FCABC) Briefing Book

The FCABC is widely recognized as the voice of the BC fire service. This book will serve to inform you on the work of the Association and the benefits of chief officers having a membership for themselves and the communities they serve.

We strive to support our members with the information and tools to be effective in their roles and are continually looking for new avenues to build relationships, improve upon policies and pursue initiatives that will ultimately lead to safer practices and communities. Forward-looking is key to being in front and responsive to the dynamic environment and challenges the fire service faces.

You may be surprised in the various aspects that the Association is involved in and serves as a voice.

Our work covers a broad range of topics and issues including the well-being of our members and those that serve in all aspects of the fire service. We provide on-going opportunities for education, the latest information, tools to assist and access to the largest trade and conference show in Western Canada.

As we look ahead, we will continue to seek new ways to improve our service to members and advance fire and life safety in British Columbia.



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Phil Lemire
FCABC Executive Officer

ABOUT THE FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION OF BC

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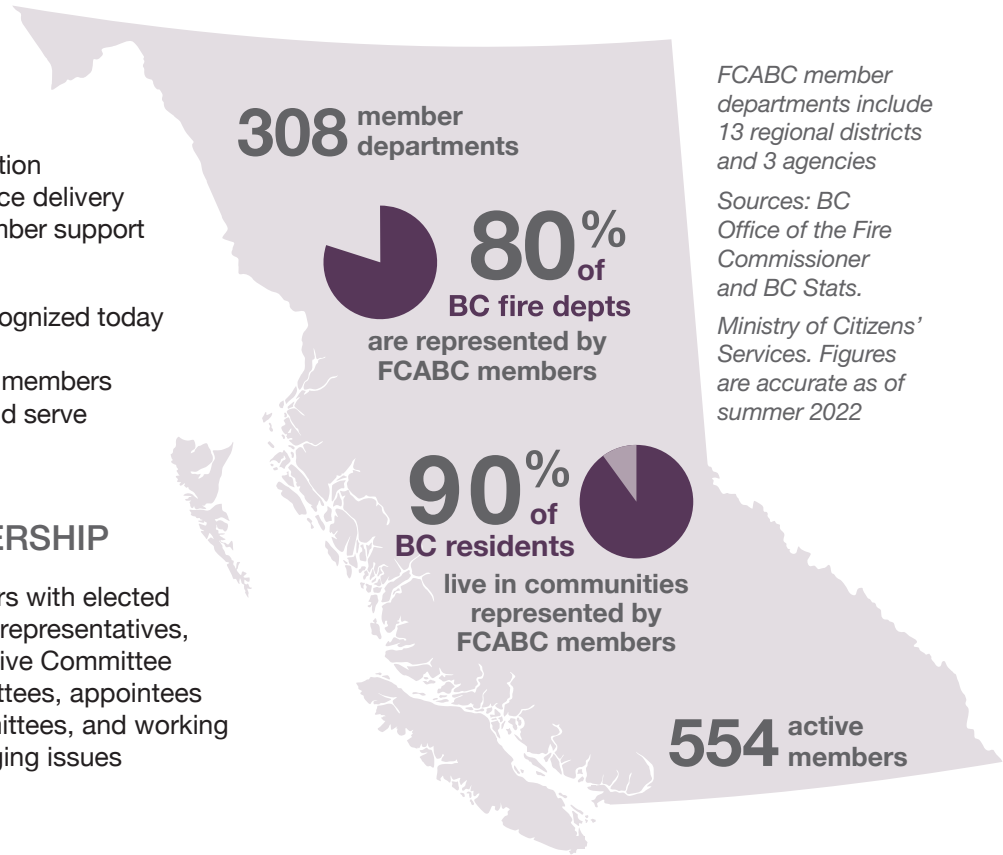
the Fire Chiefs' Association of British Columbia (FCABC) is a non-profit organization that strives to improve safety and fire service delivery in British Columbia through advocacy, member support and services, and strategic partnerships.

The FCABC was formed in 1931 and is recognized today by government and the public as a trusted representative of BC's fire service. FCABC members represent 80% of BC's fire departments and serve approximately 90% of all BC residents.



FCABC LEADERSHIP

- Board of Directors with elected zone and sector representatives, led by an Executive Committee
- Standing committees, appointees to outside committees, and working groups on emerging issues



Mission

The Fire Chiefs' Association of British Columbia shall be a source of peer support, information and education to its members. It shall actively interface with both government and the public on issues relating to the Fire Service within the Province of British Columbia.

Key Functions



ADVOCACY

Advocating for/representing the fire service in the media and with government, and building key partnerships.



SUPPORTING MEMBERS

Providing networking, mentorship, education and information-sharing opportunities.

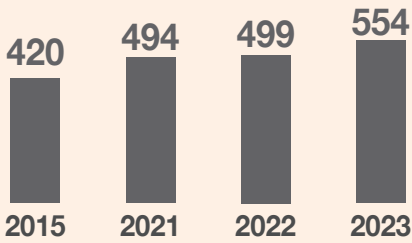


IMPROVING FIRE SERVICE DELIVERY

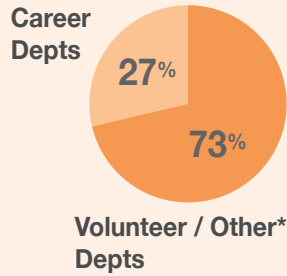
Research and collaboration with government and standards organizations.

FCABC Members

ACTIVE MEMBERS



DEPARTMENT SECTORS



MEMBER ROLES



*Includes part-time, regional districts, agencies

VOTING MEMBERS

554 Active Members

Active senior managers from career, volunteer, industrial and regional fire services

35 Honourary Life Members

Special status for active members who have provided exemplary service to the FCABC.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

124 Trades Members

'A' Members: Companies that provide a direct service to the fire service. 'B' Members: Other organizations that work with the fire service.

189 Retired Members

Those retired from active service, who receive waived dues.



Code of Ethics

1. Uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.
2. Maintain the highest standards of personal integrity and ethical business conduct, be honest and straightforward in dealings with others, and avoid conflicts of interest.
3. Not compromise the integrity or reputation of the Association.
4. Not condone unethical actions or the appearance of unethical actions by other members of the Association.
5. Continually strive to improve their competence and professional ability.
6. Not knowingly engage in any unlawful activity.
7. Foster creativity and be open to consider innovations that may better enable the performance of our duties and responsibilities.

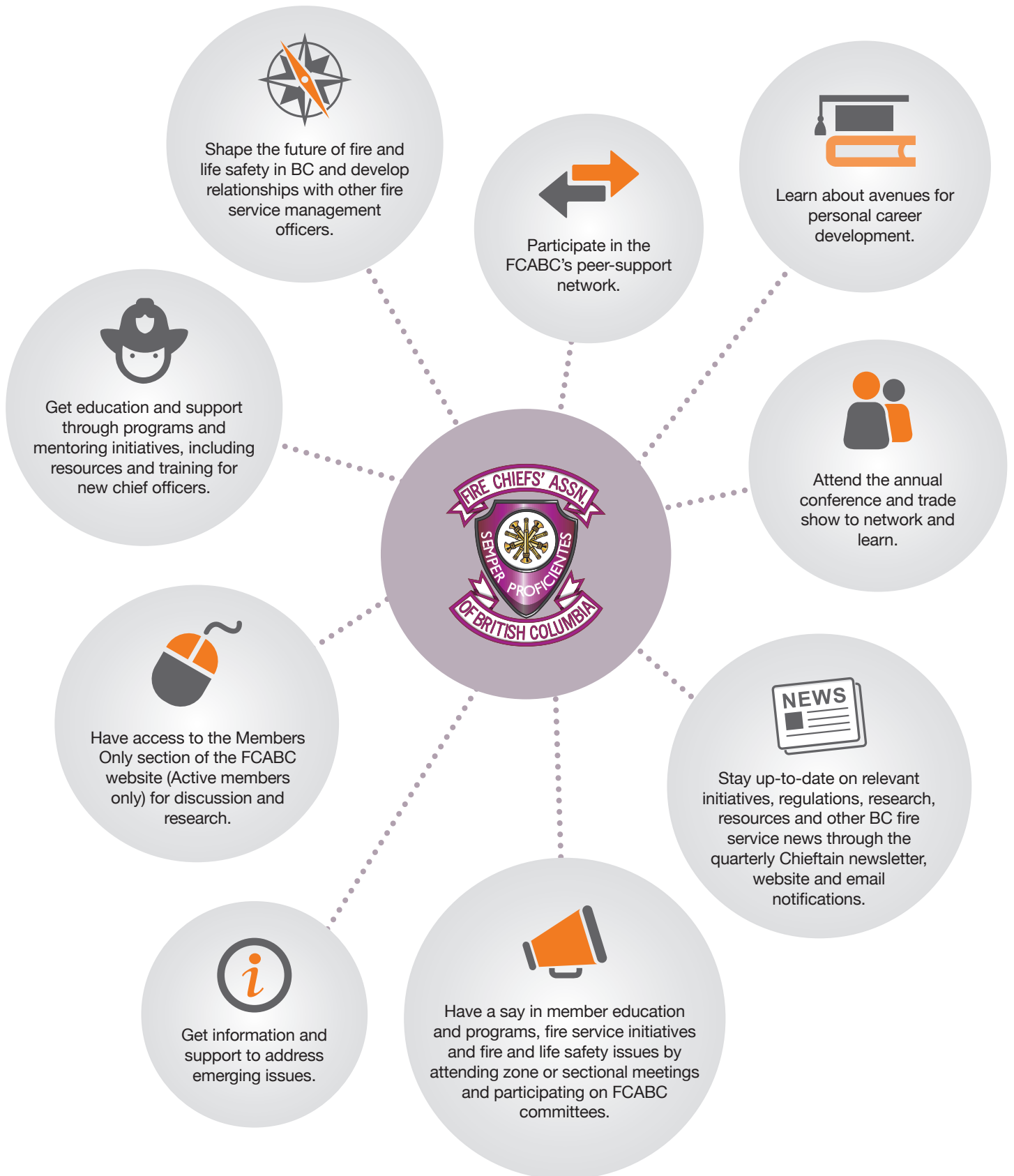
OUR MEMBERS' WORK



*including public health

Please see Structure & Operations on page 16 and fcabc.ca for more information about the FCABC.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP



FIRE SERVICE GOVERNANCE

BC's local governments are not required by law to provide fire services, but those that do are governed by a variety of legislation, regulation, codes and standards. The level and type of services are provided at the discretion of the local government or funding body.

LEGISLATION & REGULATION PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR/GOVERNING OPERATIONS & SERVICE DELIVERY

- › *BC Fire Department Act*
- › *BC Fire Safety Act*
- › *BC Fire Services Act*
- › *Community Charter*
- › *Emergency Health Services Act*
- › *Emergency Program Act*
- › *Local Government Act*

ADDITIONAL REGULATION:

- › *Workers' Compensation Act*
- › *Motor Vehicle Act*
- › *Societies Act*
- › *Employment Standards Act*
- › *Bill C-45 (Criminal Code sec. 217.1)*
- › Industry Canada regulations (communications)

CODES & STANDARDS FOR OPERATIONS AND SERVICE DELIVERY:

- › *BC Fire Code*
- › *BC Building Code*
- › *NFPA Standards*
- › *Labour Relations Code*
- › *British Columbia Fire Service Minimum Training Standards for Structure Firefighters*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT/REGIONAL DISTRICT AUTHORITIES

BC FIRE SERVICE (385 DEPARTMENTS)

Includes:

- Departments established, managed and funded by local governments
- Departments funded by societies
- First Nations departments



OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER OF BC (Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General)

- Is a liaison between the provincial government and fire service, providing advice on all fire safety and prevention matters
- Advises provincial agencies on broad life and fire safety issues
- Reviews and monitors a broad scope of BC fire safety issues to ensure consistent advice and recommendations are provided to the public to increase fire safety awareness



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WHAT GUIDES US

The following pillars guide the FCABC's activities, based on the strategic direction set by members. Related work is described on the following pages (accurate at time of printing).



FCABC PILLARS

ADVOCACY

FCABC acts as the common voice on behalf of fire chiefs and the fire service across BC. The next three years will see FCABC continue to build on its advocacy capabilities, leveraging its collective voice and positive reputation among government and industry members to achieve positive change on the issues that matter most to its members.

A continued focus on ensuring advocacy efforts align with the evolving needs of its members, and enhancing its advocacy impact through strategic partnership and collaboration with allied organizations will further contribute to FCABC's continued effectiveness in this area.

MEMBER SERVICES

FCABC will continue to build on its solid foundation of information, resources and supports to members over the course of the 2023-2025 plan horizon.

The focus will include year-round offerings that address the diverse and evolving needs of FCABC's members and constituents.

ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

For FCABC to continue to deepen the value proposition to members and to positively impact key advocacy issues, a strategy for continued capacity growth will be essential. Success in expanding its capacity relies on FCABC's ability to secure sources of additional revenue to resource additional staff and/or administrative support and to invest in other areas are required.

Developing an effective succession plan for key staff and volunteer positions is also important in order to protect and secure the continuity of leadership and institutional knowledge of the organization into the future.

OUR WORK: ADVOCACY



Projects in this section relate to the advocacy work of the FCABC for matters concerning legislation, codes and standards related to the fire service and public safety in BC.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

In 2016, the FCABC began facilitating an annual Government Relations Day to meet with relevant senior staff and elected officials in Victoria to discuss key priorities for BC's fire service. These were held successfully until 2019. Although deferred in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic, the Association resumed this valuable annual event in 2022.

FIRE SAFETY ACT

Government is continuing the necessary work required to bring the *Fire Safety Act* into force, which will provide for improved fire safety for the communities and firefighters of BC.

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

The FCABC continues to encourage government to make mandatory the installation of CSA-approved carbon monoxide alarms in all homes that contain any fuel-burning devices or attached garages and carports.

FIRE SPRINKLERS

FCABC continues to lobby for the increased use of fire sprinklers, including partnering with the NFPA on the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition Initiative (a campaign to increase the number of one- and two-family homes protected by fire sprinklers: homefiresprinklercanada.ca). Work continues on this important issue both at the Provincial and the Federal level.



HEALTH ADVOCACY

- FCABC participates in the multi-agency BC First Responders' Mental Health Committee and other entities that work to improve support for firefighters, paramedics and law enforcement officers experiencing trauma and stress on the job. Activities have included two successful conferences the most recent in 2023, well-attended speaker series and development of ongoing materials to raise awareness.
- Building on past successes, the FCABC continues to work with WorkSafe BC on the recognition of presumptive conditions for firefighters, such as cancer and mental health issues, including post-traumatic stress disorder.

PRE-HOSPITAL CARE

About 280 BC fire departments are involved in the First Responder (FR) program, providing critical pre-hospital medical care to their communities and residents. The FCABC advocates to support Fire First Responders as an integral part of the pre-hospital care system.

As noted in the Auditor General of BC's "Access to Emergency Health Services" 2019 report, local governments and other stakeholders need a larger role in the integrated pre-hospital care discussion. Given the diversity of FCABC member communities, the current "one model fits all" approach is not feasible for all. In some cases, members report the program limits their community's

options in selecting their service levels, or prevents them from maximizing their resources. In other cases, members report they are already at capacity and challenged by the additional workload and costs.

The FCABC supports community choice in their level of FR service provision - reflected in the Pre-Hospital Care Statement of Principles endorsed by members in October 2020. The Association maintains regular communication with the Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board to bring forward issues of concern, and continues to advocate on this issue through a dedicated committee, Board and Executive Officer.

OUR WORK: ADVOCACY



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BC FIRESMART COMMITTEE

The FCABC is a founding member of the BC FireSmart Committee, established by the BC Wildfire Service in 2017 to promote the FireSmart Canada model. The Association took on a more prominent role with BC FireSmart in 2021 with contracting a Provincial Home Partners Program Coordinator to manage this aspect of the program.

Other BC FireSmart members include the BC Wildfire Service, Office of the Fire Commissioner, Union of BC Municipalities, Emergency Management BC, Forest Enhancement Society of BC, Fire Nations' Emergency Services Society of BC, Indigenous Services Canada, BC Parks, Parks Canada, and the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Regional Operations. The committee collaborates through conference calls and meetings, and conducts outreach and education activities such as workshops, the Home Partners Program, and resources through its website firesmartbc.ca

With the unique capabilities of its members, the FCABC has a strong role to play in helping to address the escalating wildfire threat. The Association and Chief Fire Officers across the province are working to accelerate improvements in community wildfire safety by supporting community and homeowner engagement, education and property assessments, FireSmart workshops and promotion of wildland fire cross-training and preparedness.

PROVINCE-WIDE PROGRAM DELIVERY

The FCABC was entrusted with funding via EMCR and PSSG for various programs to benefit the public and all fire services across the province. The following are examples of various programs

- **FCABC/OFC Live Fire Training Centre Project** – The purpose of this project is to improve access to live fire training for local government and first nation structure fire services by building additional facilities.
- **Home Inspection Program/Combination Detector Campaign** – Departments received support to establish and provide a home inspection program in their communities, with a target of high-risk neighbourhoods. The program included providing materials, templates and combination CO/smoke detectors.
- **Road Rescue** – A report regarding the governance and funding for out of jurisdiction road rescue was completed. As well, a grant program was delivered to assist with training and equipment acquisition.

Previously, a province-wide database of fire and other related emergency management resources was created, including a framework for resource acquisition.

Additional province-wide work has included:

- **Structure Protection Evaluation** – This work identifies communities at risk from wildland interface fires, including First Nations lands, as a step towards creating structure protection pre-plans for deploying sprinkler protection units.
- **Red Cross Community Resiliency program** – The FCABC partnered with the Canadian Red Cross, with support from the Office of the Fire Commissioner, to help build emergency-response capacity in rural BC communities through a grant funding program for training and equipment.

OUR WORK: MEMBER SERVICES



Projects in this section relate to the work of the FCABC supporting members with mentorship, education, networking and information-sharing opportunities.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Throughout the pandemic, the FCABC became a trusted resource and support for members as they dealt with unprecedented challenges while working to maintain services in their home communities and keep their crews safe.

In the very early stages of the pandemic, the Association created a dedicated COVID-19 committee to ensure members were getting the support they needed and to address emerging issues including PPE supply chain problems, COVID-19 testing for first responders and dispatch protocols. Other key activities included the following.

- A dedicated COVID website became a go-to resource for committee updates and information on PPE/EMA protocols, situation reports, useful links and more.
- Linking members with Iridia Medical's COVID-19 Support Service, funded through Emergency Management BC and providing customized guidance to front-line personnel and management.
- Town Halls with Iridia Medical's Dr. Alan Holmes throughout 2020 and up to spring 2021, posted on the COVID webpage.
- Advocating on behalf of the Fire Service throughout the pandemic on issues such as changes to response protocols and, in early 2021, the urgent need to fast-track immunization for firefighters.
- Adjusting meetings and member services when it wasn't safe to gather in person. For example, virtual meetings via Zoom became the common way of doing business, for everything from Board meetings to AGMs and the 2021 Conference.

The Association will continue to modify and enhance its supports for members as new issues emerge.

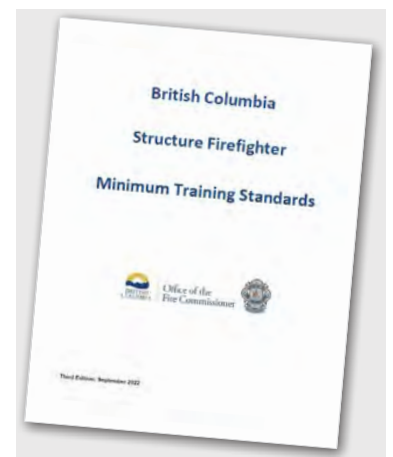
Minimum, Training Standards

The British Columbia Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards (formerly British Columbia Fire Service Minimum Training Standards – Structure Firefighters Competency and Training Playbook) was adopted by the Office of the Fire Commissioner in 2014 and updated in 2015 and 2022. It continues to be an important resource.

The document applies to all fire personnel in BC, and ensures that training standards are tied to the service levels local governments select for their community, whether that be exterior (firefighters attack only from outside structures), interior (firefighters may enter small structures and homes), or full-service (exterior and interior, including large buildings).

The standard is supported by three companion documents and templates to provide greater detail related to the issuance of training standards. The include Policy, Procedure and the Annex.

The OFC's Fire Services Training Advisory Committee had been tasked with reviewing the document and recommending edits to ensure alignment with NFPA standards, and possibly other changes over the long-term.



The training standards were updated in 2022 with a new name: **British Columbia Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards.**

OUR WORK: MEMBER SERVICES

BC FIRE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The FCABC and BC Professional Fire Fighters' Association held the inaugural BC Fire Leadership Summit in Victoria in March 2019, and plans are under way for another summit in 2024. The event would build on the successful inaugural summit, which brought together 217 BC labour and fire leaders to gain a greater understanding of each other's respective challenges. Attendees gained knowledge about how to foster cooperative and collaborative working relationships between labour and management leaders.

PEER SUPPORT

Active involvement in the FCABC provides opportunities to stay up-to-date on current and developing fire service trends, and to receive and provide peer support from other fire service leaders. The FCABC facilitates information-sharing, provides access to subject-matter experts, and provides an online forum on its members-only site. The FCABC recently established a Peer Support Team to assist co-workers with the demands of work and life in the fire service.

NPFA ONLINE CODE SUBSCRIPTION

Through a partnership with the National Fire Protection Association, FCABC members have access to online codes at a significantly reduced rate.

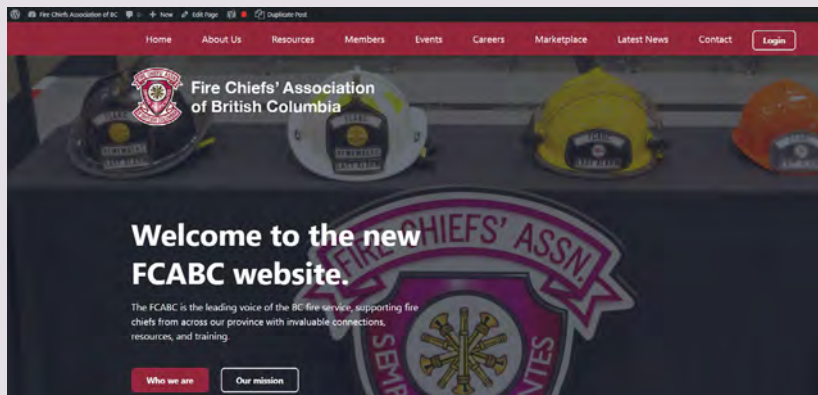
VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

Recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters continues to be a major issue in BC, which has a large percentage of volunteer fire departments

The FCABC continues to participate in the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs' initiative Answer the Call website (answerthecall.ca), launched in 2016 to promote volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention nationally.

FCABC members can access, at no charge, print materials and pop-up banners to support their local recruitment drives.

Program materials can be downloaded from the [Resources section](#) at fcabc.ca.



FCABC.CA

The FCABC website is comprehensive source of information, including news and tweets, resources, events and programs, member websites and listings, a buy & sell, job postings, contacts and a members-only section.

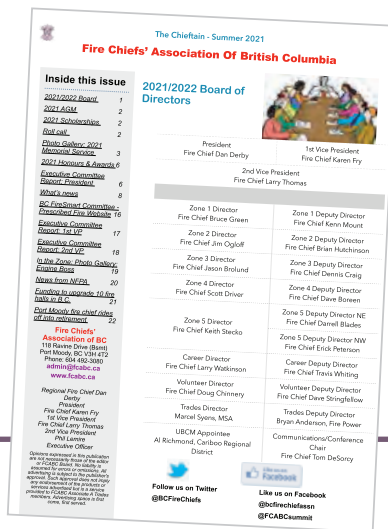
The FCABC website is in the final phase of being updated with more user-friendly and interactive features to serve our membership better.

OUR WORK: MEMBER SERVICES

MEMBER NEWS

THE CHIEFTAIN

This quarterly newsletter is emailed to members and external stakeholders and available online, and covers topics including events, conferences and educational opportunities, FCABC programs and initiatives, Zone news, new members, memorial services and news from partner organizations. Trade members may advertise in the *Chieftain*.



FCABC WEEKLY UPDATE

Since January 2019, FCABC has provided a weekly email newsletter to members featuring training opportunities, member updates, recent news, surveys and other timely information relevant to the fire service.

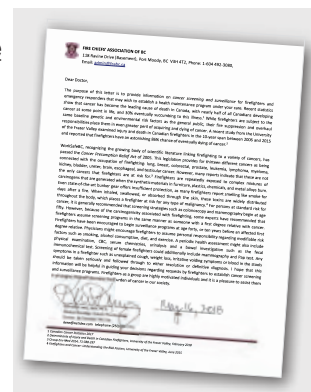
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHIEFS

- **Effective Fire Service Administration for Fire Chiefs and Local Government Chief Administrative Officers Program** – Developed by the Local Government Management Association with the support of the FCABC, this program builds understanding between fire and local government leaders about each other's roles, responsibilities and challenges, leading to greater cooperation and support. Aimed primarily at smaller communities with volunteer, paid-on-call and composite departments.
- **New Chiefs** – In addition to a mentoring program for new Chiefs, FCABC members (both new and experienced chiefs) can attend a free New Chief Orientation at each Annual Conference and Education Summit that reviews establishing bylaws, operational guidelines, training, records management, and WorkSafe BC standards and equipment. Many attendees return each year to join in the discussions and learn about new initiatives and issues.

FIRE SERVICE HEALTH RESOURCES

See the [Resource Library page](#) in the Resource section on the FCABC website fcabc.ca for a variety of health resources including:

- The study *Firefighters and Cancer: Understanding Risk Factors in an Environment of Change*.
- *Firefighters & Cancer: What You Can Do to Reduce the Risk*, a generic information brochure to distribute to firefighters.
- Cancer Screening and Surveillance letter for doctors.
- Link to the BC First Responders Mental Health "Share it. Don't Wear it" campaign website.



Members can download an oncologist's letter for them and their crews to take to their doctors to ensure they get the appropriate cancer screenings for those in the fire service.

BC FIRE EXPO & FCABC EDUCATION SUMMIT

The FCABC typically holds an annual Education Summit and Fire Expo hosted in a different location around BC each June. Along with educational sessions, the Annual General Meeting and other FCABC business, this signature event includes a two-day BC Fire Expo, the largest fire service tradeshow in the Pacific Northwest.



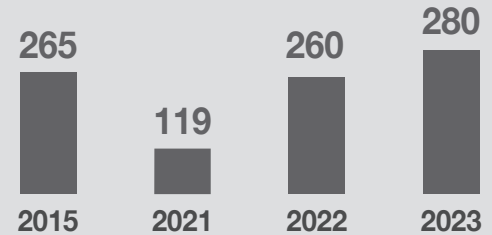
VFIS ANN HANCOCK CONFERENCE AWARD

Sponsored by VFIS since 2016, this award was established in 2013 to honour the work and dedication of Ann Hancock, who served 15 years as FCABC's Administrator. The award provides full registration and accommodation for one FCABC member who may not have the budget to attend.

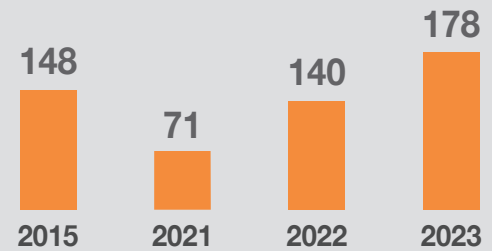


BY THE NUMBERS

Education Summit Delegates



Trade Show Booths



Fire Expos Stats: 2023

935
Total Attendance

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2024: Kamloops
- 2025: Penticton

More event information: bcfireexpo.ca

OUR WORK: ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY



Projects in this section relate to the FCABC's efforts to ensure its organization and structure is sufficient to fulfill its mandate and meet the changing needs of members.

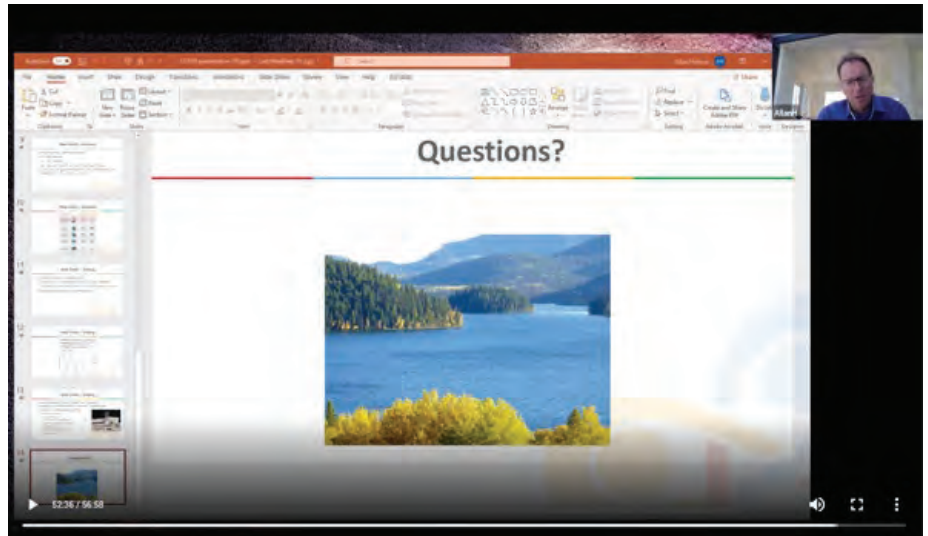
SERVICE DELIVERY EFFICIENCIES

The FCABC continually seeks ways to work more efficiently and achieve cost savings on behalf of our members.

MEETING ONLINE

Pandemic health restrictions created a need for a new way of doing business, when in-person gathering was not permitted. The FCABC had already begun transitioning more work online in recent years as an efficiency measure, and that shift accelerated in 2020 and 2021.

As familiarity grew with online conferencing, Zoom became the platform of choice for zone and sector meetings, Board meetings, town halls with members, the AGM, conference and more. Elections also took place online through a closed ballot system. While necessary due to the pandemic, the increased use of technology has enabled the Association to continue its business while providing opportunities for members from all locations to participate more easily and cost-effectively.



Online conference platforms like Zoom allowed for greater participation and access.

STAFFING MODEL

The FCABC has been monitoring its staffing model for many years, including considering how staff resources are utilized and how work is prioritized. In March 2020, the Association hired its first Executive Officer, tasked with overseeing the daily operation of the FCABC while executing the board's strategic priorities and serving as the FCABC's representative and liaison – in consultation with the President and Executive – for advocacy, government and media relations, and other matters. Our Admin and Member Services Coordinator continues to carry out the daily office and member support duties and also support the work of the Executive Officer.

STRUCTURE & OPERATIONS



2023 Board of Directors



BOARD AND STAFF

The Executive Committee is made up of the President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President. The rest of the Board of Directors consists of an elected representative from each of the five zones and the two sectors (career and volunteer), a trades representative, and an appointed ex-officio representative from the Union of BC Municipalities.

The FCABC Board of Directors meets online and when necessary in person to handle Association business. The FCABC Executive Officer, Admin and Member Services Coordinator and Conference Coordinator are contract positions.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The FCABC is a registered society, and changes to the Constitution and Bylaws can only be made during the Annual General Meeting by Special Resolution. Only paid Active members are eligible to vote on amendments.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FCABC is a non-profit organization registered under the *Societies Act of BC*.

Each year, the FCABC hires an accounting firm to provide the AGM with a Review Engagement of the Association's financial dealings.

COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND SUBJECT-MATTER EXPERTS

The FCABC has a number of standing committees as well as appointed positions to outside committees of relevance to the Fire Service. Working groups are also formed to deal with emerging issues – such as the COVID-19 committee during the pandemic – and members with special expertise may be called upon as subject-matter experts. Reports on these activities go to the Board of Directors and to the membership via an annual report.



2023 Conference Committee

STRUCTURE & OPERATIONS

FCABC ZONES AND SECTORS

Activities specific to FCABC's zones and sectors (career and volunteer) include zone meetings about regional and general fire service issues, biennial career sector meetings, and zone and sector meetings at the AGM.



COLLABORATION

Partnerships are key to the work of the FCABC, which works closely with other levels of government, standards organizations, associations and others.



FEDERAL

The FCABC President (Executive Officer) is a Director on the National Advisory Council of the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC), a role that includes providing input on fire service and public safety matters at the national level, keeping the CAFC Executive informed on BC issues, and participating in activities such as Government Relations Week with the Federal Government.

The Association forwards resolutions of national interest to the CAFC annual meeting as well as other submissions directly to the federal government.

PROVINCIAL

FCABC representatives meet with relevant Provincial Ministers and work with various ministries on issues related to public safety.

The FCABC also supports the work of the Office of the Fire Commissioner and sometimes partners with the OFC on projects. The two organizations regularly share information.

As well, the FCABC works closely with the BC Wildfire Service on wildfire-related topics and projects such as FireSmart, and the Ministry of Health and Emergency Medical Assistant Licensing Board on pre-hospital care.

LOCAL

Local governments are the Authority Having Jurisdiction for providing fire and emergency services in BC. To ensure the FCABC represents local government best interests, a representative of the Union of BC Municipalities holds an ex-officio position on the FCABC Executive Board, and the Association collaborates with the Local Government Management Association.

Active members also include regional district fire managers of small volunteer departments, ensuring representation for smaller departments whose chiefs are not FCABC members.

ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

In addition to government agencies, the FCABC maintains a membership or working relationship with many provincial, national, and international associations and organizations, including these and others:



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