

National Indigenous Fire Safety Council

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1.0 ABOUT & BENEFITS

The National Indigenous Fire Safety Council (NIFSC) Project is the result of a new Indigenous developed framework designed to support Indigenous communities in the development of their internal capacity to improve community safety and resilience. The NIFSC Project is Indigenous inspired, designed and led in collaboration with regional and national Indigenous communities, organizations, and leaders.

Benefits:

- Creation of culturally relevant programs that benefit all community members.
- Support in providing a range of fire, public safety, and community infrastructure services.
- Ensure opportunities for funding, equipment, fire prevention initiatives, and training.
- Provide expertise to Indigenous governance and leadership at the regional/national level.
- Support access to and rates for individual and community infrastructure insurance.
- Indigenous-specific research with national agencies and provincial Fire Marshal/Fire Commissioner offices.
- Research to reduce fire incidents through infrastructure and data collection.
- Integrated community-based fire services to engage in national fire incidents.
- Increased employment opportunities for Indigenous Peoples.

2.0 NATIONAL INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM

- The NIRS is a virtual database that gathers, stores, and analyses fire incidents across First Nations communities.
- **Available online as a fillable web form**
- By reporting on fire incidents, the NIRS will gather the data and identify the root cause, origin, and circumstances of fires to identify safety hazards at a community, provincial and national level.
- This will also help identify trends and inform future education initiatives, infrastructure needs, and economic planning.
- It demonstrates Fire Department utilization – makes funders aware of the true cost of activation
- Providing us with past information allows us to assist you with determining the actual cost of response and provides you with better information to budget appropriately for things like additional training, resources, and program development.

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3.0 PROGRAM DELIVERY

Right now, we have several programs and services available. We will have more next year as well. All of the programs and services are scheduled on our website. Some of the ones we offer right now are...

3.1 COMMUNITY SAFETY EDUCATION

Focused on specific fire safety issues and are designed to increase awareness. There are programs addressing specific areas such as cooking and heating, and programs designed for everyone in the community – Elders, youth, children, and adults.

3.1.1 HOME SAFETY ASSESSMENTS

HSAs use a simple tool to identify potential hazards within each home in a community, and then use this information to mitigate the identified hazards. Community leadership and the occupants of the homes are both included and made aware of what issues need to be addressed. This helps to build the big picture of where the risks are greatest within homes, and to take specific action to improve fire and life safety outcomes.

3.1.2 SENIOR AND ELDER SAFETY

The NIFSC Project uses a program called Remembering When which was developed by the NFPA (National Fire Protection Agency) for this community outreach. The program includes a series of easily distributed messaging statements with images, a program book, presentations, and material on how to conduct home visits. These materials can be taken into a community for train-the-trainer purposes.

3.1.3 WOOD HEAT SAFETY

This course touches on the WETT (Wood Energy Technology Transfer) program in Canada and goes into detail about chimney and wood burning appliance maintenance, fire safety measures, and seasoning/storing wood. This program checks learning against the learning outcomes and offers more resources for interested parties.

3.1.4 WOOD HEAT MAINTENANCE

If you are looking to add a wood stove to your existing home or development, this course offers information on wood stove selection, installation and maintenance, and the venting system required. This program solidifies learning outcomes with examples and questions and provides additional resources.

3.1.5 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

This program was created to provide resources, ideas, and structure for communities to develop their own Fire Prevention Week programs and community deliveries. Based on the free NFPA programs and materials available to communities with an indigenous

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outlook, this program is a complete guide to holding a successful and engaging Fire Prevention Week.

3.2 FIRE DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT

This program provide support for fire chiefs and officers at the administrative level with creating policies, providing guidelines, planning and purchases of apparatus and equipment.

3.2.1 PRIORITY1: FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSESSMENT

Every Fire Department should do this! We use a standardized assessment tool that helps us identify opportunities to improve fire department services. This helps us determine what equipment and training you might need. It only takes about 2 hours. We go through it together, I do all the typing, you just need to bring your knowledge.

3.2.2 POLICY AND OPERATIONAL GUIDELINE SUPPORT

Support service to assist in the development of policies and standard operational guidelines utilizing appropriate industry standards and required community or regulatory compliance. This program is directed at fire department membership.

3.2.3 POLICY AND GUIDELINE TRAINING

The wording and intention of each SOP/SOG is important for its function, and this course takes firefighters through the difference between policies and guidelines including examples.

3.2.4 OH&S PROGRAM SUPPORT

This support program is intended for fire department member use to improve or set up internal OH&S structures. The IFMS can facilitate or help with this process by using the example workplace policy, manual and handbook to sit down with the fire department and work through them.

3.2.5 OH&S PROGRAM TRAINING

Utilizing a different presentation and expanding on the OH&S program offered to community leadership in Community Governance Support, this training introduces aspects of OH&S followed immediately by discussion on their presence or absence in the fire department hosting the training. Both presentation and manual are available for this course.

3.2.6 FIRE SERVICE EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION SUPPORT

Currently offered as a support manual, this program covers purchasing, bid requirements, contracts, proposals and vendors while citing NFPA guidelines and providing templates and examples.

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3.2.7 TRAINING PLANS SUPPORT SERVICE

This is a support service to assist in development of operational and administration training plans. Currently only offered as a manual.

3.2.8 MUTUAL & AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT SUPPORT

This program is intended for a community with an active fire department that wishes to increase their coverage for the community. Following a similar thread to the MTSA Support offered in Community Governance Support, some of the same procedures and documents are helpful to procure additional support in times of need for a community with neighbouring fire departments and emergency service providers.

3.3 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

This program helps the community leaders develop policies and bylaws that will guide the emergency services. It also helps build communication plans and fire emergency plans. These programs will also help community leaders identify fire/life safety issues and find ways to reduce these risks.

3.3.1 COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY ASSESSMENT

Assessment tool to identify community fire and life safety risks and provide communities with an assessment report and recommendations. This tool can be used to identify next steps for communities looking to add a fire department, or for communities looking to implement more fire awareness programming.

3.3.2 COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION (CRR) PLAN

A Community Risk Reduction Plan (CRRP) is crucial for minimizing a community's risks in an organized and systematic manner by identifying the root causes of each risk and addressing them from multiple angles. As part of this course there are template CRR Plans, examples from other communities, and time to discuss the finer points of CRR Plans with the administrator of the program.

3.3.3 EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE FOR FIRE SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

Designed for governance bodies to understand their role and responsibility to support the delivery of an effective fire service. I really recommend that your community participate in this short online session to get tips on how the fire department and governance can work together effectively.

3.3.4 MUNICIPAL TYPE SERVICE AGREEMENT SUPPORT

This program offers tools and training to facilitate the collaboration efforts of indigenous communities working to attain a Municipal Type Service Agreement (MTSA) contract for coverage of their community. If there is no fire department in a community, this is the best way to ensure coverage.

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3.3.5 FIRE BYLAW DEVELOPMENT

Support services to assist governance bodies developing or refining their fire bylaws and understanding how they can assist community governance during trying events. Samples of bylaws and templates are included in this course.

3.3.6 FIRE SERVICE OH&S

From the daily risks of firefighting to the potential long-term consequences, this program teaches the value of strong health and safety programs. Directed at community leadership, this program in workshop format highlights what policies and responsibilities are necessary for a strong OH&S program, and how to keep on top of accountability. This is part 1 of 2, the second part is aimed at the Firefighters themselves and is found in Fire Department Management.

3.3.7 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE (EOC) TRAINING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

EOC training for governance bodies and ad-hoc support services to support governance response and mitigation to emergency management events. Complete with round table exercises and real-life examples, this course is designed to engage and create community capacity.

3.4 FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

Fire Department Operations programs include training, equipment repairs and maintenance, and education surrounding special hazard fire protection systems. These programs support firefighters and responders at the incident response level.

3.4.1 FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM TRAINING

To provide advice, guidance, and resources to assist fire departments to identify a fire prevention program suitable to the department and community needs. This in-depth course covers all things necessary to make this program unique and relevant to each individual community.

3.4.2 PRE-INCIDENT PLANNING SUPPORT

Support service for the development of pre-incident response plans and training exercises for structure fire, interface fire, and small airport responses.

3.4.3 APPARATUS MAINTENANCE SUPPORT

Focussing on Preventative Maintenance Programs (PMPs) for Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs) this course follows NFPA standards and provides detailed examples of how vehicular maintenance should be carried out and logged.

3.4.4 FLEET MANAGEMENT TRAINING

This program introduces the key concepts of managing an existing fleet, and forecasting the community needs for additional vehicles in the future. Details of maintenance

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record keeping, and apparatus life cycles are crucial and highlighted to make the most of a community's investment.

3.4.5 FIREFIGHTER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT SUPPORT

Support services and training for fire department selection, care, and maintenance of personal protective equipment (PPE).

- Not offered as online training

3.5 Other

Here is a list of our programs some of which are not included above:

#	Description	Target Audience	Description2
1.1	Youth Fire Setter Intervention	Youth (ages not specified)	Fire safety education designed to prevent youth fire activity
1.2	Getting to Know Fire	Pre-School age to seniors	Workshop on how to get to know how to use the Basic fire safety education program
1.3	Learn Not to Burn	Pre-school, Kindergarten, Grade 1	Fire safety education with lesson plan format for school delivery
1.4	Close Before You Doze	All ages	Home fire safety education program
1.5	Fire Prevention Week	Primarily youth with some adult	October fire safety campaign based on NFPA annual safety theme
1.6	Sparky School House	Pre-school to grade 5	Youth fire safety program based on NFPA 'Sparky' mascot
1.7	Cooking Safety	Adults	Education program to highlight safe cooking practices and fire prevention
1.8	Heating Safety in the Community	Primarily adults	Public education and materials on the safe use of different heating sources
1.9	Electrical Safety	Adults	Public education and training resources on electrical hazards and prevention of electrical fires
1.10	Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Safety	Adults	Public education program to promote the use, installation and maintenance of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors
1.11	Home Escape Planning	Adult and youth	Home fire safety education program focused on the awareness, use and practice of home escape plans
1.12	Senior and Elder Safety	Adult seniors	Public education program focused on fall prevention and fire safety for seniors and elders
1.13	Multi-Generation Residence Safety	Residential occupants	Public education program focused on homes that are multigenerational

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1.14	Home Safety Assessment	Residential occupants	Public education program utilizing a standardized safety assessment and provides occupants with recommendations to mitigate identified and potential hazards
1.15	Wood Heat Safety	Residential occupants	Public education program focused on wood heating appliances safety
1.16	Wood Heat Maintenance	Residential occupants	Public education program that provides wood heating appliance maintenance and awareness tips
1.17	Seasonal Safety	All ages	Season specific fire safety campaigns and education resources that focus on known and emerging issues
1.18	Fire Smart	Adults	Public education program that provides awareness and mitigation strategies to reduce wildfire risks
1.19	Fire and Life Safety Educator	First Nations fire service personnel	Education program to train community-based members (firefighters, teachers, safety officers, etc.) to deliver fire and life safety programs
1.20	Traditional Fire Knowledge	First Nations communities	Fire awareness education program based on cultural and traditional land management methods
2.1	Community Fire Safety Assessment	Chief and Council	Assessment tool to identify community fire and life safety risks and provide communities with an assessment report and recommendations
2.2	Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Plan	Chief and Council	Community specific risk reduction plan that provides mitigation and measurable outcomes to address identified risks
2.3	Effective Governance for Fire Service Administration	Fire Chief and Band Chief	Program delivered through a workshop format designed for governance bodies to understand their role and responsibility to support the delivery of an effective fire service
2.4	Risk Mitigation Analysis Services	Chief and Council, Fire Chief	Community analysis support service to develop recommendations for governance and administration to determine the most appropriate level of fire service protection to mitigate community risk

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2.5	Municipal Type Service Agreement (MTSA) Development	Chief and Council	Support services to define the components of an individual community's MTSA's based on community risks and service provider capacity
2.6	Fire Bylaw Development	Chief and Council (and) Fire Chiefs	Support services to assist governance bodies developing or refining their fire bylaw
2.7	Community Risk & Governance Liability	Chief and Council	Program delivered through a workshop format designed to support governance bodies identifying and understanding risks, liability and development of mitigation strategies
2.8	Fire Service Occupational Health & Safety (OHS)	Chief and Council (and) Fire Chiefs	Program delivered through a customized governance workshop, based on the regulatory and service delivery, who are developing or reviewing an OHS program to protect fire department members
2.9	Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Training and Support Services	Chief and Council	EOC training for governance bodies and ad-hoc support services to support governance response and mitigation to emergency management events
3.1	National Incident Database	Chief and Council, researchers	Data management system to support community collection of fire incidents and management of fire service infrastructure
3.2	Fire Protection Research Services	NIOs, Regional Technical Service groups, NIFSC	Research service requested by communities or leadership on fire safety, mitigation, infrastructure protection or emerging safety issues
3.3	Plans Examination Services	Chief and Council, Fire departments	Plan examination services required by communities developing new capital infrastructure
3.4	Plans Examination Training	Fire inspectors, building inspectors	Plan examiner accredited training
3.5	Capital Infrastructure Management Support	Chief and Council, Fire Chief	Support service to assist in tracking, planning and acquisition of fire service capital assets (buildings, apparatus, major equipment)
3.6	Fire Station Design Services	Fire Chief, Chief and Council	Support service for fire station capital infrastructure acquisition or station renovations
3.7	Water Infrastructure Engineering Services	Chief and Council, Fire Chief	Engineering services to support community water infrastructure and fire protection systems

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3.8	Hydrant Infrastructure Services	Chief and Council, Fire Chief	Hydrant maintenance services
3.9	Community Fire Protection Planning Services	Chief and Council, Fire Chief	Support service for assisting in the planning, development or enhancement of fire protection
3.10	Fixed Systems and Sprinkler Protection Support Services	Chief and Council	Support service for assisting in the planning, development, enhancement or maintenance of fixed suppression systems and sprinkler protection
3.11	Emergency Services Communication Support Services	Technical Services, IT, Fire Chief	Support service for assisting in the planning, development, enhancement or maintenance of emergency services communications infrastructure
4.1	Fire Department Assessment	Fire Chiefs	Support service utilizing a standardized assessment tool to identify opportunities to enhance fire department service delivery
4.2	Fire Officer Training	Firefighters preparing for promotion to Officer positions	Accredited fire officer training based on NFPA Fire Officers (level 1 – 4)
4.3	Policy and Operational Guideline Support	Fire Chief	Support service to assist in the development of policies and standard operational guidelines utilizing appropriate industry standards and required community or regulatory compliance
4.4	Policy and Guideline Training	Fire Chief, officers, firefighters	Accredited fire management training in the development and application of policies and standard operational guidelines
4.5	Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Program Support	Fire Chief, Chief and Council	Support service for creating or enhancing fire department OHS policies and regulatory compliance
4.6	Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Program Training	Fire Chief, Safety Officers, Safety Committee members	OHS training in the development, management and compliance of regulatory guidelines
4.7	Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Training	Fire service members and community members impacted by fire incidents	CISM training is focused on the awareness, identification and mitigation strategies to prevent or minimize the mental health impact to first responders
4.8	Training Plans Support Service	Fire Chief, FD Training Officer	Support service to assist in development of operational and administration training plans

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4.9	Capital Equipment/Apparatus Acquisition Support	Fire Chief, Chief and Council	Support service to perform apparatus/equipment requirements, develop request for proposals (RFP), review vendor RFP responses, development of acquisition contracts, procurement schedules and final delivery verification
4.10	Fire Service Equipment Acquisition Support	Fire Chief, Chief and Council	Support service to perform fire service equipment requirements, develop request for proposals (RFP), review vendor RFP responses, development of acquisition contracts, procurement schedules and final delivery verification including airport and interface equipment
4.11	Mutual and Automatic Aid Agreement Support	Fire Chief, Chief and Council	Support service for fire departments developing mutual or automatic aid agreements including operations, communications, risk, regulatory and insurance
5.1	Fire Code Inspection Services	Fire Chief, Fire Inspectors, Health Authorities, Chief and Council, education committees	Fire inspection services for communities that require fire inspections for residential pre-occupancy permits, public gathering buildings, health or education facilities, industrial facilities, special events or ad-hoc inspection services
5.2	Fire Extinguisher Inspection and Maintenance Services	Fire Chief, Chief and Council	Fire extinguisher inspection and maintenance services required by communities to meet regulatory, insurance or community adopted standards
5.3	Fire Inspector Training (Level 1)	Fire Inspectors (current and incoming)	Accredited fire inspection training to the NFPA Level 1 standard
5.4	Fire Inspector Training (Level 2)	Fire Inspectors	Accredited fire inspection training to the NFPA Level 2 standard
5.5	Provincial Building Code Training	Building and Fire Inspectors, band administrators	Accredited provincial building code training for the interpretation and application of provincial building codes
5.6	National Building Code Training	Building and Fire Inspectors, band administrators	Accredited national building code training for the interpretation and application of the national building code

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5.7	Wood Energy Technology Transfer (WETT) Inspections	Fire Inspectors, building inspectors, residents	WETT inspection services for communities that require WETT inspections for insurance, installation of appliances or community maintenance standards
5.8	Wood Energy Technology Transfer (WETT) Inspector Training	Fire Inspectors, building inspectors	Accredited WETT training and mentorship required to meet the national WETT certified inspector's standard
6.1	Fire Investigation Services	Fire Chief, Chief and Council	Investigation of fires (cause, origin and circumstances) and ensuring collection of fire reporting data. Includes provision of training materials around fire scene preservation for non-investigators
6.2	Fire Investigator Training	Fire Investigators (existing and future)	Accredited fire investigator training utilizing NFPA standards
6.3	Fire Scene Preservation Training	Fire Officers, firefighters, police	Accredited fire scene preservation training
7.1	Firefighter Training	Firefighters	Accredited firefighter training using NFPA standards
7.2	Fire Prevention Program Training	Officers/firefighters tasked with managing or delivering fire prevention programs	To assist fire departments in developing a department training program and in identifying training providers to meet the department's specific training needs in fire prevention
7.3	Fire Prevention Program Planning Support	Fire Chief/Officer responsible for fire prevention	To provide advice, guidance and resources to assist fire departments to identify a fire prevention program suitable to the department and community needs
7.4	Pre-Incident Planning Support	Fire chief	Support service for the development of pre-incident response plans and training exercises for structure fire, interface fire and small airport responses
7.5	Apparatus Maintenance Support	Fire Chief	Support service for the development and implementation of fire department apparatus maintenance schedule
7.6	Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Training	Apparatus drivers and pump operators	Accredited training for apparatus driving and pump operations
7.7	Fleet Management Training	Fire Chief, Fire Officers	Accredited training for fleet management

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7.8	SCBA and Refill Station Maintenance Services	Fire Chief	Support service for the operations and maintenance of SCBA equipment and refill station
7.9	SCBA and Refill Station Maintenance Training	Fire Officer/firefighter responsible for Breathing Air systems, SCBA Field Maintenance Technicians	Accredited training for the operations and maintenance of SCBA equipment and refill station
7.10	Firefighter Protective Equipment Support	Fire Officer/firefighter responsible for PPE	Support services for fire department selection, care and maintenance of personal protective equipment
7.11	Fire Department Equipment Management and Testing Services	Officers and firefighters with responsibility to manage and test common fire service equipment, department mechanics	Support services for fire department equipment management, maintenance and manufacture recommended testing
7.12	Equipment Management and Testing Training	Fire Officer/firefighter with responsibility for small tools/equipment maintenance, department mechanics	Accredited training for non-apparatus equipment management, maintenance and testing
7.13	Airport Fire Operations Support	Fire departments that provide fire protection services to airports/aerodromes	Support services for fire departments to develop and implement standards and equipment who provide fire suppression and rescue services to their community airport
7.14	Airport Fire Operations Equipment Maintenance Training	Fire Chief, firefighters in departments that provide airport fire services	Support services for fire department airport fire suppression and rescue equipment management, maintenance and manufacture recommended testing
7.15	Interface Structure Protection Training	Firefighters that provide interface structure protection	Firefighter training in the deployment of structure protection equipment for interface fire operations with training to meet or exceed BC SPP-115 Structure Protection Workshop criteria

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7.16	Interface Equipment Maintenance Support	Wildland firefighters with Structure Protection equipment	Support services for fire department interface fire suppression equipment management, maintenance and manufacture recommended testing