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**First Nations'
Emergency Services Society**

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First Nations Emergency Services Society of BC

FNESS Quarterly Responder

Upcoming Workshop/Sessions

2018 Structural Fire Engagement Sessions:

www.nmtcevents.com/structuralfireengagementsessions

BC Local FireSmart Representative Workshop Series:

FireSmart@gov.bc.ca

Fire Services

Fire Prevention Week: October 7 to 13, 2018

This year's FPW campaign, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere" teaches people the three essential steps to reduce the likelihood of having a fire—and how to escape safely in the event of one.

Here are the three steps:

"LOOK" for places that fire could start: Take a good look around your home, identify potential fire hazards, and take care of them.

"LISTEN" for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.

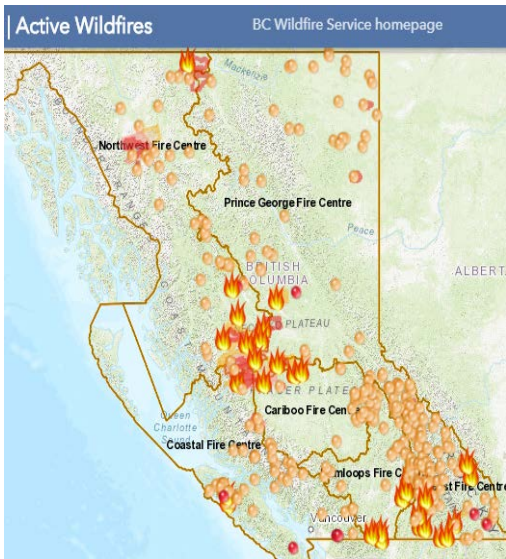
"LEARN" two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn't just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week to learn how to stay safe in case of a fire.

<https://www.nfpa.org/fpw/index.html>

On this site, you'll find loads of FREE educational resources to make sure that every person knows what to do in case of a fire. Apps, videos, print materials and much more contain information to help keep your family and your community safe.

You can purchase the Fire Prevention Week kit to use at community events to get



BC Wildfire Service – see Active Wildfires:
<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=f6f11c8c36b42c29e103f65dbcd7538>



Larry Price, RPF FNESS Forest Fuel Management Specialist (FMS) conducting a Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative (SWPI) Operational Treatment (OT) field visit with Tobacco Plains Indian Band

children and adults excited about fire safety. Order the kits from the Canadian Public Safety Resource Centre:

- Order by phone at 1-866-300-5115
- On-line orders at www.fpwcanada.ca

For information about the current wildfire situation: [Current Wildfire Situation](#)

Forest Fuel Management

First Nations Adapt Program

Meeting with Tmixw Research based out of Merritt BC, L to R Lucille Shackelly, Sharon Stone, Jeff Eustache, RFT FFM FNESS Manager and Darrick Andrew, BNRS FFM Liaison are discussing the research interview process for the Shackan Band.



August 15, 2018 Wildfire Prevention Town Hall meeting, North Saanich – it was much appreciated!

Dr. Natasha Caverley provided photos from the event that were sent from MP Elizabeth May and MLA Adam Olsen’s respective offices. Photo below.



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Emergency Management

August was a very busy month for the emergency management team as a result of the wildfires around the province. Team members assisted First Nations with response and recovery in the Southeast, Central, Northeast, and Northwest regions. This includes assisting with emergency operation centers (EOC), essential social services (ESS), critical incident stress management (CISM), and recovery support leading into September.

EM and Fire Services also attended the McLeod Lake Indian Band annual AGA. FNESS hosted a booth at the trade show and participated in the reveal of the new fire truck. The AGA was very well attended by community and industry members. Thank you to MLIB for inviting us to this amazing event!

FNESS also met with communities in the Prince George area to talk about FireSmart, training, emergency management planning, and mitigation.



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