

First Nations' Community Governance and Leadership Workshop

It's not a matter of "if" it's a matter of "when". Are you prepared?

Community leaders and management have a significant role to play in enhancing and maintaining the health and safety of community members. They must also consider the protection of property and equipment and ensure that effective preparedness plans and resources are in place in the event of emergencies.

This workshop will provide expert training on the relationship between good governance and Fire Prevention and Protection. A focus is on Fire Prevention and how to attend to the fire hazardous situations in your community, along with your responsibilities, and liabilities. The role of Fire Departments will be discussed and we will examine the key responsibilities and concerns that surround Fire Protection.

Who will benefit from attending?

- Chiefs of First Nation communities
- Council members of First Nation communities
- Band Administrators
- Fire Chief and Fire Department Coordinator(s)
- Other key managers with a leadership role

This workshop will address key issues in Fire Protection and Fire Prevention.

Topics that will be covered:

National & Provincial Statistics Relating to Reported Fires

The issues surrounding fire prevention and fire protection are varied and complex. We will discuss the issues pertaining to elected officials.

Fire Protection Options and Funding

A detailed overview will be provided of what options are available for communities. Funding considerations will also be discussed in detail.

Community Planning around Fire Protection

A well laid out plan will pave the road to success. Do we know which questions to ask about our community when planning out fire protection?

The Risk Management and Liability

There will be a discussion of roles, responsibilities and the liability that you carry as an elected official.



Good Governance Leadership Practices

Best practices of elected officials in supporting a well-planned and successful community fire protection program.

Comparison of existing standards and regulations for First Nation community Fire Protection Services

We need to protect those who volunteer for our safety by ensuring better standards are in place.

Additional Funding Sources

Elected officials may need to source additional funding for programs. Fire protection is no exception. We will discuss additional funding sources that a community can access to assist its community fire protection program.

The workshop will conclude with a round-table discussion and a summary of key points.

Your participation in this workshop will help save lives in your community! We *can* make a difference and create healthier and safer First Nation communities.

If you would like any additional information, please call FNESS and ask for Michelle Buchholz at
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