



Assembly of First Nations (AFN)

First Nations Fire Protection Strategy Webinar Series

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CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Part 3: Fire Department and Emergency Services Virtual via Zoom January 23, 2026



The [First Nations Fire Protection Strategy](#) is a national framework developed to enhance fire safety and emergency preparedness in First Nations communities. Built on six strategic pillars, the strategy aims to address persistent gaps in fire prevention, response, infrastructure, training, legislation, and data collection. It reflects the priorities and experiences of First Nations and emphasizes community-driven solutions, stronger partnerships, and sustainable support systems. The strategy provides a roadmap for reducing fire-related risks and strengthening local capacity through collaboration, innovation, and advocacy.



The fire department and emergency services pillar will focus on strengthening the capacity, coordination, and sustainability of First Nations fire departments and emergency services. It addresses challenges related to limited staffing, aging equipment, insufficient training, and jurisdictional gaps that impact response times and effectiveness. The goal is to enhance emergency preparedness and response by supporting community-led fire departments, developing certification pathways, improving access to equipment and resources, and fostering mutual aid agreements. This pillar recognizes the critical role that well-resourced, culturally grounded emergency services play in protecting lives and property in First Nations communities.



This portion of the webinar series invites presentations from First Nations fire departments, training institutions, and emergency service providers. Topics may include building and sustaining fire departments, establishing training and certification pathways, volunteer recruitment, mutual aid agreements, and successful emergency response planning. Presenters with lived experience and success stories are encouraged to submit.



We invite submissions from First Nations practitioners, leaders, technical experts, and researchers who can offer valuable insight and practical strategies. Presentations should support the objectives of the Fire Protection Strategy, highlighting successes, challenges, and recommendations for implementation.



Submission Requirements:

- Synopsis: 200 words or less
- Presenter biography: 100 words or less (up to 3 presenters)
- Submit to: Alexandra Whiteduck at infrastructure@afn.ca
- Subject line: FNFPS Webinar – Emergency Services

Submission Deadline: November 28, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. ET

Please note, submissions may be edited for length in webinar materials, digital or hard copy. Successful applicants will be notified by December 5, 2025. For questions, please email infrastructure@afn.ca.