



# *First Nations' Emergency Services Society*

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**Leadership and Governance, Home Fire Life Safety, and Community Fire Prevention:** This program is to educate and increase capacity of the Chief, Band Council and other leadership regarding community fire prevention.

**Smoke Alarm and Fire Extinguisher:** These programs provide essential home fire safety equipment (smoke/carbon monoxide alarms and kitchen fire extinguishers) to First Nation communities at no cost.

**Youth Engagement Initiative and Gathering Our Voices Conference:** This program provides fire prevention training boot camps for elementary students, high school students and young adults. FNESS participates in the annual Gathering Our Voices Indigenous Youth Leadership Training.

**School Fire Prevention Education, Development of School Fire Champion, and Poster Contest (Provincial/National):** These programs provide age-appropriate fire safety education to students, giving them the opportunity to practice fire safety skills and participate in the Fire Prevention Week Poster Contest.

**Fire Officer Safety and Capacity Building:** This program teaches fire officers how to safely monitor subordinates while focusing on safety, covering topics such as leadership, strategies and tactics, risk management, documentation, operational guidelines, accountability, and incident action plans.

**Firefighter Training:** This program provides firefighters with the basic knowledge and practical skills to safely attack a structure fire and extinguish the fire while protecting exposure.

**Firefighters' Competitions (Provincial/ National):** Each year, FNESS hosts a Firefighter Competition in a local First Nation community, where teams of 5 firefighters compete in a variety of events that test their physical ability and firefighting skills.

**First Nations Fire Department Networking and Mentoring Platform:** This program was created to support First Nation fire departments to enhance fire officer's skills with the administration and operations of their department.

**Annual Summary Report:** The annual fire report showcases the achievements and milestones for the year, this is supported by the quarterly reports.

**Fire Services Communications, Advisory and Outreach:** The communications from the Fire Service division strengthens the administration, operations and training functions of the Indigenous fire services in BC.

**Fire Safety Assessments:** These assessments are conducted by FNESS on behalf of Indigenous Services of Canada to assess the overall level of fire safety of a community and to provide options to enhance the level of fire protection.

**Fire Department Driver Pump Operator Program:** The Driver Pump Operator Program teaches firefighters how to check, maneuver, drive and operate their fire department engine through classroom instruction, demonstrations, and hands-on training.

**Community First Aid:** This program is designed to train adult community members in basic first aid, CPR Level C, and the use of an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). This course is equivalent to the WorkSafe BC Level 1 course, and certification is good for 3 years.

