



THE VOLUNTEER

The Volunteer Firefighters'
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Spring Training Seminar 2024 Sunshine Valley

Sunshine Valley is excited to be hosting Spring Seminar 2023. Located only 15 minutes East of Hope on Highway 3, we have a lot to offer to the training sessions this year. We are able to offer the same training courses you've come to expect like: Extrication, Forcible Entry, and Building Search but this year we are also pleased to offer courses from the Justice Institute of BC! We will have 1-day and 2-day JIBC courses as well as 1-hour sessions taught by JIBC instructors. We have secured session locations, instructors, accommodations, vendors and caterers for the weekend and are really looking forward to hosting you in our community in the mountains. We will see you May 3-5 2024!

FYI registration will start in mid January.

Check out our website for more info at

<https://svsfd.com/2024-spring-seminar>

Vendors wishing to attend can contact

Chris Terry Fire Chief LAFC

778-583-5661 or scvfdfirechief@gmail.com

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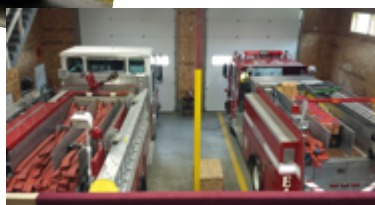
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Still working on a
new website.

Stay tuned

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THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION FUND

This foundation Fund was established to help Firefighter's or their families when needs arise. It has been used in the past in the case of death in the family, severe illness, a need to travel for health care and so on. The Fund is maintained through a portion of the Association membership fee.

Claims are made through your local Fire Chief who can contact:

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Please note the administration of the fund is with the office of the Volunteer Firefighters Association of B.C. in Duncan, B.C. Mail: 921 Jubilee Street, Duncan, B.C., V9L 1Y2

Please pass this information on to your Volunteer Firefighters.

The Canadian Institute for Public Safety Research and Treatment (CIPSRT), is excited to announce the release of multiple ER2MR, Treatment 101 and Sleep 101 course offerings. These courses are free of charge (Funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada) and available to Public Safety Personnel (PSP).

Treatment 101: Treatment 101 for public safety personnel is a five-module online course designed to support Public safety personnel (PSP) in making informed decisions about their mental health care. This course discusses topics such as insurance coverage, types of service providers, relevant terms and definitions, evidence-based treatment options, tips for choosing a mental health service provider, and what to expect at the first appointment with a mental health care professional.

- Offering #8: December 4 - December 16, 2023.
- Offering #9: January 15 - January 27, 2024.
- Offering #10: February 5 - February 17, 2024.

Sleep 101: Given the increased understanding of the importance of sleep to both mental and physical health, CIPSRT has collaborated with Dr. Colleen Carney, Director of the Sleep and Depression Laboratory at Toronto Metropolitan University, to develop a 4-session sleep course for PSP.

- Offering #3: January 16th (11:00 – 13:00 CST) & January 23 - 25th, 2024 (11:00 – 12:30 CST).

For more information or to register for these courses, please see the CIPSRT Training and Development page: <https://www.cipsrt-icrtsp.ca/en/training-opportunities>

If you have any questions about these training opportunities offered by CIPSRT, please contact me.

Thank-you and take care!
Derek

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When the alarm sounds, your firefighters jump into action uncertain what awaits each and every one of them. Most of the time, it is a quick solution to an easy problem. However, what happens when the complexity of the call becomes a hindrance to your firefighter's psychological wellbeing and now he/she needs immediate help? The answer is the VFIS of Canada Member & Family Assistance Program (MFAP) through Homewood Health. Your firefighter can access immediate support, without hesitation, in order to resolve the potential issue with help of Homewood's experienced, professional counsellors.

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Applications for the position of Executive Director are being accepted.

The position of Executive Director for the Volunteer Firefighters of B.C. and the Volunteer Firefighters Foundations fund will be available starting May of 2024. This position is responsible for the day-to-day workings of the association and foundation fund. Applicants should have a broad knowledge of the volunteer fire service in B.C. and be able to communicate with members and prospective members about the association and other questions that may impact the operation of their departments. Applicants should have a knowledge of financial management and accounting, good computer skills, good communications skills, the ability to plan and record meetings, other skills to enhance the operation of the associations.

This position is open to members of VFABC departments or retired or Honorary/Life members that still want to be involved with service the fire service. For further information contact Art Sanderson at 250 710 5395. Applications should be sent to President Dustin Curry at trfire@dtr.ca

Applications are being accepted for 3 vacant Director positions Lower Mainland, Thompson/Okanagan and Kootenay East

Should be an active member of a fire department in good standing with the Association. Interested in promoting the volunteer fire service. Willing to be involved to improve, support and maintain the Association. Also be willing to sit on committees that may be struck by the Association, Provincial Government or any other agency that would involve the Association. Attend Association meetings, communicate with members of the Association and member fire departments. Promote the association to volunteer fire departments throughout the region. If interested please contact our President Dustin Curry: trfire@dtr.ca



Chu Chua Volunteer Fire Department "Engine 2 has arrived"





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What's happening in fire and safety at JIBC



FIRE & SAFETY DIVISION (FSD) NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2023

Important update

Please be advised that the JIBC Fire & Safety Division (FSD) is now at full capacity for 2023 and cannot accommodate additional contract requests until January 2024. At this time, we are booking contract training opportunities into early 2024. All potential clients are encouraged to submit early requests and complete contracts quickly in order to secure their desired dates. Please note that the current demand for contract training is exceeding our capacity to deliver; thus, we may not be able to accommodate all training requests.

We sincerely thank you all for your business. We will continue to strive to prepare and deliver exemplary training to all our current and prospective clients. Please contact our Contract Training Team for further details and information to assist you in scheduling your training in the future.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN FSD?

CONTRACTS

The FSD Contracts area has been extremely busy in the last few months. Below are some of the courses the FSD team delivered each month:

September – 31 Contracts

- National Indigenous Fire Safety Council - Frontline Leadership 1, Fire & Life Safety Educator – Montreal Quebec
- Northern Rockies Regional Municipality – Vehicle Rescue 1, 2 and Heavy Vehicle Rescue – Fort Nelson BC
- Malaspina Fire Department – Rapid Intervention Team – Powell River BC
- Taylor Fire Department – Pumps and Pumping - Taylor BC
- Otter Point FD – Live Fire 1 – Sooke BC
- Vancouver Airport Authority – Live Fire Custom – Maple Ridge Campus
- Regional District Kootenay Boundary – Live Fire 1 – Penticton Training Facility – Penticton BC
- Railway Association of Canada – Site Rental – Maple Ridge Campus



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- CN Rail – Site Rental – Maple Ridge Campus
- Regional District Central Kootenay Boundary – ESM-1 – Nelson BC
- Parkland Refinery – Fire Industrial Custom – Maple Ridge Campus

October – 34 Contracts

- Canfor Pulp- Hazmat Tech – Prince George BC
- FORTIS BC – Site Rental – Maple Ridge Campus
- BC Ferries – Basic LNG – Maple Ridge Campus
- Regional District Kootenay Boundary – Hazmat Operations- Trail BC
- Osoyoos Fire Department – ESM 1 – Osoyoos BC
- FORTIS BC – LNG Facilities Emergency Response Training
- Woodfibre LNG – LNG Demonstration – Squamish BC
- Metchosin FD – Hazmat Ops Evaluations – Metchosin BC
- Cree Nation Government – NFPA 1001 FF I/FFII – Nemaska Quebec
- New Westminster Fire & Rescue Services – Live Fire Custom – Maple Ridge Campus
- Charlie Lake FD – ESM I – Charlie Lake BC
- BC HYDRO – Industrial Fire Brigade Advanced Exterior – Maple Ridge Campus
- Sun Peaks FD – Live Fire 1 Evaluation – North Okanagan Training Facility – Vernon BC

November – 19 Contracts

- Maple Ridge Fire Rescue - Live Fire Custom – Maple Ridge Campus
- Bellingham FD – Site Rental – Maple Ridge Campus
- Penticton FD – Pumping Apparatus/Driver Operator Evaluations – Penticton BC
- Squamish FD – Live Fire 1 Evaluations – Squamish BC
- Cree Nation Government – NFPA 1001 FF I/FFII – Nemaska Quebec
- Medicine Hat Fire & Emergency Services – ESM II – Medicine Hat Alberta
- SUNCOR – Refinery Firefighting – Maple Ridge Campus
- BC Ferries – Vehicle Fire FF – Maple Ridge Campus
- Oyster River/Courtenay FD – ESM I – Courtenay BC
- Williams Lake FD – Rapid Intervention Team – Williams Lake BC
- Chilliwack FD – ESM II evaluations – Chilliwack BC

All this work couldn't be accomplished without the efforts of the entire team, which includes Wendy Boulter, Jacquie Rawson, Myra Perry, Kathleen Cezar, John Zacharuk, and Kevin Perkin. Thank you to all of you for all your dedication and hard work!





Volunteer Fire Fighters Take Climate Action

This past September, West Kelowna Fire Chief Jason Brolund stood up at the United Nations in New York to speak about his experience fighting massive wildfires, where he described the 'toughest three days' of his career and urged leaders to think about how to act to prevent worsening climate disasters.

It got me thinking that perhaps there's an opportunity for volunteer Fire Chiefs and firefighters across the province to join Chief Brolund's leadership and spread the message of climate action.

Last week, I received a public notice from my local volunteer Fire Chief that the provincial category 1 campfire and 2/3 open fire bans had been lifted. It read like an invitation to a party. "The following are now permitted: open burning, burning barrels, campfires, tiki torches, fireworks and exploding rifle targets!" I admit that a lot of these sound like a lot of fun, but if we are going to reduce our carbon emissions, isn't it wise to save our CO₂ budget for the really fun stuff and cut back on the activities that produce the most pollution, i.e. open burning and burning barrels. We could also reduce the number of false calls our volunteer firefighters answer.

Most yard waste is better off composted, mulched, or recycled. 1 kg (2.2 lbs) of yard waste wood holds about 1.6 kg (3.5 lbs) of CO₂, depending on species, age, etc. This is how forests act as carbon sinks. On the other hand, burning this wood releases that 1.6 kg (3.5 lbs) of CO₂ into the atmosphere. Further, open burns of wood, leaf, and grass resembled wildfire smoke, which is increasingly linked to health problems up to 12 times more cancer-causing polyaromatic hydrocarbons. Even the methane emissions from simply letting your brush compost are much less than burning it in one roaring blaze.

Here are a few alternatives to burning yard waste and sequestering CO₂

- Chip and Mulch wood around trees to help retain moisture
- Compost leaf litter for the garden
- Recycle paper & cardboard
- Create a brush pile habitat for beneficial insects

I call on volunteer Fire Chiefs and firefighters across the province to join Chief Brolund's leadership and spread the message of the alternatives to burning through your local public notices and word of mouth wherever and whenever you can. Fewer fires mean less wildfire risk, reduced CO₂ emissions and respect for our local volunteer firefighters.

Nicholas Scapillati
Kalpalin, shíshálh–Pender Harbour, BC

Source: EPA. 2016. Direct Emissions from Stationary Combustion Sources
(https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2016-03/documents/stationaryemissions_3_2016.pdf)



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LEARNING THAT TAKES YOU BEYOND

FSD Contract Courses Announcement

November 14, 2023

To: All JIBC Fire & Safety Division clients**Subject:** Change in FSD Contract Course Delivery Procedure – including Authorized Provider Agencies

Over the past year, there has been a significant increase in interest for program and course delivery at the Fire & Safety Division (FSD). While we are thrilled to see such enthusiasm, we have come to the realization that we are currently unable to meet the high demand. Therefore, FSD has determined a need to implement a process that will enable us to better quantify and manage the number of non-tuition deliveries that we can offer, both at the Maple Ridge Campus and off-site (including authorized provider locations). This approach will allow us to provide a more efficient and effective service, making sure that everyone who participates in our programs has the best experience possible.

This document and its content apply to all contract-type deliveries of FSD courses, including Authorized Provider deliveries. All the following requirements and procedures will apply in all cases and remain in effect until further notice. Additional updates will be disseminated through provincial fire service associations and other direct contacts.

1. Any Contract course requests currently in discussion stage or received as of today and moving forward will be scheduled for calendar year 2024.
2. From January 2024 onwards, we will be limiting the maximum number of contract-type courses that can be processed and scheduled in a single month. This limit will apply to all courses, regardless of whether they are delivered on the Maple Ridge campus or off-site.
3. To qualify as one of the scheduled deliveries in a month, clients must timely submit all required student information along with a signed contract from both Client and FSD.

NOTE: *It is solely the responsibility of the client to comply with the required student information for each individual course, including prerequisites. Non-compliance with required prerequisites will not be accepted under any circumstances. If the student application involves a Prior Learning Assessment or Transfer Credit is, it must have been completed prior to student application for the course in question.*

Moving forward, the following criteria must be met for all contract-type delivery requests:

- a. First Come, First Serve – the first clients who satisfy all requirements will be served, up to the monthly maximum number of deliveries;
- b. For courses with prerequisites, all required information must be submitted to FSD at least **8 weeks (40 business days)** prior to the delivery date;



- c. For courses not requiring prerequisites, all required information must be submitted at least 4 weeks (20 business days) prior to the delivery date;
 - d. If required lead times are not met, clients will not be permitted a spot in the contract list for the month;
 - e. Exceptions will only be made if the monthly workload permits.
4. Minimum and maximum class size requirements and instructor ratios:
- a. All courses have class size numbers, and those numbers determine their costs. FSD staff can provide these numbers if required and FSD staff will advise the prospective client early in the process if concerns exist;
 - b. Courses can be delivered with class size numbers less than the minimum, but total costs for the minimum number will still be applied. These are not negotiable;
 - c. FSD will only authorize contracts where the client guarantees payment for the identified minimum number of students for the specific course.
5. Changes to student information, or addition of students, must be made no less than 10 business days prior to the course start. No exceptions will be made in this regard. Student deletions will also be processed within 10 business days prior to course delivery but no replacements will be permitted, and contract fees will not be reduced.

I understand that some of our current and potential clients may have concerns about this change. However, I want to reassure you that this process has been instituted to ensure that our division's skilled frontline and support staff can continue delivering high-quality programs to our clients. In the past, we had frequent last-minute client requests, which put a strain on our staff and affected the quality of our programs. We have undertaken these changes to ensure academic and accreditation integrity and staff well-being. FSD and the JIBC required more certainty in programming, and we are confident that these changes will lead to a more efficient and effective program delivery. We appreciate your understanding and support as we make this transition.

We know some clients may seek engagement elsewhere with other providers, and we fully respect that position. However, we are confident in our ability to continue meeting your needs at every level through this new, more formalized process. We believe that this will lead to a mutually beneficial outcome for all parties involved, and we remain committed to providing you with exceptional service.

Respectfully,

Don Jolley, Interim Director
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Justice Institute of BC
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Project Firefighter
Burns Lake



This October the Burns Lake FD hosted "Project Firefighter" through School District 91. 16 students from four different schools participated in the project over two days. Day one consisted of multiple different stations where our instructors showed them proper use of PPE, search techniques, hose handling, auto extrication, and ended the day with a cold start in our burn building. All the students stayed in the firehall overnight and were awoken with a page out at 0400 to respond to our training grounds where we had multiple live fire scenarios. Once the scenarios were completed and students had a quick breakfast, we conducted a few more skill drills where students were able to try some bail outs, fire extinguishers, climb to the top of our three stage ladder and learn about thermal imaging cameras. Both the students and the instructors really enjoyed the two days, and some of our local departments now have some great candidates for their junior programs. Looking forward to hosting this event again in the future.



The Honour House Society would like to extend a big thank you to the entirety of the Volunteer Firefighter community.

Recently we were named winners of the of the Veteran & Civil Servant category for the 2023 Land Rover Defender

Service Awards. We felt the support from many who voted within the Volunteer Firefighter community.

The prizes associated with the win include \$25,000 USD and a brand new, custom Land Rover Defender 130. On top of the, already, \$7500 USD for being a top five finalist.

One of the main purposes we have earmarked this new vehicle for will be for fire mitigation on the property. With 120 acres of beautiful forest to protect, this vehicle will go a long way in ensuring that we can reach every corner of the ranch. We will be able to haul gear in and brush out so the ranch is there for all to enjoy and seek out any help that may be needed in the event of operational stress.

The vehicle will also be available for transporting members to and from the Ranch, be it the bus stop in Ashcroft or the airport in Kamloops. We take pride in being able to deliver, not only programs, but members themselves to the first class mental wellbeing programs we will be able to offer.

This past November, we welcomed members from BC Wildfire Service. After a devastating season, we are honoured that they have chosen Honour Ranch as a location for their program, where they will gain valuable education and tools for future wildfire seasons. We look forward to working with different firefighting groups to continue the great work already being done at the ranch.

Lastly, we want to thank everybody who took the time and effort to purchase raffle tickets with our Tour of Honour Humvee. The vehicle has made its way to Prince George, where the winner resides. Keep an eye out for it in that neck of the woods!



We are all recovering from a busy wildfire summer and many of the local departments are headed into recruitment drives for new members. It is also that time of year when we are making up our wish list for Santa also known as the chief financial officer. Everyone is working on their budgets for the new year and scraping to see if there are some crumbs left to spend this year. Oliver took delivery of their new custom cab engine from Hub fire engines.

Fort St. James Fire Department
Here are our newest Junior Firefighters, Wyatt Olesuik, Ronin Quелlette and Adison Kassey got their gear and met the rest of the members. Welcome to the team!



An image of some of the firefighting trucks and equipment which was brought in from numerous municipal fire departments throughout BC to assist with fighting the Bush Creek East Wildfire.

"To the brave women and men who came to our aid with BC Wildfire Service, 'thank you' doesn't begin to express our gratitude," says CSRD Deputy Regional Fire Chief Sean Coubrough. "You left your own communities, families, and fire departments to assist us, and for this we are truly grateful."

UBCM Financial opportunities

A reminder from our Director's fall meeting that UBCM has several grants available for local communities and emergency services, this is just a sample, so check their website ubcm.ca:

Current Opportunities

The following programs are currently accepting applications:

- **2024 FireSmart Community Funding and Support** – Applications accepted from October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023
- **2023 Community to Community Program** – Deadline; December 1, 2023
- **2023/2024 Complete Communities** – Deadline; January 12, 2024
- **2024 Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training** – Deadline: January 26, 2024
- **2024 Active Transportation Planning** – Deadline: February 9, 2024
- **2024 Emergency Operations Centres Equipment and Training** – Deadline: February 23, 2024
- **2024 Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Change** – Deadline: March 28, 2023

Battery safety: Lithium-ion batteries

About

Lithium-ion batteries Lithium-ion batteries:

Rechargeable lithium-ion batteries, also called li-on batteries, are common in rechargeable products and generally safe to use. However, they have the same safety risks as other kinds of batteries, including:

- overheating
- fires
- explosions

They're more easily damaged than other types of batteries and can become hazardous in certain conditions since they are more volatile.

Lithium-ion batteries are found in many electronic devices, such as:

- toys
- power tools
- baby monitors
- portable power banks
- personal electronics, such as:
 - tablets
 - laptops
 - cell phones
 - smartwatches
- vaping products (e-cigarettes)





- e-mobility products such as e-scooters and e-bikes

Safety tips

Follow these tips to help minimize the risks associated with lithium-ion batteries.

Use and storage

Handle lithium-ion batteries carefully. **Do not** throw, modify or tamper with them. Check for signs of damage, and **don't** use batteries that:

- are swollen or dented
- have torn, plastic wrappers
- show other signs of damage or wear

Keep your batteries in a safe place, out of sight and reach from children. If you carry batteries with you, keep them in a protective, non-metal case.

Keep batteries stored in a **dry** location at room temperature. Do not:

- leave batteries out in the sun or in a hot or cold car
- let moisture form on either end of the battery's terminals

Charging

Do not charge your battery for longer than the recommended charging time. Overcharging can cause your battery to overheat, which can lead to fires or explosions.

Charge your device at room temperature where you can see it. Soft surfaces, like a couch or bed, can trap heat around the battery and cause the device to overheat.

Charge your battery **before** it drops below 30% to help it last longer and work safely. **Do not** keep it plugged in and charged at 100% for long periods.

Unlike older types of batteries, you **do not** need to fully discharge lithium-ion batteries. This may actually harm them.

Charge your product away from exit doors in case of fire.

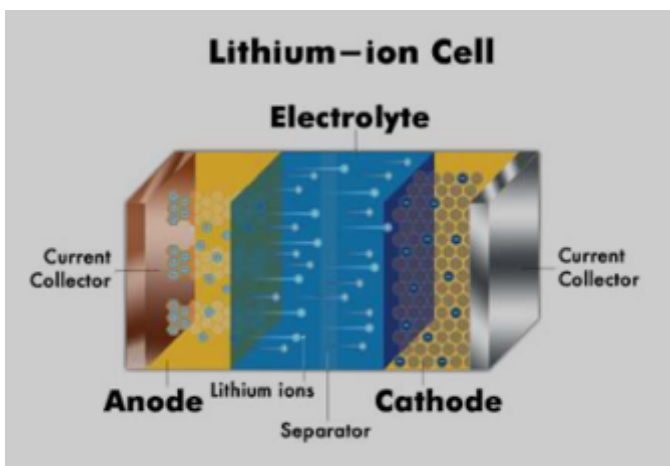
Original and replacement chargers

Use the charger that came with your device. If you need to replace your charger, buy it from a trusted source and make sure the voltage and current are compatible with your device.

Contact the original product manufacturer if you need a replacement charger for higher voltage items like e-bikes, remote control cars and power tools.

Only use chargers that have one of the recognized **Canadian certification marks**, such as:

- CSA
- cUL
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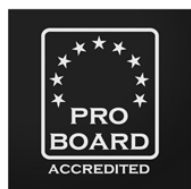
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From the Directors of the Volunteer Firefighters Association of B.C.

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This wheel was adapted from the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project's Duluth Model Power and Control Wheel, available at www.theduluthmodel.org.

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BC's Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons (OCTIP)



Trafficked persons are tricked, threatened, lied to, and trapped. They are often physically and sexually abused by their traffickers who can also be their employers or family members.

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Human Trafficking is a crime in Canada.

When a person:

- is forced to work or provide services she or he does not want to do
- is working for little or no pay under poor conditions
- has lost control and access to her or his passport and personal identification documents
- has restrictions on when and where they can go and what they can do

she or he may be presumed to be a trafficked person.

The exploitation of trafficked persons can take many forms:

Sexual exploitation

Trafficked persons are forced to perform sexual acts including exotic dancing, strip tease, massage, production of pornography and prostitution. Trafficked persons are often lured and groomed by people posing as boyfriends or girlfriends.

Domestic servitude

Trafficked persons clean houses, do laundry and other domestic chores, care for children and elderly persons, must be available at all times and receive very little or no pay for their work. People exploited in domestic servitude are often physically and sexually abused.

Forced labour

Trafficked persons will work long hours, under unsafe and poor conditions for little or no pay in construction, agriculture, restaurants, or manufacturing. Trafficked persons can also be legally employed, but forced to hand over their earnings to the trafficker.

Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons (OCTIP)

HELP IS AVAILABLE

In British Columbia the Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons is responsible for the protection and well being of trafficked persons.

If you suspect someone may be exploited, or if you would like some help or support please call:

1-888-712-7974

toll free, available 24 hours, 7 days per week.

We can help arrange for a safe place to stay, medical and dental services, legal information, and emotional support.

NO ENGLISH? Tell us the language required and we will contact an interpreter immediately.

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VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION OF BC

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Name: _____

Address: _____
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Fire Department Name: _____

Depart. Email: _____

Address: _____
 PO/Street _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Hall Tel: _____ Fax: _____ Website: _____

Fire Chief: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Fire Chief Email: _____ Halls: _____ # of Firefighters: _____

Firefighter Status: Full Time ____ Part Time ____ Paid on Call ____ Volunteer ____

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