



EHSC/Fire/BCAS Policy and Governance Committee. – Annual Report 2008

May 2008

The year 2008 has been a busy year for our EHSC/Fire/BCAS Policy and Governance Committee. Last year the Cameron Report had just been published and members of the committee met and communicated with FCABC members about implementation.

In an effort to address the concerns identified from various interested parties regarding the Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) for the BC Ambulance Service, the following proposal has been made and accepted at the EHSC/BCAS/Fire Service Committee. The committee believes that this proposed solution increases the opportunity for Fire and Ambulance Service personnel to partner in the development of an updated Resource Allocation Plan. This will promote understanding between all parties involved of the process, improve communication and ultimately enhance patient care.

The proposal would see the creation of two committees. The first being a working committee and the second, an advisory committee. Representatives from the Fire Service would have 3 seats on the Advisory Committee and 6 seats on the RAP Working Committee.

The structure of these committees is as follows;

Working Committee

BC Fire Chief – Metro	FCABC Appointment
BC Fire Chief – Rural	FCABC Appointment
Fire Practitioner - Metro	BCPFF Appointment
Fire Practitioner - Rural	BCABC _ Volunteer Sector Appointment
BC Fire Chief - Dispatch	FCABC Appointment
Fire Dispatcher	BCPFF Appointment

Advisory Committee

BC Fire Chief – Metro (Career Sector)	FCABC Appointment
BC Fire Chief – Rural (Volunteer Sector)	FCABC Appointment
BCPFF (Union)	BC Professional Firefighters Appointment

This proposal was brought forward to our committee by the BC Ambulance Service and demonstrates a willingness to work together with the Fire Service as partners in providing improved patient care to British Columbia.

The Fire Chiefs' Association of BC has made the following appointments to these committees.

Working Committee:

BC Fire Chief – Metro
Deputy Chief Don Jolley, Langley City Fire Department
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BC Fire Chief – Rural
Fire Manager Melanie Perrin, Fraser Fort George Regional District
155 George Street, Prince George, BC V2L 1P8
Phone: 250-960-4440
Email: mperrin@rdffg.bc.ca

Fire Practitioner – Rural
Fire Chief Gord Schreiner, Comox Fire Service
1809 Beaufort Avenue, Comox, BC V9N 4B8
Phone: 250-339-2432
Email: firehall@comox.ca

BC Fire Chief – Dispatch
Assistant Chief Rod Miller, Kelowna Fire Department
2255 Enterprise Way, Kelowna, BC V1Y 8B8
Phone: 250-860-6419
Email: rmiller@kelowna.ca

Advisory Committee:

BC Fire Chief – Metro
Fire Chief Doug Trussler, District of North Vancouver Fire
1110 Lynn Valley Road, North Vancouver, BC V7J 1Z9
Phone: 604-990-3653
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BC Fire Chief – Rural
Chief Dan Ouellette, Powell River Fire Department
6965 Courtenay Street, Powell River, BC V8A 1X6
Phone: 604-485-4431
Email: douellette@cdpr.bc.ca

In addition, Deputy Fire Chief John Lane has been appointed to the Provincial Medical Leadership Council to represent Fire Service Issues at that level.

Our nominated representatives report to Chair Rob Owens who reports to the Fire Chiefs' Association of BC Executive Board.

Some logistical issues have delayed implementation of the Cameron Report recommendations. A plan is now in place to implement these changes in the next year.

First Responder Agreements were problematic in the last year. A committee that includes members of the FCABC will review the current agreements and make recommendations back to both BCAS and Municipal Insurance Association Lawyers. Hopefully this will result in a document both parties are comfortable with.

Respectfully Submitted

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Fire Chiefs Association of BC (FCABC)