



Fire Chiefs' Association of BC

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Another busy year for the executive since last we met in Victoria, starting before conference had even ended with BCAS rolling out the new **CRM**. The executive committee had multiple conference calls with senior staff while still in Victoria, as well as a face-to-face meeting immediately after conference to try to get more information on the changes being implemented. Although the pace has been slow to date, we are encouraged by the recent Auditor General's report which has resulted in an increase in communications with BCEHS. The executive recently met with one of the authors of the report and he assures us that there will be follow up with BCEHS.

The extraordinary fire season that followed quickly on the heels of conference saw an unprecedented deployment of fire crews and Chief Officers to assist around the Province. On behalf of my community and the surrounding areas, I would like to express my gratitude for all of the assistance that you offered. It is truly amazing the amount of support that can be brought to a community from the Association.

With the unfortunate departure of Chief Jolley I accepted the Presidents request to move up to the position of 1st Vice President. I wish Don all the best in his new endeavors, and I hope that I am able to maintain his level of passion for our association.

In January, I attended the Mental Health conference in Richmond and was impressed with the amount of work being done in the field of Mental Health for First Responders. If this seminar is offered again in the future I encourage everyone to ensure that they send a representative to attend, and learn.

This spring the Executive Committee continues to work on a number of Provincial initiatives including; the Residential Smoke Detector Program, the Red Cross Wildfire Relief Fund, and the Road Rescue Task Team.

The Road Rescue Task Team, which I lead, has just presented our draft report on Governance to the Fire Commissioner. Once the Governance Model has been approved a steering committee, consisting of road rescue providers, will begin working on the framework to enhance out of jurisdiction response to motor vehicle incidents. As well, the Committee will develop guidelines for the use of the remaining funding. Some of the ideas include developing training courses to upgrade competencies, developing a standard set of competencies, and recommending new competitive funding rates to represent the true cost of providing the service.

Please feel free to discuss this with me at conference this year as we hopeful to have an answer from the Fire Commissioner in regard to the governance, and continue to move this forward.

Respectfully submitted

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