



Fire Chiefs' Association of BC

VOLUNTEER SECTOR DIRECTOR ANNUAL REPORT

Fellow Members for the 2018 calendar year I have supported to organization by involved in the road rescue governance project committee at the request of the Office of the Fire Commissioner to:

1. To develop a proposed framework for the provision of road rescue (out of jurisdiction response) within the province (now referred to as the Governance Model); and subsequently
2. Further develop a proposed model for the FCABC to receive and prioritize funding requests for EMBC registered road rescue providers.

I have also started work to create a stand-alone summit for Volunteer Chief Officers currently we are reaching out to zone directors for members to sit on a steering committee to help create an agenda and schedule for the first FCABC Volunteer Chief Summit in the fall of 2019 the committee will be working with the following ideas for the summit:

1. Understanding Chief roles developing training for Chief Officers for the playbook
2. Understanding and overcoming bureaucratic fatigue as a Volunteer Chief
3. Working with local government and understanding the process
4. Working with the New fire services act looking ahead
5. Creating, developing and growing strategic plans, for a volunteer service
6. Chief Wellness/task saturation
7. Recruitment & Retention in 2019

I attended the very first Responder's mental health conference in early 2019 and learned a great deal on the supports and best practices that are in place for first responder mental health and resilience. I have brought forward an item to the board to identify a best practice approach aimed at resiliency for fire-fighters, I feel that preparing responders properly for the potential risks to mental health are just as (if not more) important than post event treatment.

I look forward to serving and representing the sector as we work towards these projects and find other ways to continue to support all fire services in BC.

Respectfully submitted,

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