



Fire Chiefs' Association of BC

ZONE 4 DIRECTOR ANNUAL REPORT May 2019

Zone 4 continues to be an active zone of the FCABC. After the AGM in Victoria in June of 2018, we have held two meetings. The fall meeting was October 27, 2018 in Invermere, and we held a winter meeting January 17 - 19, 2019 in Nelson. Both meetings had very good attendance and support.

At the fall meeting in Invermere, the items discussed included:

- BCFTOA Conference in Nelson, BC
- In house ground ladder testing program
- Group purchasing for the Zone
- Health and Wellness programs
- We also received a report from Rick Owens of Office of Fire Commissioner.

Our winter meeting featured Thursday night Hot Stove session, Friday training day, and Saturday Zone meeting.

- Thursday night was CAO/Fire Chief hot stove style session with discussion on many emerging topics effecting the fire service and local government.
- The Friday training day topics included:
 - a) Bob Turley of Firewise Consulting discussing Fire Safety Act strategies for implementation.
 - b) Bob Turley discussing cannabis protocols on responder safety.
 - c) Jamie Svendsen of OFC discussing Wildfire Interface Mitigation and SPU updates.
 - d) Rick Owen discussing Fire Safety Act and providing OFC Updates
 - e) Ernie Polsom of Firewise Consulting talking about new fire hall locations and public process tips.

Saturday Zone 4 meeting included:

- Dale Heriot moving to Zone Director and Dan Derby moving to 2nd Vice President.
- Interagency Training Day breakout session to discuss topics and dates for the planned upcoming Wildfire Training for Structural Departments.
- First Responder concerns including, BCEHS matrix, missed calls, and call volumes.



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- BCEHS Zone Meetings with fire departments rejuvenated. Is there interest.
- South East Fire Center Report – Dennis Rixin
- NFPA 1051 presentation – Darren Hutchinson (Quintech Fire)
- Climate change action plan for pre-planning and evacuation for agricultural producers – Kevin Smith

There is continued enthusiasm and support from fire departments within the zone voicing opinions and ideas for the fire service, while focusing on the common goal of providing the best service possible to their communities.

Respectfully submitted,

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