

Thompson Okanagan Inter-Agency Committee
Working Towards a Fire-Smart Community
A Wildland Urban Interface Symposium 2004
Penticton Trade and Convention Centre, Penticton British Columbia, Canada
15-18 March 2004

AGENDA

MONDAY – 15 MARCH 2004

18:00 - 22:00 **Trade Show Open**
Registration
Reception, Taste of the Okanagan, Snacks, Networking

TUESDAY – 16 MARCH 2004

07:30 - 22:00 **Trade Show Open**
07:30 - 09:00 **Breakfast Buffet at Convention Centre**
08:30 **Late Registration**

09:00 - 09:30 **Opening (Co-chair Thompson Okanagan Inter-agency Committee)**
Welcome delegates
Singing of National Anthems
Blessing - Chaplin
Introduction of Podium Guests
Introduction of TOIC Conference Committee

09:30 - 10:00 **Plenary Session - Auditor Generals Evaluation of Progress on Managing Interface Fire Risk**

10:00 - 10:30 Refreshment Break

10:30 - 12:00 **Plenary Session - 2003 Wildfire Review**

12:00 - 13:30 Lunch Buffet at Convention Centre

13:30 -15:00 **Plenary Session - Wildfire Behaviour.** The need to understand weather and fuel conditions when fighting fires in the wildland urban interface

15:00 - 15:30 Refreshment Break

15:30 - 17:00 **Plenary Session - Roles and Responsibilities During and After a Wildfire.** Whose role is it? Who is responsible? Who has the authority, Land Owner, Local, Provincial, or Federal Government?

18:00 - 22:00: Dinner at Convention Centre
Mini Fest of Ale, Networking Session
Trade Show is Open

WEDNESDAY – 17 MARCH 2004

07:30 - 13:30	Trade Show Open
07:30 - 08:45	Breakfast Buffet at Convention Centre
08:45 - 09:00	Morning Briefing - Co-chair T.O.I.C
09:00 - 10:15	Session - Mapping - Use of mapping information for prevention, preparedness, support, response, and data sharing
10:15 - 10:45	Refreshment Break

Presentations for Wednesday

Six simultaneous presentations repeated three times during the day

Fuel Reduction Methods

Tools and options that are available to local government, land owners, developers, home owners

Wildland Fire Hazard Assessments

Introduction to the Fire Smart Program hazard assessment section. Discussion on affects of fuel and timber types, slope and topography

Creating and Selling a Prevention Plan How do we get the attention of the public and support of the people controlling the budget?

Controlled Burn Planning, Implementation and Results The purpose, process, planning, carrying out, and results of a controlled burn

Protection of Homes and Safety Zones The purpose of, safety zone, improving fire resistance of existing buildings, new construction, landscaping, and effectiveness of sprinklers

Media. How to present information, expectations, preparation, interview techniques

Schedule of Presentations

10:45 - 12:00	Presentations
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch Buffet at Convention Centre
13:30	Show Closes
13:30 - 14:45	Presentations
14:45 - 15:15	Refreshment Break
15:15 - 16.45	Presentations
17:00 - 18:00	Cocktails – open bar
18:00 - 20:00	Informal Banquet & Entertainment

THURSDAY – 18 MARCH 2004

- 07:30 - 08:45** Breakfast buffet at Convention Centre
- 08:45 - 09:00** **Morning Briefing** - Co-chair T.O.I.C
- 09:00 - 10:30** **Plenary Session - Emergency Management**
Training, standards and certification

Presentations for Thursday

Five simultaneous presentations repeated three times during the day

Personal Protective Equipment for Wildfire Responders Health and safety requirements, types of clothing and personal protective equipment

Fire Fighter Safety Applying your knowledge of fire behaviour, signs, and symptoms at a wildfire incident

Fighting Fire on Right of Ways Understanding and recognizing the types of right of ways and safety precautions when crossing and working on them

Wildfire Recovery The impact on, residents after an evacuation, and the environment after the fires are out

Critical Incident Stress in the Workplace The need to ensure that you and your counterparts are cared for after an incident

Schedule of Presentations

- 10:15 - 10:30** Refreshment Break
- 10:30 - 12:00** **Presentations**
- 12:00 - 13:00** Lunch Buffet at Convention Centre
- 13:00 - 14:30** **Presentations**
- 14:30 - 14:45** Refreshment Break
- 14:45 - 16:15** **Presentations**
- 16:15** **Debrief**
Where can we Improve?