

**Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada
Annual Report 2010-11**



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Executive Summary: 2010-11 Fiscal Year Activity

The Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada (AFAC) vision statement, *"Working together to improve fire safety in all Aboriginal/First Nation communities across Canada to protect and enhance the quality of life, health and safety."* guided the funded activities and deliverables through the fiscal year 2010-11.

AFAC is a non-political, non-profit service organization with membership in fire and emergency-related services from Aboriginal communities across Canada. AFAC has been working consistently towards becoming a nationally recognized organization in fire prevention, education, training and safety, and is committed to providing the highest quality service whenever possible. The 2010-11 Activity Report is based on the objectives defined in the budget submission under title Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada 2010-11 Funding Proposal.

Five specific areas defined AFAC 2010-11 activities;

1. National Aboriginal Firefighters' Competition.
2. National Fire Safety Poster Competition
3. Research national fire safety prevention / fire safety program and improve access to First Nations community through AFAC member regional organizations.
4. Conduct and host AFAC information seminars in regions and the AFAC annual general assembly (AGM) with representatives from regional member organizations.
5. Promote the AFAC website to support regional organizations and promote a national fire prevention model.

In 2009-10 fiscal year AFAC entered into a formal relationship with the First Nations Emergency Services Society of BC to provide management services for corporate and financial activities of the association. Objectives completed during 2010-11 include;

1. Completion of transfer of administrative tasks to the BC office.
2. Maintaining the web site presence.
3. Maintenance of business and financial records.
4. Corporate filing and risk management activities.

AFAC Board of Directors & Administration as of March 31, 2011

President (2010-2013) – Pernell Marchand (British Columbia representative)

Bio

Pernell is a member of the Okanagan Indian Band and was the Fire Chief for eight years. Pernell enjoys the challenges and opportunities that he faces as a Director, and the responsibility and privilege of representing First Nations of British Columbia. As the President, Pernell knows that AFAC continues to search for further programs and funding to add to our existing services for First Nation Communities across Canada. Pernell's goal is to see First Nations' resources and capacity used to provide the solutions and service delivery to address the shortfalls.



Vice President (2009-2012) – Richard Kent (Saskatchewan representative)

Bio

Richard started his fire services career in 1981 with Saskatchewan Forest Fire Management as Team Leader of the R.I.A.C.T. Group, (Regional Initial Attack Control Team), until 1986 when he joined the Prince Albert Fire Department. During his 11 years with the Prince Albert Fire Department he was involved in training First Nation fire departments on his days off. In 1997 he was offered a job with Prince Albert Grand Council as the head of the newly formed Emergency and Protective Services. Prince Albert Grand Council is comprised of 12 First Nation Bands and 30 communities. On his days off Richard also works as an Instructor in Emergency Services for Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies and Northlands Collage. He also enjoys the outdoors, he grew up in northern Saskatchewan and was taught by his father to hunt and trap for food at a very early age.



Secretary/Treasurer (2010-2011) – Allan Peters (Atlantic Region)

Bio

Allan started as Fire Chief for the Elsipogtog First Nations Fire Department in 2001. That year he received a grant from the INAC to purchase bunker gear for 20 firemen to replace the old and outdated gear. After years of fighting for the Firefighter course Level One he finally received it in the Fall of 2008. The Firefighters of Elsipogtog will be receiving their certification soon. This all happen through the support and funding of the Office of the Fire Marshall and Allan's persistence. In the summer of 2009 Elsipogtog First Nations Fire Department hosted the Atlantic Aboriginal Firefighter Regional Competition, which has not been done there in over 15 years.



Director - Dale Simon (Alberta Region)

Bio

Dale Simon represents the Alberta region and has been involved in the fire service in Alberta for over 20 years. Dale currently serves as a Captain with the Muskwachees Fire Department of the Samson Cree Nation. The Samson Cree Nation have integrated traditional values and cultural into their emergency services practices and public education. These initiatives are important to support national fire services for First Nations communities.



Director - Billy Moffat (Quebec Region)

Bio

Billy Moffat represents the Quebec Region currently serving as the Chief of Fire and Police Services for Listiguc in eastern Quebec. Billy is the first serving president of the Quebec Aboriginal Firefighters Association.



Director - Gerald Houle (Manitoba Region)

Bio

Gerald Houle currently serves as the President of the Manitoba Association of Native Fire Fighters (MANFF). MANFF will host the 2011 National Firefighters Competition in Winnipeg Manitoba.



Director - Eugene McPherson (Ontario Region)

Past President – Arnold Lazare

Bio

Arnold has been an active member of the Kahnawake Fire Brigade since 1979. He is certified as an Emergency Medical Technician and Firefighter Instructor/Evaluator with both the Justice Institute of BC and the Ecole Nationale des Pompiers de Quebec. He has held positions officer as Lieutenant and Assistant Fire Chief and was the Fire Chief from 1993 to 2008 when he took the position of Director of Operations. Arnold was the AFAC Secretary/Treasurer from 2001 until 2009 when he became the President for 2009-10. Arnold's wife is also a firefighter/EMT and when they are not on duty go camping with their three boys.



2010 National Firefighters' Competition

The National Aboriginal Firefighters' Competition was held in Lower Nicola Indian Band (near Merritt) British Columbia. The host department was the Lower Nicola Indian Band Fire Department and Fire Chief Lindsay Tighe. The event was co-ordinated by First Nations Emergency Services of BC. Activities took place between August 19-21, 2010 including fire service training, the AGM, AFAC Board meeting, joint AFAC-INAC meeting, golf tournament, National Fire Competition and concluding banquet.

The winners of the 2010 National Firefighters' Competition;

First Place;

Team

Saskatchewan



Second Place;

Team Manitoba



Third Place;

Team Ontario



2010 National Firefighters' Competition results;

Place	Team	Points
1 st	Saskatchewan	380
2 nd	Manitoba	295
3 rd	Ontario	285
4 th	Alberta	270
5 th	Quebec	245
6 th	BC	225
7 th	Atlantic	210
8 th	Nunavut	170



National Fire Safety Poster Competition

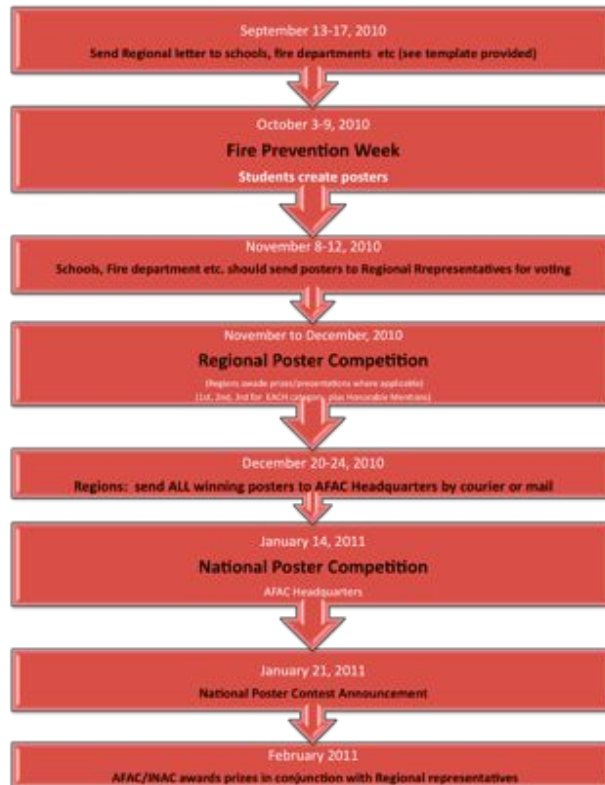
During the 2010-11 year all regions were invited to participate in the National Fire Poster Competition. The National Fire Safety Poster competition winners were selected at the February Board meeting held in Ottawa, Ontario.

During the 2010-11 year, Regional Poster Contests were organized and run in the following regions;

- ✚ British Columbia region
- ✚ Alberta region
- ✚ Saskatchewan region
- ✚ Manitoba region
- ✚ Ontario region
- ✚ Quebec region



AFAC 2010-2011 National Poster Competition SCHEDULE



2010 – 11 National Fire Safety Poster Competition Results

	Name	Grade	School	Province	Prize
Cat. - 1	Johnna White	2	Emily C. General Elementary	Ontario	1
	Clay Charland	2	Le Goff School	Alberta	2
	Callie Gladue	1	Le Goff School	Alberta	3
	Trinity Bird	2	Little Black River School	Manitoba	Hon. Mention
Cat. - 2	Mariah Morris	6	Rochy Lane School	Alberta	1
	Jacob Henry	6	Pontiac School	Ontario	2
	Lakeisa Haife	6	Pakan School	Alberta	3
	Warerley Kent	5	Little Black River School	Manitoba	Hon. Mention
Cat. - 3	Felicia Gilpin	8	Wabannutao eeyou School	Quebec	1
	Juel Southwind	5	Ginew School	Manitoba	2
	Nathen Watchmaker	9	To be confirmed	Alberta	3
	Jeremy Yakinnech	7	To be confirmed	Alberta	Hon. Mention
Cat 4	Cherish Large	11	Kihew Asiniy Education Centre	Alberta	1
	Kyle Auger	10	Rochy Lane School	Alberta	2

* Posters to be provided under separate digital media cover.

Promote Fire Safety Prevention and Education Program Tools

NFPA Fire Prevention Programs

Utilizing the AFAC website and the NFPA annual fire message will be promoted and information to access fire prevention and education resources identified.

INAC Funded Fire Prevention Catalogue

Late in the fiscal year INAC provided funding to AFAC to complete research related to fire prevention material available to First Nations communities. The catalogue developed will be distributed via the website and additional avenues to be determined in the 2011-12 fiscal budgeting process.

AFAC Website Resource Depository

Incorporated into the AFAC website is a listing by region of fire management resources & providers. This includes regional offices of the fire commissioners, regional & national fire prevention organizations, federal fire prevention grant suppliers, education material suppliers and other organizations that promote and support fire prevention safety.

The screenshot displays the website for the Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada (AFAC). The header includes the organization's name in English and French, along with the AFAC logo. A navigation menu lists: Home, About, Board, Events, Regional, Competition, Poster Contest, and Protection. The main content area is titled 'National Fire Protection Resources' and features a directory of Canadian fire services. A 'News' sidebar on the right contains a message: 'AFAC is developing, more coming soon.' and 'Regional and National Firefighters competitions to be announced shortly.'

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Association Canadienne des Pompiers Indigène

Home About Board Events Regional Competition Poster Contest Protection

National Fire Protection Resources

Directory of Canadian Fire Services
Guide to Fire Services Training & Fire Prevention Resources
January 2010

About the Directory
Province listings are alphabetical followed by Territories. The following information was collected from the agencies website. Please notify us if you would like us to update your listing.

[AB](#) | [BC](#) | [MB](#) | [NB](#) | [NL](#) | [NS](#) | [ON](#) | [PE](#) | [SK](#) | [QB](#) | [NWT](#) | [NUNAVUT](#) | [YUKON](#) | [CANADA](#)

ALBERTA

PROVINCIAL AGENCIES

Alberta Emergency Management Agency

Website: http://aema.alberta.ca/ah_index.cfm
Fire Commissioner and Executive Director - Trent West
Phone: 780-422-9000
Agency Response Readiness Centre:
24 Hours: 1-866-619-2362
Toll-free in Alberta:
310-0000
Fax: 780-644-1044
E-mail: aema@gov.ab.ca

INAC REGIONAL OFFICE

George Arcand Jr. - Regional Director General
Jim Sisson - Associate Regional Director General

Website: <http://www.inac.gc.ca/af/ro/ah/index-eng.asp>

Alberta Region Head Office
630 Canada Place
9700 Jasper Avenue
EDMONTON, AB T5J 4G2
Phone: (780) 493-2773
Fax: (780) 493-4088

News

AFAC is developing, more coming soon.

Regional and National Firefighters competitions to be announced shortly.

AFAC 2010 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Annual General Meeting (AGM) – The AFAC Annual General Meeting was held at Lower Nicola Indian Band, BC on August 20, 2011. AFAC organizational business was performed including the selection of the new Board of Directors.

The 2010-11 Board of Directors include;

Pernell Marchand	President (2013)	BC Region
Richard Kent	Vice-President (2012)	SK Region
Allan Peters	Treasurer (2011)	Atlantic Region
Billy Moffat	Director	QB Region
Dale Simon	Director	AB Region
Gerald Houle	Director	MB Region
Eugene McPherson	Director	ON Region
Arnold Lazare	Ex-Officio	(Past President)

2010 AGM AFAC Board



(Left to right) Charles Wright (attending for Eugene McPherson), Arnold Lazare (ex-officio), Richard Kent (VP), Dale Simon, Pernell Marchand (President), Allan Peters (Secretary/Treasurer), Billy Moffat, Blaine Wiggins (Executive Director), and Gerald Houle.

AFAC Regional Support & Engagement

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

The AFAC Board participated in two joint INAC-AFAC meetings during 2010-11, the first at Lower Nicola Indian Band during the National Firefighters Competition. The second meeting took place in Ottawa in February 2011, and also included attendees invited by AFAC and INAC from regional First Nations organizations and other federal government departments.

During the course of the year AFAC responded to several requests including supporting the data collection research conducted by INAC contractors and media related activities.

Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs



AFAC met with representatives of the CAFC several times over the 2010-11 year, this cumulated with a presentation by Director Allan Peters and Executive Director Blaine Wiggins to the CAFC Board during the 2010 conference held in St Johns, New Brunswick. The CAFC, in response to this presentation, by unanimous vote, changed the CAFC constitution to develop a permanent formal relationship with AFAC.

AFAC has participated in several Board meetings with CAFC and was invited to participate in government relation's week 2011 held in Ottawa March 20-25, 2011 along with CAFC counterparts.

Regional organizations

Currently AFAC has regional representation in all INAC provincial regions. Dialogue continues with the support for the Yukon Region. AFAC, through the Executive Director has established a presence in the Nunavut Region. Additional dialogue has been initiated with the Nunavik (self governed Inuit in north Quebec) who have approached AFAC for formal recognition and participation in AFAC events.

Currently no dialogue has been initiated with First Nations/Aboriginal/Inuit representatives in the North West Territories.

Media

The 2010-11 year had an exponential increase of media interaction due to a specific number of on-reserve fire death incidents and issues related to funding levels of fire service for First Nations. AFAC was requested by print, television and radio for interviews, which provided AFAC the opportunity to highlight the collaboration and focus on the broader issues, highlighted in the national fire prevention strategy.

Positive media interaction at the National Firefighters' Competition 2010



AFAC Website

www.afac-acpi.ca

AFAC has been able to support the ongoing presence of the website during the 2010-11 year. The website will under go additional enhancements including the recently completed catalogue of fire prevention material, enhancements to the regional website information and for the 2011-12 fiscal year AFAC will start to utilize the website to conduct regular business including posting Board meeting minutes, audited financial statements and support for the poster contest and national firefighter competition. In addition the website will start to produce information for ongoing events in both French and English.



Appendix - 1

AFAC Operating Budget*

April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011

(*Excluding \$20,000 Amendment for special project)

Item	Notes	Totals
ADMINISTRATION		
Executive Management Services		
• Executive Director / Chief Financial Officer	Executive Director, Budget analysis, financial reporting, related expenses	\$ 30 000
Office & Administration Costs		
• Administration support	Administration support,	
• Photocopier lease	Photocopier/fax lease	
• Computer maintenance	Computer maintenance	
• Phone/ fax	Phone/fax,	
• Insurance	Insurance (office, liability)	
• Postage/courier	Postage/courier	
• Office supplies	Office supplies	
• Interest & bank charges	Interest/bank charges	
• Independent Audit fees	Independent audit, year end	
• French translations	French translation (Funding permitting)	\$ 24 000
		<u>\$54 000</u>
Travel & Accommodation		
• AFAC staff travel \$11,520	AFAC staff travel:	\$ 11 000
• Board members (6) \$15 000	8 Board members;	<u>\$ 15 000</u>
		\$26 000
PROGRAMS & DEVELOPMENT		
• Website \$4000	Website maintenance/uploads	
• Communications: \$4000.00	AFAC Communications: Newspaper Events Announcements/Advertising	\$ 8 000
National Fire Poster Competition		
	Award plaques / prizes	\$ 7 000
	Travel for regional winners/parent to NFC	
National Aboriginal Firefighters Competition & Conference		
	Host community disbursement \$20000	\$ 20 000
Team Travel/ Accommodation/ Meals Incidentals		
	8 Regional Teams (6 per team): BC	\$ 73 000
	Average cost 9K approx per team	
Annual General Meeting (AGM), Competition & Training Session		
	8 Board Members	\$ 12 000
	Average cost \$1500 approx per Board member	
Board Members Travel/ Accommodation/ Meals Incidentals		
Total Budget 12-months		\$ 200 000