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## **Introduction**

In Saskatchewan, across Canada and in the United States there are a number of agencies and organizations that offer a variety of services and benefits to fire departments. Most allow for fire service personnel to become members to receive services while others will provide assistance even if not a member.

The following list provides information on those agencies/associations that are most common.

### **Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs**

The Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC) is a non-profit, national public service organization, whose primary goals are to reduce the loss of life and property from fire and to advance the science and technology of fire service in Canada. The activities of CAFC are numerous and varied, the main being participation of the members in many national technical committees. Other notable activities include developing public programs to further promote safety, in both official languages and sponsoring professional and public education programs aimed at improving methods and standards in fire prevention and fire service administration. The CAFC is the Canadian distributor for IFSTA, and NFPA publications.

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### **Saskatchewan Association of Fire Chiefs**

The Saskatchewan Association of Fire Chiefs is an organization comprised of members from both Industrial and Municipal fire departments. An elected board of directors with representation from across the Province manage the Association's daily affairs, schedule general and district meetings, chair committees addressing various issues, and arrange the annual Association conference. The Association acts as a lobby group and actively presents concerns of the fire service and resolutions from its annual conference at the political level. The SAFC has two sub agencies associated with it, one for Fire Service Instructors and one for Fire Prevention Inspectors.

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### **Saskatchewan Professional Fire Fighters Association**

The S.P.F.F.A. was formed in 1944 by the fire fighters in Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Regina and Saskatoon. Presently the S.P.F.F.A. represents approximately 700 professional fire fighters in those cities plus Swift Current, Weyburn, Yorkton and North Battleford.

All professional fire fighters in Saskatchewan are represented through autonomous Locals of the International Association of Fire Fighters, each city having its own Local.

The role of the S.P.F.F.A. is to represent its members in matters concerning all fire fighters and it coordinates and assists Locals. As well, the S.P.F.F.A. works with the provincial and federal governments to improve legislation regarding fire fighter benefits, safety and public safety. The S.P.F.F.A. meets in convention annually where the delegates from each Local decide policy and elect an Executive.

The SPFFA is known for its programs supporting the burn units in Saskatchewan. The SPFFA can be contacted through the city fire departments.

## **Saskatchewan Volunteer Fire Fighters Association Inc.**

### Mission Statement:

The Association's mission is to provide a responsible voice and leadership to the Volunteer Fire Fighter of Saskatchewan, with the intent being to minimize loss of life and property in all aspects of Volunteer Emergency Response.

Membership is open to the members or retired members of any municipal or Industrial Volunteer Emergency response team and their auxiliaries.

The SVFFA is also a distributor for IFSTA training materials.

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## **International Association of Arson Investigators, Saskatchewan Chapter**

### Objectives and Purposes:

A. To unite for mutual benefit, those public officials or private concerns engaged in the control of arson and other kindred crimes.

B. To provide for an exchange of technical information and developments.

C. To encourage cooperation between public service agencies and associations, to further the suppression of arson.

D. To encourage high professional standards of conduct among arson investigators and to continually strive to eliminate all factors which interfere with the administration of crime suppression.

E. To foster greater professional competence in the investigation techniques and recognition of the crime of arson.

F. To encourage and promote the "team concept" in fire investigations which bring together fire, police and insurance officials to jointly investigate fires.

Annual training courses are held dealing with various aspects of fire investigations.

International Association of Arson Investigators

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Canadian Association of Fire Investigators

The Canadian Association of Fire Investigators (CAFI) is a national organization having as its primary role, the investigation and suppression of the crime of arson. The aims of the Association are to provide general information to its members, advance scientific investigative techniques, review the latest investigative/laboratory aids, and those detailed subjects which lead to a more effective detection, apprehension and prosecution of the fire setter.

Canadian Association of Fire Investigators

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## **International Fire Service Training Association**

The International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) is an organization that exists for the purpose of serving fire fighters' training needs. Its primary role is the development, publishing and distribution of training materials for the fire fighter, or emergency response person. IFSTA manuals are developed by fire professionals from all over North America, and are closely based on NFPA, OSHA, or other recognized standards groups, IFSTA training materials are used in all 50 states, several Canadian provinces, the military and foreign countries. The Office of the Fire Commissioner uses IFSTA training packages for Level I and II Fire Fighter and Level I Officer training. IFSTA is headquartered at Oklahoma State University and uses Fire Protection Publications (a part of OSU) as the publisher of all training materials.

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## **National Fire Protection Association - N.F.P.A.**

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) was established in 1896 with a mission of safeguarding people, their property and the environment from destructive fire, using scientific, engineering techniques and education. NFPA activities generally fall into two broad interrelated areas: technical and educational.

The basic technical activity involves development, publication and dissemination of timely consensus standards intended to minimize the possibility and effects of fire in all aspects of contemporary activity.

Efforts are ongoing to educate people of all ages from all regions in preventing the loss of life and property from fire. Key to this effort are the teaching of standards and the importance of firesafety as a way of life.

In Canada NFPA may be contacted through The Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs or

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Customer Service  
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## **Critical Incident Stress Management**

Saskatchewan Health participates in the Canadian Traumatic Stress Network, whose goals are to establish protocols, practice guidelines, resources and training and research into traumatic stress. Saskatchewan has Tragic Event Response teams (TERTs) and a Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) system that operates out of each Health District. To obtain the name/contact for TERT or CISM in your area, contact your District Health Board.