

Nova Scotia Fire Bulletin

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Minister's Message

Nova Scotia's fire service plays a vital role in keeping our communities safe.

Our government is committed to strengthening and modernizing fire services through investments in training, updated legislation, stronger municipal partnerships and enhanced provincial supports. This includes:

- \$2.1 million for two mobile burn units for hands-on training
- \$480,000 for four propane training props to simulate real fire scenarios
- \$152,000 for firefighter training, Incident Command courses, and updated standardized materials
- \$400,000 for Level 1 firefighter training delivered across the province
- Purchasing structure protection units (SPUs) as part of wildfire preparedness efforts.

This bulletin is one way we are staying connected with the fire service in Nova Scotia.

Here, you'll find updates on all the Province is doing to support a stronger, more sustainable fire service across Nova Scotia.

Thank you for all that you do for our province.

Kim Masland
Minister of Emergency Management



Honourable Ministers Kim Masland and Jill Balser with Digby Fire Department Chief Officers

ESPF Applications are Open!

Applications for the Emergency Services Provider Fund (ESPF) are open from June 1-July 31.

This fund supports volunteer first responder organizations by helping with the purchase of equipment used directly in emergency response activities.

To find more information on eligible costs or to apply, [click here](#).

Our Vision: Every Nova Scotian has access to reliable, evidence-based fire services, no matter where they live. Every firefighter has the training and equipment needed to stay safe while serving their communities.

Fire Safety & Prevention

- **Fire prevention starts with preparedness.** [Click here](#) for more information.
- Take proactive steps to protect your home from wildfires by:
 - removing combustible materials from around structures,
 - maintaining clear access for emergency responders, and
 - follow all provincial burn restrictions.
- The **Fire Inspectors Association of Nova Scotia** is offering an introductory course for new Fire Inspectors, along with monthly training to help people earn their Level 1 and Level 2 Fire Inspector certifications. [Click here](#) for more information.
- We're updating the OFM Fireworks Restriction Advisory. For more information on safe firework use, click [here](#).

Putting Fire Services on the Map

- We're partnering with the Association of Municipal Administrators (AMANS) to survey municipalities about fire services in their areas. The survey is open until August 10, 2026.
- The survey will help us confirm information with municipalities, create a new Fire Service Map, and better understand how fire services are organized and delivered across Nova Scotia.

Innovation Spotlight: Structural Protection

- We hosted 4, two-day **Structure Protection Unit Training** sessions in May.
- The training was presented by 20-year veteran Structure Protection Specialists from the BC Wildfire Service.
- 31 volunteer fire stations from across the province participated.
- Our GIS group is working to create an electronic Survey 123, Structure Protection Triage Reporting System, to assist in rapid triage and reporting during incidents.

Setting Standards for a Modern Fire Service

- We will begin engaging with the sector later this summer on standards and regulations, beginning with training standards and then moving to fire service standards linked to fire service reviews, which are set to begin in 2027.
- DEM will look at industry standards and best practices from other provinces and translate these into draft standards for discussion with fire fighters around the province before we roll them out.

Where to Find Us

Check out our [website](#) for the latest updates.

Questions about the fire modernization process? [Contact us](#).

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