



Fire Services Liaison Group

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To All Task Group Members

As a member of a Fire Service Model Development Project Task Group you played an important role in Phase 1 of the FSLG project. The project is just about to reach a major milestone so I wanted to provide you with an update.

The Project Process

In Phase 1 of the Fire Service Model Development Project, the Task Groups identified a wide range of issues and concerns. In considering these issues, the FSLG drew two conclusions:

1. There were a number of major issues that were so critical or were repeatedly identified throughout the project by the Task Groups that they required particular attention.
2. The Task Groups identified so many issues and these covered such a broad range of relative importance that it would not be possible to effectively deal with them all without diluting the effort that needed to be applied to the most critical issues.

As a result, the FSLG decided that Phase 2 needed to be much more clearly focused on the critical issues. They developed a Vision that specifies the desired future for the Fire Service in British Columbia and agreed that Phase 2 would be devoted to scoping out the Model that would be required to realize this Vision – that is, development of a more detailed understanding and scope out of what adopting the Vision would involve. Phase 2 consisted of development of the Model at a high level but in sufficient detail so that the FSLG could utilize it for policy decision-making. The output of Phase 2 is a report which specifies the elements of the proposed Fire Service Model.

The Milestone

The Model has now been developed in draft report form so it is now time to share it with all of the individual members of the FSLG associations and obtain feedback. Any feedback from the memberships is to be directed to the relevant FSLG associations. The

expectation is that the associations will compile and assess this input and utilize it as an important part of the development of the association's position on the Model contents.

As a member of a Phase 1 Task Group, you have an important perspective on the Model so I want to ensure that you are aware of the draft report and how to access it.

Accessing the Report Draft

The Model Report will be available online and accessed through a website link. Early next week your association will send you an e-mail with instructions regarding how to access the report. If you have not received this by next Wednesday, you can go to the FCABC website to view the report. Enter www.fcabc.bc.ca , go to "Public Access Quick Links", click on "Fire Service Model Development Project" and then follow the instructions.

We would like your feedback about the draft Model. Please take the time to provide your comments to your Association. Instructions regarding how to give feedback will be provided on the website.

Thank you for your support of the Model project. Your work on the task group, as well as your continued interest and support is appreciated.



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