

# Thompson Okanagan Interface Society



## Wildland Urban Interface Symposium

*March 31 - April 5, 2012*

### **Operational Fire Fighter Training Courses and Workshop Descriptions**

#### **OFC 211 - Fire Weather: - 1-day (New Course & Standard)**

Participants will gain an understanding of the relationship between weather, fire behaviour, and crew safety, plus an understanding of fire weather forecast information.

Candidates pursuing qualification to operate as officers during interface structure protection operations are required to complete this course.

Candidates wishing to carry-on to become Structure Protection Specialists are also required to complete the Principles of Fire Behaviour and FWI training.

***Pre-requisite is S-100 or OFC-WFF-1***  
(Min 12 Students Max 50)

#### **OFC-390 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behaviour: 1- day (New Course & Standard)**

Develop an operational level for understanding fire weather, topography, fuels and a working knowledge of the Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating and its application in wildland/urban interface fire operations. Understanding the fire environment and the applications of these tools in the field will increase the safety of you and your crew and increase fire suppression effectiveness.

***Pre-Requisite: OFC-211***  
(Min 12 Students Max 50)

## **Wildfire Risk Assessment Tools in British Columbia: .5 day**

This workshop offers participants hands-on experience in using the provincial system to assess the wildfire threat of forested land in the wildland/urban interface. Learn how to become proficient in assessing your community's wildfire risk.

***Pre-requisite: None***  
**(Min 8 Students Max 50)**

## **GIS-based Structure and Site Assessment: .5- day**

Learn about this exciting new and highly valuable GIS Based tool. Experience how this tool will help you assess the wildfire risks to structures in your community.

***Pre-requisite: None***  
**(Min 12 Students Max 50)**

## **FireSmart Communities Canada Workshop: 2- days**

This is the first national pilot of this new FireSmart Canada workshop! Long anticipated, this workshop is modeled after the highly successful Firewise USA program.

This is a two day work shop for community champions to learn about FireSmart concepts, community engagement strategies and tools, FireSmart landscaping and how your community can become nationally recognized as a FireSmart Community!

***Pre-requisite: None***  
**(Minimum 50 Participants to Maximum 150 Participants)**

## **Tour the Provincial Fire Centre and a working towards a FireSmart Community**

Start the morning with a tour of the wildfire “nerve centre” of BC. The facility consists of the Wildfire Management Branch, Provincial Fire Centre, Provincial Air Tanker Base and the Kamloops Fire Centre complex. We will then we head south to visit the District of Logan Lake. You will see first-hand how innovative programs, extensive community involvement and hard working volunteers have moved the District of Logan Lake well on it's way to becoming a FireSmart Community.

**(Minimum 50 Participants to Maximum 150 Participants)**