



ALBERTA INDUSTRIAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

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MISSION STATEMENT:

To promote awareness of industrial fire protection and emergency management by information sharing, joint problem solving to minimize damage, loss, and injury throughout the industry in the Province of Alberta.

2025 MEETING MINUTES

Theme: Responder Safety

Tuesday September 9, Wednesday September 10, & Thursday September 11
Deerfoot Inn & Casino / McKenzie Meadows Golf Club

Lunch Sponsors:	Blackline Safety and Silversmith Data
Coffee Sponsors:	Pro Rescue Safety, Safetek Profire, Williams Fire & Hazard Control, WFR Wholesale Fire and Rescue
Golf Reception Sponsor:	Associated Fire Safety Group
Social Night Sponsor:	Lakeland College ETC
Golf Hole Sponsors:	Behr Integrated Solutions, Bravo Target, Commercial Emergency Equipment, Firemaster Lacombe, H2Safety Services Inc., International SOS, Rocky Mountain Phoenix, WFR Wholesale Fire and Rescue, Wildfire Innovations

Tuesday September 9

Annual Golf Tournament – McKenzie Meadows Golf Club

Thank you to our sponsors and members for another successful tournament and thank you to our Golf Tournament Reception Sponsor, Associated Fire Safety Group.

Wednesday September 10

Morning

7:00am	<i>Networking Hot Breakfast / Registration All Members</i>
Welcome / Housekeeping / Agenda Review	President Jason Linton called the meeting to order at 8:00am
Membership Introductions	All members in attendance
Acceptance ~ Agenda/Previous Minutes	Kerri Sinclair made a motion to accept the current agenda and previous minutes; Seconded by Mike Keating; Approved

Secretary Treasurer Report, Updates and Reminders

- Bank Balance as of September 8, 2025, is \$71,669.32.
- Our totals sales received from our annual AIFEMA Emergency Review was \$4,075.78.
- The 2026 Emergency Review Magazine deadline is slated for April 2025. Information has been emailed to members listed on the distribution list.
- Website advertising opportunities for the 2026 year are available. There are six spots available for a cost of \$250 for 6 months or \$400 for 12 months. Please contact Kerri at info@aifema.ca if you're interested in a spot.
- The Lakeland College Scholarship for \$1,000 has once again been renewed for 2026.

Membership Information and Reminders

- Membership invoices will be sent out in late December for the 2026 dues, check your emails, payment must be made before March 31, 2026. If membership fees are not received, your company name and emails will be removed from the association by April 1.
- Before processing payment for your annual fee, please confirm with either your department/company or the association if your fees have been paid. Every time a payment is made through square, the association pays a service charge. If we have to refund you, we pay another service charge.
- Just a reminder to ensure all members are current within your membership. We have been getting quite a few undeliverable emails. It is not our responsibility to contact you to get updated information.
- Please read the emails that are sent out thoroughly. We do not want to SPAM your inbox, so all information is put into these emails. Chances are the answer to your question is already in the email.
- READ the registration form and complete it accurately. ONLY register ONCE, we have to filter through the registration forms to see that you've registered twice or even three times, and you may have responded to the form differently each time. We do not know which response is correct. If you are unsure if you have registered or you need to make a change, please email us at info@aifema.ca AND when you register, please pay!! Having to send reminders out for payment takes up a lot of time.
- Registration deadline is there for a reason...we try to be accommodating but, in the background, we have deadlines and details to finalize.
- A reminder that two members in your company are free, any additional members are required to pay \$175 to help offset the cost of food. Any GUESTS that you want to invite must be discussed with the executive.
- Please add info@aifema.ca (alberta.ifema@gmail.com) to your acceptable email address list. We often go to SPAM.

New Members Introduction	Welcome to our newest members: • Bravo Target Safety – Russell Whelan • Canadian Pacific Kansas City Railway – Chris Miller • FastTrack Wildfire MGT – Al Harvey • Firemaster Lacombe – Corrie Anderson • Fort Saskatchewan – Quinn Gillard • Gibson Energy – Kerry Wojcichowsky • H2Safety Services – William Melnik • Innotex Protection – Tanja Wleklinski • Inter Pipeline Heartland Petrochemical – Dan McPherson • International SOS Canada Medical Services – Brian Coleman • Lac St. Anne County – Randy Schroeder • Silversmith Data – Michael Rose
Elections and New Roles within AIFEMA	Nominations for Vice President - Matty O'Reilly made a motion to elect Marty Cuffe as the new Vice President - Mike Keating seconded this motion - All in favor Congratulations Marty! We are excited to welcome you to the executive. A new role within AIFEMA was discussed by the executive to assist Kerri in her new role as the Executive Administrator. This position would be responsible for all secretarial duties. More information regarding this position will be available in the new year.
Executive Business	Jason Linton discussed the core competencies committee and the role that AIFEMA is playing within this committee. Jay Hughes updated the membership on the Provincial Fire Liaison Committee on behalf of Des Shubert.
9:00am Presentation	How Smart Industrial Workers and Emergency Responders Use Situational Awareness to Improve Safety Richard Gasaway, Gasaway Consulting
10:18am Presentation	Coffee Sponsor Company Introduction Kirby Smith and Bruce Dreany, Pro Rescue Safety
10:22am	<i>Coffee Break – sponsored by Pro Rescue</i> <i>All Members</i>
10:35am Presentation	Wildfire Detection & Monitoring from Space Al Harvey, FastTrack Wildfire and Tyler Smith, OroraTech
10:50am Presentation	Beyond the Golden Minute Lee-Ann Campbell, Levitt Safety
11:13am Presentation	Coffee Sponsor Company Introduction Devon Gilliespie and Adam Croome, Safetek Profire

11:18am	<i>Coffee Break - sponsored by Safetek Profire All Members</i>
11:120am Presentation	Lunch Sponsor Presentation Yves Carrier, Blackline Safety
11:30am Presentation	Peer Support Programs for Mental Health and Wellness Kerri Holmes, Transitional Solutions and Bill Heesing, Fire Chief Lloydminster Fire Department
12:00pm	<i>Lunch – sponsored by Blackline Safety All Members</i>

Wednesday September 10		Afternoon
Welcome Back / Agenda Review	President Jay Hughes welcomed back the members at 12:45pm	
1:00pm Workshops	• Understanding Barriers that Flaw Situational Awareness with Richard Gasway • Risk Reductions of Carcinogens with Troy Bjelland A big thank you to our workshop facilitators!	
2:50pm Presentation	Coffee Sponsor Company Introduction Mike Keating and Nathan Pape, Williams Fire & Hazard Control	
2:50pm	<i>Coffee Break – sponsored by Williams Fire & Hazard Control All Members</i>	
3:00pm Workshops	• Understanding Barriers that Flaw Situational Awareness with Richard Gasaway • Risk Reductions of Carcinogens with Troy Bjelland A big thank you to our workshop facilitators!	
4:40pm Social Event Invite	Details regarding the Social Event were shared with the group Wayne Rose, Lakeland College ETC	
Adjournment	President Jay Hughes adjourned the meeting at 4:45	
5:30pm	<i>Social Event – sponsored by Lakeland ETC All Members</i>	

Thursday September 11		Morning
7:00am	Networking Hot Breakfast / Registration All Members	
Welcome / Housekeeping / Call to Order	President Jay Hughes called the meeting to order at 8:00am	
Membership Introductions	All Members in attendance	
8:10am Presentation	Accreditation and Certification Update – <i>VIRTUAL</i> Myles Tabin, Manager, AMA	
8:48am Presentation	AFCA Update Trevor Grant, 2 nd Vice President AFCA	
9:00am Presentation	Safety in the Industrial Workplace – <i>VIRTUAL</i> Corey May, Fire Chief, Marathon Garyville Refinery <i>This presentation was recorded and emailed to the distribution list.</i>	
10:15am Presentation	Coffee Sponsor Company Introduction Alan Beres, WFR Wholesale Fire & Rescue	
10:20am	Coffee Break - sponsored by WFR Wholesale Fire and Rescue All Members	
10:30am Presentation	Increasing Fire Fighter Situational Awareness and Enhancing Clear Communications Jim Vermeulen, MSA Safety	
10:50am Presentation	The Right Gear for the Right Job Tanja Wleklinski, Innotex	
11:00am 911 Tribute	911 Tribute Wayne Rose, AIFEMA Past President	
11:05 Presentation	Safety for First Responders Rebecca Evans and Steve Eddy, Evans & Co.	
11:15am Presentation	Lunch Sponsor Presentation Michael Rose, Silversmith Data	
11:30am	Lunch – sponsored by Silversmith Data All Members	

Thursday September 11		Afternoon
Welcome Back	President Jay Hughes welcomed the members back at 12:30pm	
12:40pm Presentation	Beyond the Radio: Building the Connected Emergency Response of Tomorrow Yves Carrier, Blackline Safety	
<i>Final Remarks / Adjournment</i>	<i>Jay Hughes adjourned the meeting at 1:15pm</i>	
<i>Next Meeting</i>	<i>The 2026 meeting will be held in Edmonton. Location, dates and theme still to be determined.</i>	