



Fire Prevention Officers' Association of British Columbia

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President's Report

I am pleased to provide this report as the President of the Fire Prevention Officers' Association of BC.

This year marks a milestone as we move from our Covid induced virtual conferences to our first face to face conference since 2019.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the executive committee who continue to contribute to the success of the association. With special thanks to Krista Minar who has been instrumental in coordinating the FPOABC conference. Krista along with the conference committee, Laura MacLeod and Rick Ruth have spent countless hours orchestrating the details to deliver this year's conference. I further extend my gratitude to the Penticton Fire Department. especially the efforts of Ken Barbour whose contribution has been instrumental in the planning and execution of this conference.

As President, I have endeavored to maintain an open relationship with the Office of the Fire Commissioner, the Fire Chiefs Association of BC and the BCFTOA.

In keeping this open relationship, I was invited to be a part of the homeless encampment task force initiated by the FCABC.

First Vice President Lisa Axelson has continued to make significant strides in the public education field, and has been instrumental along with the efforts of the Public Education Committee in providing us with the Virtual Pub Ed Symposiums.

Moving forward into 2023 I hope to be challenged to continue to provide our members with an association that fulfills their needs and expectations, and to continue to advance the educational agenda of the FPOABC. I wish to continue the focus of maintaining relationships with the OFC and strengthening our partnerships with the FCABC and the BCFTOA, and to establish new partnerships that will help strengthen our association. It is my goal to continue to represent the FPOABC in a responsible and effective manner that supports all departments across BC regardless of size or composition.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for allowing me the honor to be part of this association and for the support bestowed on me during my time on the executive.

Marco D'Agostino

President