



NATIONAL FIRE INFORMATION DATABASE PRODUCTS LAUNCH AT FIRE RESCUE CANADA 2017

The Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs, with the Canadian Council of Fire Marshals and Fire Commissioners, are pleased to announce the launch of the National Fire Information Database (NFID) products.

The NFID was created under a project funded by the Department of National Defence, through the Canadian Safety and Security Program (CSSP), a federal program led by Defence Research and Development Canada's Centre for Security Science, in partnership with Public Safety Canada.

The NFID provides 10 years of data on 73 data points related to incidences and injuries of structural, vehicle and outdoor fires across Canada.

"Our sector is committed to building evidence informed policy and practice for the safety of all Canadians," said Fire Chief Ken Block, President of the CAFC and Fire Chief for the Edmonton Fire Service. "This database is an important start and we will now look to mine, refine and advance its use."

David Rossiter, President of the Council of Canadian Fire Marshals Fire Commissioners adds, "As the stewards of fire incident data within our respective jurisdictions, the Council supports further co-operation with CAFC to enhance the use of evidence based decision making."

"By creating a tool that has the most up-to-date data on fire safety issues and trends, fire officials, including members of the Canadian Armed Forces, will be able to make evidence-based decisions, thus improving safety all Canadians. The Department of National Defence is proud to support a project that will have a valuable impact on fire safety practices nationwide", said Defence Minister Harjit S. Sajjan.

Statistics Canada was commissioned to conduct the first of 11 studies using the NFID. This report and related CANSIM tables will be released at Fire Rescue Canada, CAFC's annual education conference. There are also 10 other exciting studies that are being conducted using the NFID data by research teams across the country. These studies help answer important questions and demonstrate the range of information in the database.

"We are excited to see just how much of an asset this database will be for fire safety, especially with the inclusion of social data, a first", says Fire Chief Len Garis who served as CAFC's co-lead on the project. The goal of this project is to eventually make the NFID accessible for research and policy purposes.



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About CSSP

The CSSP is a federal program led by Defence Research and Development Canada (an agency of the Department of National Defence), in partnership with Public Safety Canada. It promotes a collaborative approach by enabling federal, provincial, territorial or municipal governments to work with first responders and emergency management organizations, non-governmental agencies, industry and academia to identify capability gaps and develop science and technology solutions to address these gaps.

Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC)

The primary mission of CAFC is to promote the highest standard of public safety in an ever changing and increasingly complex world to ensure the protection of the public through leadership, advocacy and active collaboration with key stakeholders. CAFC acts as the national public service association dedicated to reducing the loss of life and property from fire, and advancing the science and technology of the Fire and Emergency Service in Canada. The CAFC represents the three major types of Fire Departments in Canada: full-time, volunteer and composite. Composite departments include both full-time and volunteer personnel. Volunteer and composite departments constitute the overwhelming majority of Fire Departments in Canada.

The Council of Canadian Fire Marshals and Fire Commissioners

The Council of Canadian Fire Marshals and Fire Commissioners has representation from each province and territory in Canada. While each region's role and responsibilities may vary, this Council's desire to continue working toward a stronger and safer Canada is mutual.

Leading innovation, assurance and practices in fire safety and emergency resilience across Canada, the CCFMFC is a recognized and trusted source of national leadership and knowledge for fire safety issues and is supportive of emergency resilience across Canada. Enabled by our professional network, our Council applies a cohesive and consistent national approach to fire service issues and concerns.