National Indigenous
Fire Safety Council

Conseil national
autochtone de la sécurité incendie

National Indigenous Fire Safety Council Program Outline

Foundations to Fire Prevention and Emergency Response

The NIFSC

- Indigenous inspired, designed, and led in collaboration with regional and national Indigenous communities, organizations and leaders

- Mandate: to strengthen internal community capacity for public safety, resilience, and emergency preparedness

NIFSC
CNASI

NIFSC
CNASI

Indigenous Fire Marshal Service

- “Boots on the ground”
- Service to communities
- Fire Safety Assessments
- Youth Wildfire Training Program
- NFPA Series (Pro Board)
- Incident Command Systems Canada

NIFSC
CNASI

Activities

- Advocacy
- Research
- Governance Support
- Fire Services technical support
- Public Education – Torch the Turtle
- Training



NIFSC
CNASI

Support for Housing Professionals

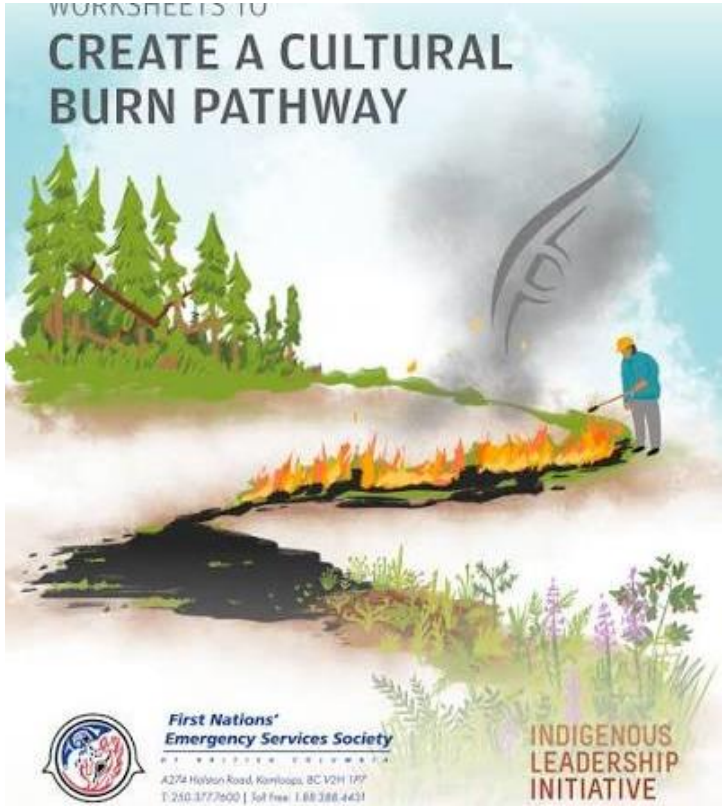
- Building codes training
- Inspection services
- Investigation services
- National Incident Reporting System
- Smoke detector training
- Wildfire mitigation and response training



NIFSC
CNASI

Wildfire Mitigation

- Cultural Burning training
- Community FireSmart champion program
- Community Wildfire Protection Planning
- Supports community leadership to develop programs aimed at protecting housing from wildfire



NIFSC
CNASI

Safety Assessments

- Fire Department Assessment
- Community Fire Safety Assessment
- Level of Service Standard – Tier 1



NIFSC
CNASI

Emergency Management

- ICS Canada Agency Authority Having Jurisdiction
- NIFSC represents the Indigenous voice within ICS governance
- Provides accredited ICS training at no cost to communities
- Community opt-in model ensures local ownership

NIFSC
CNASI

Emergency Management Assistance Program (EMAP)

- **Focus Areas**
  - Community emergency management capacity
  - Accredited ICS training delivery
  - Development of Indigenous instructors
  - National training coordination framework



NIFSC
CNASI

Program Achievements (2025–2026)

- 266 students certified
- 37 communities reached
- 20 courses delivered
- 29 Indigenous instructor candidates
- Culturally aligned curriculum enhancements

266 Students | 37 Communities | 20 Courses | 29 Educators

NIFSC
CNASI

Program Continuation (2026-2027)

- Improve community readiness
- Increase Indigenous-led incident command capacity
- Support sustainable emergency management systems
- Advance self-determination in emergency preparedness and response

NIFSC
CNASI

Capacity Development

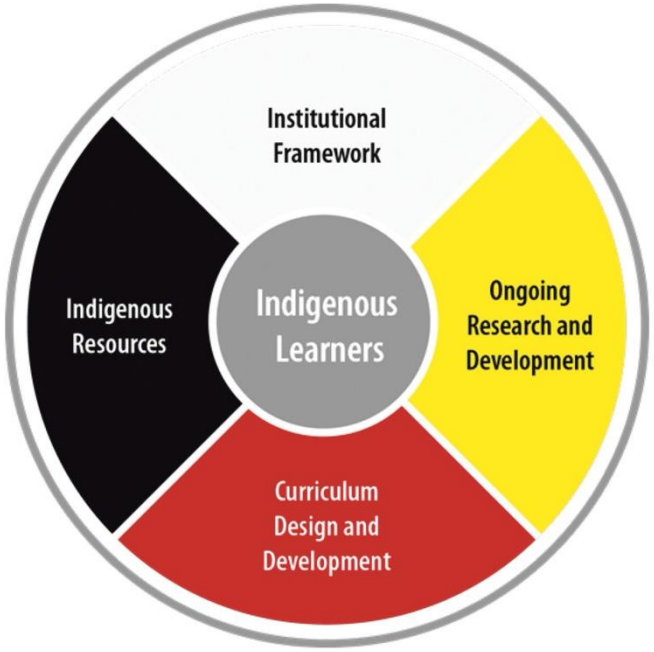
- Expand I-100 and I-200 Instructor Trainer program
- Continue culturally aligned curriculum enhancements
- Develop instructor mentorship and co-teaching model
- Create a standards document for EM training in Indigenous communities



NIFSC
CNASI

Cultural Integration

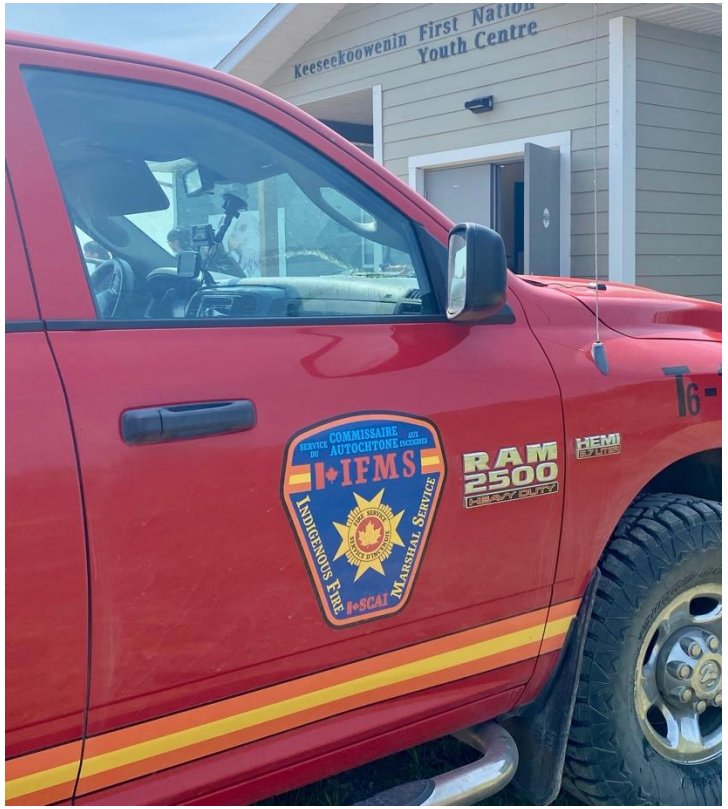
- Incorporate community feedback
- Integrate Indigenous perspectives on leadership and decision-making
- Adapt case studies to local emergency realities
- Support community-led emergency management systems



NIFSC
CNASI

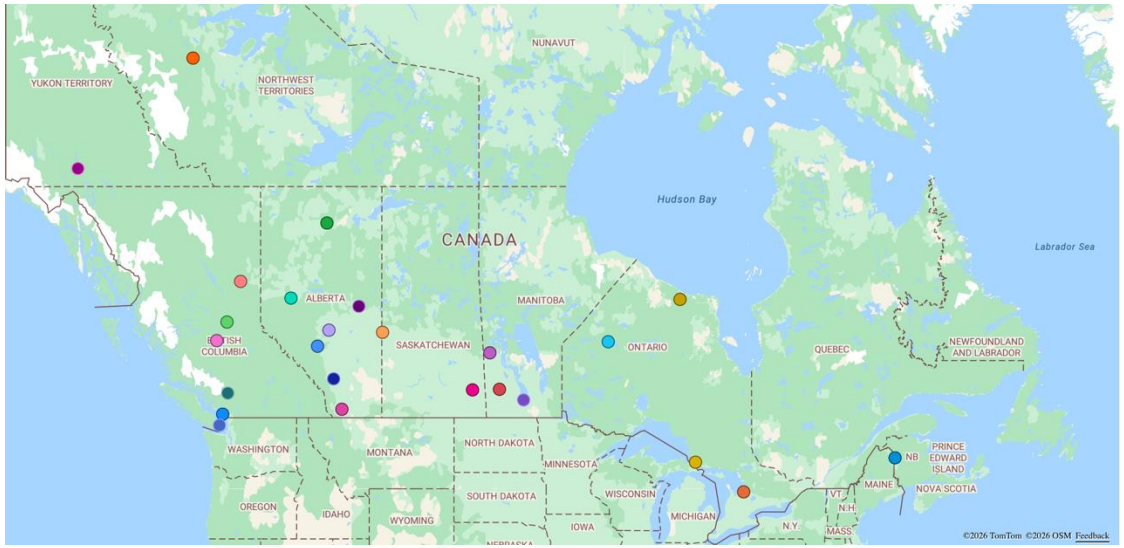
Training Targets

- 300 participants in I-100 training
- 50 participants in I-200 or higher
- 50 - I-100 instructor candidates
- 25 - I-200 instructor candidates



NIFSC
CNASI

Data Collection and Capacity Analysis



- National ICS certification database
- Monitoring certification currency and renewals
- Identifying training gaps
- Collaboration with provincial and territorial partners

NIFSC
CNASI

Long-Term Impact



- Increased Indigenous-led incident command capacity
- Improved community readiness and coordination
- Sustainable local training capability
- Greater self-determination in emergency response

NIFSC
CNASI

How It Can Help You

- Support emergency response planning to protect housing and infrastructure
- Develop skills and knowledge to self-manage emergencies
- Align with mutual aid networks
- Take a proactive prevention approach



NIFSC
CNASI