

# **FIRE SEASON 2004**

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## **Preparations**

**May 31, 2004**



# Summer 2003 Worst Fire Season In B.C. History

- **45,000 residents were evacuated and 334 homes were lost**
- **Successes in the midst of disaster**
  - ✓ **89% of fires were put out on first attack**
  - ✓ **2nd largest evacuation in Canadian history with no civilian loss of life**



# Recommendations

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- **The Filmon Report made 42 recommendations to the B.C. Government**
- **We've acted on all of them**

# Action

- ✓ Recruiting and training an additional 100 firefighters for Type 1 crews
- ✓ Total trained forest firefighters now 1,000



# Action

- ✓ Added two new Convair 580 air tankers
- ✓ Total tanker fleet now 15



# Action

- ✓ Increased prescribed burns in provincial parks





# Action

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- ✓ **Emergency planning and management tools:**
  - **Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Analysis Tool Kit**
  - **Community Emergency Program Review**
  - **B.C. Emergency Response Management System (BCERMS)**

# Action

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- ✓ **Mandatory emergency planning**
- ✓ **BCERMS standardization**
- ✓ **Recovery planning**
- ✓ **First Nations**

# Going Forward

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- **\$3 Million to UBCM to work with local governments**
- **Planning and preparedness begun**

# We're Ready

- **We can't do it alone**
- **Safety and prevention is everyone's responsibility**
- **To report wildfire or smoke:  
1-800-663-5555  
(\*5555 on cellular)**

