



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: Out of Province Conference Request – Assistant
Fire Chief

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From: Scott Kennedy
Fire Chief

Date: January 10, 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Assistant Fire Chief Chris Miley be authorized to attend the 2023, Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) in Indianapolis, Indiana from April 24, to April 29, 2023.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the report is to seek approval for staff to attend an out-of-province conference.

POLICY:

The City's Travel and Expense Policy GE-10 requires City employees to receive Council approval to attend events outside of the Province of British Columbia.

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

The Fire Department Instructors Conference is the leading firefighter instructor conference in North America. In 2022 over 30,000 fire industry professionals attended the conference to attend a week of classroom and field training sessions hosted by many of the most influential fire instructors in North America. The conference also boasts one of the largest manufacturers trade shows in North America with over 800 exhibitors displays.

The conference provides an incredible opportunity to learn from some of the most sought-after fire service educators today, and provides a chance to network with them, and thousands of other fire service instructors.

The trade shows offer participants the opportunity to compare and discuss specific fire department equipment and apparatus from different manufacturers and supplies under one roof.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The total cost to attend the conference including registration, transportation, accommodation and per diem is approximately \$4,500.00 and is provided for within the Fire budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Deny the request to attend the 2023 Fire department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Kennedy
Fire Chief

Attachment:

1. FDIC 2023 Event Brochure

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



Francis Cheung, P. Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer