



# GETTING TO KNOW FIRE

A teaching resource for public fire safety educators



**Getting to Know Fire** (GTKF) is a fire and life safety education curriculum designed to assist fire service personnel in planning and delivering GREAT presentations. The curriculum comprises the following:

- ready-made lesson plans
- required materials
- teaching tips
- motivation techniques

*Getting to Know Fire* assists the fire rescue service to meet the public fire and life safety education needs in their communities. It can be used to enhance existing public education programs or help create a new one. It is simple, easy to use and provides a source of ready-made lessons.

The ready-made lesson plans designed for preschool children to seniors contain all materials required for instruction, along with supporting video clips. The lesson plans come in a 700-page binder, and a DVD provides supporting video clips.

The curriculum was developed by a curriculum specialist in partnership with fire rescue service public educators, under the auspices of the Fire Commissioner's Office in British Columbia. The Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) has put together an Alberta insert to provide Alberta equivalents of the British Columbia programs, statistics, and support materials throughout the binder.

## **How to participate in a GTKF Workshop**

The OFC offered a number of train-the-trainer workshops during 2008 and 2009. This means that there are at least 200 or more trainers across Alberta who are trained to teach using the GTKF curriculum.

The fire rescue service is advised to organize local workshops and inform the OFC. The OFC in turn will support the initiative by providing the GTKF curriculum and locating a suitable local trainer.

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