



Please read the following communication overview as it pertains to the change in process for Fire Investigations for Alberta First Nations. First Nations Technical Services Advisory Group Inc. (TSAG) is providing this communication to offer clarity and direction to Alberta First Nations for fire investigation services required.

In August of 2020, the Province of Alberta ceased to perform fire investigation on Alberta First Nations. Since that time, there has been some confusion and a lack of clarity offered to the Alberta First Nations, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), TSAG and ISC. We are happy to report that we have been offered some direction and clarity from the Province and have a new process developed that will be provided to all Alberta First Nations, RCMP detachments, TSAG, ISC and the Province.

The Province's Technical Services Group will once again be performing Fire Investigations. As of June 1st, 2021, the Fire Commissioners Office of Alberta will have Regional Technical Advisors available to support and direct investigations. All Alberta First Nations requiring Fire Investigation Services will be asked to follow the following process to engage the Provincial Technical Services Group:

- 1. Notify the local Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) detachment or your local police services.**
- 2. Contact the Alberta Provincial Operations Center (POC) to Request a Fire Investigation**
 - **The Provinces of Alberta Fire Technical Advisors can be accessed by calling the Alberta Provincial Operations Center at 1-866-618-2362**

If the Province is unable to provide services after you have contacted them, you are then able to contact TSAG at 780-483-8601 Extension 113. TSAG's Fire Services Manager, Derian Rosario, will be asking you if you have completed the first two steps and documenting the responses so we can collect statistical data for future correspondence with the Province and the Technical Services Group. TSAG is available Monday to Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

TSAG is available to Alberta First Nations by providing expertise from fire investigation subject matter experts in firefighting discipline. We are committed to ensuring continued support of fire investigations to our Alberta First Nations and with the support and cooperation of ISC, TSAG will continue to offer services should there be any further interruption in services for fire investigations from the Province.

Please see the following information that will be required by your Nation when accessing the services of the Provincial Operations Centre.

Provincial Operation Center (POC) Information Questions for Fire Investigation Services

When accessing the Provincial Operation Center (POC) for Fire Investigation Services, the Technical Services Advisor will be asking you a number of questions in order to gather information about the circumstance concerning the fire in your Nation. It is important that you have answers these questions readily available to assist the Province's Technical Services Group. This information piece is also available on the TSAG website at www.tsag.net. The nation will be asked to provide a written consent that provides the Provincial Operation Centre and their employee's access to the Nation for the purposes of completing the Fire Investigation. Please ensure to have that email ready and signed off/approved by the appropriate person when you call the POC.

- 1. The Nation's Caller Name and Position within the Nation**
- 2. The Nation's Fire Department Name and Fire Department Contact Information**
- 3. The Name of the RCMP officer you spoke to and their contact information (detachment name, phone number, email, etc.)**
- 4. Date of Incident**
- 5. Time of Incident**
- 6. Address of Incident – actual physical address**
- 7. Is the Fire Suspicious?**
- 8. Is the Fire still burning or has it been put out?**
- 9. What Type of Fire is it?**
 - a. Wildland / Urban Interface**
 - b. Explosion**
 - c. Structure**
 - d. Vehicle**
 - e. Other Type**
- 10. What is Structure Type?**
 - a. Assembly Occupancy – Recreation Centre, Arena, Community Centre, etc.**

- b. Drug Lab/Grow Op**
- c. Group / Seniors Home**
- d. Healthcare Facility**
- e. Commercial / Industrial**
- f. High Intensity Residential Fire (HIRF) - 3 or More Structures**
- g. Residential**
- h. Other Type**

11. Is the Site Secured? Has the site been taped off, is there security on site stopping non-essential personnel entering the site, etc.

- a. If So, How**

12. Was the Structure / Vehicle Occupied

- a. If So, How Many Occupants**

13. Are All Occupants Accounted For

- a. Yes, No, Unknown**

14. Are There Injuries

- a. Fatality**
- b. Severe**
- c. Minor**

15. Number of Fatality or Injuries