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This year's unprecedented wildfire season continues in many provinces and territories and has already taken the lives of four brave firefighters. I offer condolences to the loved ones and friends of those who lost their lives working to save our forests and properties.

To support Canadians during wildfire season and strengthen Canada's preparedness for years to come, the Government of Canada is providing \$400,000 to the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF). Through the Fighting and Managing Wildfires in a Changing Climate Training Fund, this funding will provide specialized training to structural firefighters, expanding their skills and abilities. This training will help better prepare and equip firefighters to fight wildfires, with a focus on the wildland-urban interface.

Through this pilot project, the IAFF will train 25 instructors on how to deliver consistent and effective wildfire response training in Kamloops, BC. In addition, the IAFF will deliver 15 courses across five locations in Western Canada, training up to 325 structural firefighting personnel.

This announcement builds toward the Government's commitment to train 1,000 wildland firefighters over five years and will help inform recommendations for future delivery of wildland firefighter training, including within Indigenous communities.

This has been a historic wildfire season, with more intense fires in more parts of Canada than ever before. Keeping Canadians safe and healthy is the first priority of the Government of Canada. By working together with provinces, territories, Indigenous communities, and our international allies, we will continue to fight wildfires while protecting homes, livelihoods, and lives.

[Fighting and Managing Wildfires in a Changing Climate Program \(canada.ca\)](https://www.canada.ca/en/gov/department-of-civil-service/department-of-civil-service/2023/06/fighting-and-managing-wildfires-in-a-changing-climate-program.html)

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