



## Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC)

### Structure Protection Program (SPP) Training

#### **SPP-WFF 1 (Wildland Firefighter Level 1), as per NFPA 1051 Level 1 standard, backgrounder**

The SPP-WFF 1 (Wildland Firefighter Level 1) course will replace the S-100 Basic Fire Suppression and Safety and S-185 Fire Entrapment Avoidance courses for structure firefighters (only) and exceeds the NFPA 1051 Level 1 standard.

This training can be delivered in house by qualified fire service instructors. (Application forms available from OFC SPP for potential trainers to qualify).

The Wildfire Management Branch (WMB) intends to phase out the instruction of the S-100 training for fire departments with WMB staff. (Some areas of the province have already implemented this).

The OFC will issue certificates of course attendance to qualified trainers and to structural firefighters attending courses delivered by qualified instructors.

There is no annual training required (as per the S-100). As all fire fighter training, it is the responsibility of the Fire Chief to ensure their personnel maintain proficiency training levels.

The S-100 course is not “the mandated requirement” for wildfire training for structure firefighters by WorkSafeBC BC. (It is mandated for workers involved in “forestry operations”).

The SPP-WFF 1 course is acceptable to Wildfire Management Branch for structure firefighters to action wildfires on their behalf.

The actual course takes 6 hours to deliver which can be delivered in 3 - 2 hour units, plus practical use of each fire department’s own applicable equipment, as compared to 2 days classroom plus ½ day practical session for the full S-100 course. There are many shortened versions of the S-100 course that have been presented to fire departments over the past years; this course, provides a provincial standard of material for all fire departments and includes a written exam for participants, so fire chiefs and training officers can document completion of the training.

This training SPP-WFF 1 (or the S-100) is a prerequisite for all structure firefighters to participate on Structure Protection Crews as deployed provincially by the OFC.

The train the trainer workshop takes 4 – 5 hours to deliver.

An application form is available through the OFC for this training workshop.

For more information contact OFC at email [OFC@gov.bc.ca](mailto:OFC@gov.bc.ca) or phone 1-888-988-9488.