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British Columbia Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards

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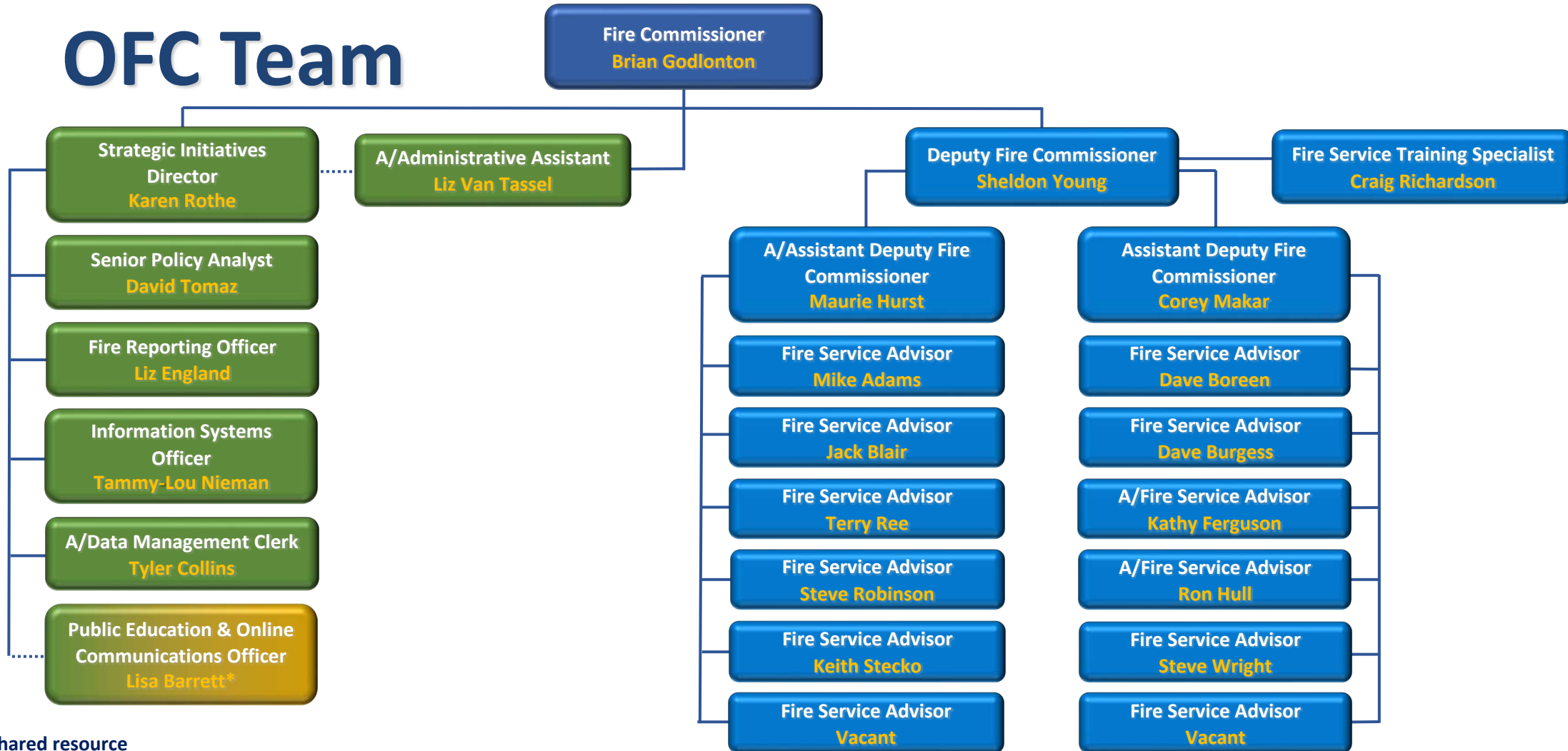
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Mandate

- Minimize the loss of life, injury, and damage to property from fire by administering and enforcing British Columbia's fire safety legislation
- Lead provincial fire prevention and fire reporting programs, promote fire safety awareness, and establish minimum training standards for fire services personnel
- Provide structure fire expertise and coordinate fire services during large scale emergencies

OFC Team



* Shared resource

Training Standards: 2019 Committee

- Chair—OFC

- Original Committee members
- WorkSafeBC
- Fire Chiefs' Association of BC
- Training academies/providers
- Local Government Management Association
- First Nations Emergency Services Society
- BC Professional Fire Fighters' Association
- Fire Prevention Officers' Association of BC
- Volunteer Fire Fighters Association of BC
- BC Fire Training Officers Association

Training Standards: History

- Required in legislation since 1979
- 2003 Minister order requiring training to NFPA standards
- 2014 creation of the ‘Playbook’
- 2019 *BC Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards* – ‘Training Standards’
- 2022 completion of the Training Standards; beginning of implementation

Training Standards: Background

- Start date: 2019—Committee established
- Goals:
 - Address previous challenges in the Playbook—‘parking lot’ issues
 - Review and adopt the new NFPA standards
 - Re-organize and restructure the existing content

Training Standards: Document Highlights

- Playbook renamed *BC Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards*—‘Training Standards’
- Separate documents—manual, policies, procedures, annex, FAQs
- Updated to relevant NFPA standards
- Integration of relevant statutes and regulations
- Clarification of Service Level scope and definition
- More detailed definitions of fire scene operation roles/functions

Training Standards: Content

- Manual and policy separated
- Policies/terms and definitions align with all OFC policy
- OFC policy work in alignment with other government programs' practices
- Associated NFPA standards re-organized and updated in Training Standards

Training Standards: Implementation

Support

- Provincial commitment
- OFC Fire Service Advisors

Communications

- Regional fire department meetings
- Association Annual Conferences

Training Standards: Implementation cont.

Materials

- Training providers and department training officers' materials underway
- Documents available on OFC website

Funding

- Community Emergency Preparedness Fund—approx. \$5M



Thank you!

Questions?

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