



Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

The Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC), which represents the country's 3,200 fire departments, will be holding its annual Fire Chiefs on the Hill activities on December 5 and 6, 2023. If it is possible, we would like to request a meeting with you to discuss the state of fire and emergency preparedness across our country. Specifically, we would like to:

- debrief on recommendations in advance of the next wildfire season with fire chiefs from some of the country's hardest hit communities
- present the results of the Great Canadian Fire Census 2023, the largest known dataset reflecting information from Canada's Fire Departments;
- share a proposal for a national fire administration similar to what exists in other countries;
- highlight an ongoing petition to increase the volunteer firefighter tax credit
- provide an update on the state of fire and emergency preparedness equipment in communities across the country
- discuss whether CAFC may be of assistance in helping to recognize members of the fire and emergency management community through the King's Coronation medals
- ask for advice on how best to help advance these requests

As climate emergencies, the healthcare crisis, and the number and severity of fires increase, there are measures that the Federal Government can take to protect public safety and emergency preparedness that are respectful of the current fiscal climate.

We recognize that your time is in very high demand and we thank you for considering our request. If your office needs further content information, the CAFC Executive Director, Dr. Tina Saryeddine can be reached at tsaryeddine@cafc.ca or at 613-324-1078. Otherwise, Ms. Meredith Logan from Summa Strategies will be in touch to see if a meeting is possible. She can be reached at mlogan@summa.ca.

Finally, separate from our meeting request, we would like to invite you to our annual Fire Chiefs reception on December 5, 2023, at 5:30 pm EST at the Delta Hotel. Details will follow.

Thank you again for considering our request. We truly look forward to the possibility.

Sincerely,

Ken McMullen,
CAFC President, Fire Chief, Red Deer, AB