

# 2024-2025 AT-A-GLANCE



## Our Vision

We work towards the day when ICS Canada system is accepted as the command, control, and coordination response structure across Canada for managing tactical operations.

## Our Mission

To enhance interoperability amongst ICS users in Canada, by providing an operational description, incident command system training curricula and associated standards.

## Word from the Chair

In 2024, Canada experienced an unprecedented year in terms of insured damage, surpassing the previous record set in 2016. According to CatIQ, the total cost of damage exceeded \$8.5 billion, driven by major events such as the Jasper Forest Fire in Alberta, the torrential rains from Hurricane Debby in Ontario and Quebec, and the hailstorm in Calgary Alberta.

In times of crisis, the Incident Command System (ICS) continues to prove that it plays a pivotal role managing incident response. Its structured approach to incident management promotes seamless collaboration and cooperation among multiple agencies. ICS was notably utilized during the response to the Jasper Forest Fire, where Fed/Prov. and Municipal formed a Unified Command structure in unison to manage the complex situation.

As we look to the future, it is clear that the need for highly skilled incident management teams is growing. To meet these challenges, we are actively encouraging the development of Type 3 Incident Management Teams across Canada. Our new strategic plan for 2025-2028 focuses on expanding organizational capacity to support this critical need.

The current landscape is promising, with several provinces— Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia—strengthening their response capabilities, including the establishment of national guard units or corps. We fully support these initiatives and are committed to ensuring that these new responders are well-educated in ICS. By doing so, they will join thousands of professionals nationwide

— Vincent Demers, ing.f., MBA, Adm. A

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- First Reprint of ICS Canada Response and Planning Guide - English version.
- French translation of the ICS Canada Response and Planning Guide
- Delivery of the O-305 in Dartmouth NS, June 2024
- Completed proof of concept of the I-200 course
- Development and approval of the 2nd Strategic plan
- Signature of a MoU with Ontario EMO for AHJ recognition
- Signature of an agreement with FEMA for privilege access to FEMA ICS training material
- The logo and its variations are now copyrighted as the legal trademark of ICS Canada
- Participation at the CEPCA conference in Ottawa and Wildland Fire Canada in Fredericton



O-305 in Dartmouth NS, June 2024

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### ICS Canada Annual Budget

\$77 823.38 (2024-2025)

### ICS Canada Revenue

Membership: \$120 555.00

Others: \$168 043.78

### Project Fund Balance

\$386 584.81

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Quarterly Meeting – June 11, 2025, Virtual

Quarterly Meeting - Sept 10, 2025, Virtual

AG Meeting - Dec 10, 2025, In Person

Quarterly Meeting - Mar 11, 2026, Virtual

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

## 2024-2025 New Members

- NIFSC,
- CRDO,
- City of Ottawa,
- Nunavut,
- Ontario EMO

## Tier 1 Members - AHJ and AAHJ

- Emergency Mgmt. and Climate Readiness (BC),
- Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AB),
- Saskatchewan Public Safety agency (SK),
- Office of the Fire Commissioner (MB),
- Newfoundland Labrador Public Safety (NL),
- Nova Scotia Emergency Measures Organization (NS),
- New Brunswick Emergency Measures Organization (NB),
- PE Emergency Measures Organization (PE),
- Emergency Measures Organization (YT),
- Northwest Territories Dept. of Public Safety (NT),
- Nunavut EMO (NU)
- Canadian Coast Guard, Parks Canada, CIFFC,
- Canadian Food Inspection Agency SARVAC,
- ON Emergency Medical Assistance Team,
- Transport Canada,
- The Salvation Army,
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
- Public Safety Canada,
- Team Rubicon,
- National Indigenous Fire Safety Council,
- City of Ottawa

## ICS IN NUMBERS

- Registered Instructors: 691 (+130 since last year)



5000 booklets were sold in Canada, since the introduction in 2023

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