



# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS

## PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY WITH THE IAFF'S RESPONDING TO THE INTERFACE TRAINING

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Due to climate change and urban sprawl, wildfires are an increasing threat in “interface,” areas across Canada where structures within urban, suburban and rural communities are at risk from fires that originate in the wildland areas they border. Wildfires that reach interface areas have the potential to spread quickly and have devastating impacts.

In order to better protect Canadians from this growing threat, the IAFF and the Government of Canada have partnered to offer the IAFF's Responding to the Interface (RTI) training that prepares fire fighters to safely and effectively defend interface communities from the unique dangers wildland fires pose.

In late 2023 and early 2024, 350 Canadian fire fighters received IAFF RTI training through a successful pilot project funded by the Government of Canada. In April 2024, the Canadian Government extended the pilot project with increased funding to train additional fire fighters across Canada to protect interface communities. This training is available at NO COST to municipal fire departments thanks to the partnership between the IAFF and the Government of Canada.



Kamloops, BC RTI Class of 2023



## WHAT IS “RESPONDING TO THE INTERFACE”?

Protecting homes and other structures from wildfire is different than the urban structural firefighting for which municipal fire fighters are trained. It comes with its own unique dangers and it requires specific training to ensure fire fighters have the skills and knowledge they need to successfully protect interface structures from approaching wildfires.

## IAFF TRAINING MODEL AND CURRICULUM

IAFF Responding to the Interface training is delivered by seasoned IAFF Master Instructors who travel into a community to train fire fighters from surrounding departments. Our training includes online, classroom, and field components, with train-the-trainer modules available. Emphasizing fire fighter safety, the IAFF RTI curriculum covers all aspects of interface fire response, from initial assessment to specific tactics required to defend homes and other structures from the growing threat of interface fires.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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