

NEWS RELEASE

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Nanaimo Fire Rescue partners with VIU for Inaugural FireSmart Weekend

Summary

Nanaimo Fire Rescue and Vancouver Island University and are holding its inaugural FireSmart weekend April 9th and 10th at the VIU campus. With the assistance from FireSmart Canada and grant money from the UBCM, staff and students of the Universities Forestry program will take part this weekend in FireSmarting forested areas near campus buildings. The City of Nanaimo was recently recognized as a Fire Smart Community and this is one initiative as a result.

All residents can have a FireSmart home and Nanaimo Fire Rescue wants to encourage all its citizens to participate. Guidelines are available that can assist property owners in helping them to slow down or prevent the spread of wildfire on their properties by visiting fire.nanaimo.ca or www.firesmartcanada.ca In addition, Nanaimo Fire Rescue can support FireSmart community champions to assist them in establishing FireSmart programs in their neighbourhoods.

Strategic Link: City of Nanaimo is committed to public safety.

Key Points

- Nanaimo Fire Rescue can support FireSmart community champions to assist them in establishing FireSmart programs in their neighbourhoods
- The City of Nanaimo was recently recognized as a FireSmart Community.
- VIU Forestry students and Nanaimo Fire Rescue will be holding an inaugural event April 9th and 10th to FireSmart high hazard areas of the campus.

Quotes

"The City of Nanaimo is pleased to be a FireSmart Community. The event at VIU this weekend is a great community partnership and we look forward to working with their students and staff to FireSmart parts of the high risk areas on their campus."

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