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INDEPENDENT FIRST NATIONS ALLIANCE | NOVEMBER 2026

- Celebrating Wildland Firefighter Training at Kab Lake Lodge.
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CELEBRATING WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER TRAINING AT KAB LAKE LODGE

INTEGRATED EMERGENCY SERVICES

On August 18, IFNA gathered at Kab Lake Lodge alongside representatives from the Indigenous Police Chiefs of Ontario (IPCO), International Wildfire Alliance (IWA), and RCMP to recognize participants who had been taking part in wildland fire training over the past several weeks.

Through IFNA's partnership with IPCO and IWA, participants gained valuable hands-on training and operational experience, helping strengthen Indigenous firefighting capacity and emergency preparedness in First Nation communities.



Elder Gerry Baxter of Whitesand First Nation joined the ceremony, sharing words of encouragement and recognizing the dedication and accomplishments of the participants throughout their training.

Congratulations to all the wildland firefighters on their achievements, and chi-miigwech to everyone who contributed to this important initiative and joined in celebrating their hard work.

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PARENT & CAREGIVER VISIT TO SIOUX NORTH

EDUCATION SERVICES



On November 5, parents and caregivers visited Sioux North High School and the student residences in Sioux Lookout. The visit allowed families to explore the spaces where students learn and live while attending school away from their home communities.

The visit provided families with a better understanding of their childern daily environment while strengthening connections between home and school.

Opportunities like these highlight the importance of family involvement in supporting students throughout their educational journey.

For students living away from their home communities, maintaining strong family connections plays an important role in their overall well-being and success. Visits like these help families feel more connected to their students' experiences as they continue their education.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MUSKRAT DAM FIRST NATION'S NEWLY ELECTED CHIEF AND COUNCIL

IFNA extends warm congratulations to Chief Korey Day and the newly elected Council of Muskrat Dam First Nation following the community's recent leadership election.

As the community begins a new chapter, we also thank the outgoing Chief Carla Duncan and Council for their dedication and service.

IFNA looks forward to continuing to work alongside the newly elected leadership in supporting the community's priorities and future goals.



LAC SEUL FIRST NATION WELCOMES DONATED FIRE TRUCK TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION

INTEGRATED EMERGENCY SERVICES

On September 28, Lac Seul First Nation celebrated an important milestone as community members, leadership, firefighters, and partners gathered in Frenchman's Head to welcome a fire truck generously donated by the Hamilton Fire Department.

The ceremony brought together Lac Seul First Nation leadership and firefighters, representatives from the Hamilton Fire Department, Lac Seul Police Service, the Honourable Jill Dunlop, Ontario Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and other partners.
The addition of this fire truck marks a meaningful step forward in strengthening emergency response services within the community. Access to reliable firefighting equipment is essential to protecting families, homes, and community infrastructure, and this donation will help support the continued growth of Lac Seul First Nation's local fire services.

IFNA was honoured to join the community in celebrating this milestone and recognizing the importance of partnerships that contribute to safer First Nation communities.
Chi Miigwech to the Hamilton Fire Department for their generous donation and commitment to supporting community fire protection.







IFNA HEALTH SERVICES CONNECTS WITH FUTURE PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

In October 2026, Amanda, Health Information Supervisor, and Tracy, Clinical Service Manager, represented IFNA Health and Social Services at the Canadian Medical Student Repatriation Expo in Ireland, connecting with Canadian medical students studying abroad and exploring opportunities to bring future physicians to northern First Nations communities.





Amanda and Tracy explored clinical placement opportunities that would give medical students firsthand experience working in northern and First Nations communities, while encouraging them to consider returning to practice.

Following the trip, four medical students expressed interest in completing placements with IFNA, marking a positive step toward strengthening healthcare recruitment in northern communities.

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