



**2004
COMMUNITY SPRINKLER
PROTECTION UNITS PROJECT**

2004 HIGHLIGHTS

Each of the four UBCM Sprinkler Protection Units (SPU) was deployed during the 2004 fire season for a total of 69 days. The fires they were dispatched to include:

Lonesome Lake Fire (C50125)

- * Communities of Charlotte Lake and Crazy Bear Lake threatened.
- * SPU #1,2 and 4 deployed for a total of 45 days.
- * Demonstrated success of the program with 12 structures saved at Crazy Bear Lodge and Charlotte Lake.

Whitecap Creek Fire (K70198)

- * Community of Seton Portage near Lillooet threatened.
- * SPU #2 and 3 deployed for a total of 16 days.
- * Excellent working relationships between Fire Service and First Nations.

Kookipi Creek Fire (V10531)

- * Community of Nahatlatch Lake and River near Boston Bar threatened.
- * SPU #1 and 4 deployed for a total of 8 days.

TRAINING

During 2004 a training program was developed and made available to 160 firefighters from the public and private sector. A good mix of municipal, Ministry of Forests and private contractors were represented in these numbers. Requests for additional training in 2005 have already been received.

By all accounts the first year of this program has been an extremely successful one. Those involved agree that it is very important to ride the wave of enthusiasm shown by the communities and organizations represented by the working group to ensure that the program continues to make a difference.

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