



2005
**COMMUNITY SPRINKLER
PROTECTION UNITS PROJECT**

2005 HIGHLIGHTS

2005 saw a very quiet fire season, and the SPUs were not put to operational use. SPUs were moved to strategic locations around the province as dictated by fire threat, but were never deployed.

Research and Evaluation

A comprehensive research paper exploring interface fire data (frequency; location; and value of losses); SPU processes in other jurisdictions, and other issues around usage of SPUs was completed by a UVIC co-op student this summer. Potential policy scenarios around ownership, funding, deployment processes etc were also put forward as a part of this review.

The final report on the Sprinkler Protection Units is available at www.civicnet.bc.ca Click on "Programs and Services" then select "Local Government Program Services." From the drop down menu, select "Community Sprinklers" to access the report.

TRAINING

SPUs were used for field training while they were in their summer locations and in 2005, 207 personnel were trained in the use of the SPU equipment. The Office of the Fire Commissioner organized training opportunities for 2005 on behalf of UBCM.

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