



WE NEED TO SEND A MESSAGE NOW TO THE ALBERTA GOVERNMENT – BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

WE NEED TO KEEP OUR FIREFIGHTERS SAFE – SO THEY CAN KEEP US SAFE.



Please scan this QR code. It will take you to an open letter which you can sign and send to your MLA, calling on them to urge Minister of Forestry and Parks Todd Loewen to take action now.

DID YOU KNOW:

THERE'S A STAFFING CRISIS IN THE WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING DEPARTMENT OF THE ALBERTA GOVERNMENT?

- Firefighters trained by the Alberta government are leaving in droves to take similar work for more money, better benefits and a pension with the B.C. government and Parks Canada.
- The starting wage for seasonal wildland firefighters in Alberta is \$22.44 per hour. That is 22% to 33% less than other jurisdictions are paying for their fire responders.
- The Alberta government is struggling to find enough trained and experienced workers and to retain the seasonal workers they have trained. Some seasonal workers with only one or two years of experience are being appointed as crew leads on firefighting teams, with their crew members having even less experience.

WILL THIS FIRE SEASON BE AS BAD AS LAST YEAR?

Alberta is already facing a drought. Climate change means we are facing higher temperatures. This is a recipe for wildfire disaster.

Wildland firefighters in Alberta are not treated as having a professional career. Experienced wildland firefighters are not coming back to Alberta. The government has created a dangerous situation that will cost all Albertans in the end.

The cost of the wildfires last year was \$2.9 billion and 2024 could be worse. The government would rather play with fire and hope for the best, rather than solve the retention problem of which they are fully aware.

When the government plays with fire, Albertans will get burned again.

LAST YEAR



1,088
fires burned.



38,000
people evacuated
from 48 communities.



26,000
square kilometres of
forests, farmland and
property burned.



8
wildland
firefighters died
across Canada.