



# Burn Fund Link

“PREVENTING VICTIMS, EMPOWERING SURVIVORS!!!”™

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### Local Burn Fund Representatives

please remember to update your contact information with the Burn Fund office at 604-436-5617

or [pr@burnfund.org](mailto:pr@burnfund.org)

Sign Up to receive the Burn Fund Link by email contact

[nola@burnfund.org](mailto:nola@burnfund.org)

## 13th Annual Bright Nights in Stanley Park

November 26th, 2010 - January 2nd, 2011



Everyone is invited to nights of magic and illumination for the **13th Annual Bright Nights in Stanley Park**. More than two million twinkling lights transform the forest, the train and children's farmyard areas in the middle of the city's wondrous Stanley Park. Bright Nights is enhanced by entertainment, dozens of delightful animated displays and more - carrying on the tradition that started with the first Christmas Train over thirty years ago! Tickets on sale early November please visit [www.burnfund.org](http://www.burnfund.org) to purchase.

Visit the very  
**SCARY  
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HOUSE**

**October 15th - 31st**  
[dunbarhauntedhouse.com](http://dunbarhauntedhouse.com)

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### ADULT BURN SURVIVOR ATTENDANCE IS BIGGEST EVER !

**The Future Is Mine** adult burn survivor support program has grown tremendously with the unique events offered to the members of the community while connecting them through FACEBOOK on an exclusive and confidential page.

This season the burn survivor community enjoyed theatre events both in Vancouver and Victoria; tour of a Lavender farm, and beginning this year Peer Support Sessions at VGH so survivors and members of their family can come together to share their stories of the healing journey. New members are being added through the growing awareness of the program, and burn survivors provide a strong representation at the Annual Volunteer Day to set up for Bright Nights to give back to the BCPFF Burn Fund. The program is also available through GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre, and Prince George Hospital. **The Future is Mine** provides information, resources, inspiration, education, current research, and shared experiences from survivors and their families.

Support is available for adult burn survivors 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information, please contact the Burn Fund office at 604-436-5617 or email [survivors@burnfund.org](mailto:survivors@burnfund.org).

For a full event schedule see: [http://www.burnfund.org/our\\_programs/adult\\_survivor/absevents.php](http://www.burnfund.org/our_programs/adult_survivor/absevents.php)



## Fundraising for the Burn Fund

### Prince George Fire Fighters Local 1372 - 2nd Annual Burn Fund Cycle Tour a Success!!

The riders cycled an amazing 274km round trip from Prince George to Dragon Lake, raising \$6883.77 for the Burn Fund.



**Riders from L-R:** Civilian rider Neil Henderson (in blue); Prince George Fire Fighter riders (in red) - Denver McCullough, Kelly Henderson, Paul Knudsgaard, Jared Steiger (and his daughter Alandra), and Aaron Brouwer.

### 3rd Annual Burn Fund Run

Several hundred people turned out at 5 different Running Room locations for the 3rd Annual Burn Fund Run. The weather was great, making it very enjoyable for all the Runners/Walkers. An amazing \$15,837.00 was raised for the Burn Fund during this 1 day event!



**Picture:** Runners, along with the Victoria Fire Fighters L730, prepare for the race!



This year's Burn Fund Run offered prizes for those bringing in the largest donations. First place was a weekend accommodation at Tinhorn Creek Winery in Oliver, BC and second place was a gift certificate from Impact Magazine.

**Picture:** Tim Baillie, BCPFFBF Director with 1st place prize winner Treenee Lopez. Second place winner was Cindy Thomsen (not pictured). Congratulations!

## Fundraising for the Burn Fund

### Nanaimo Fire Fighters' Local 905 1st Annual Summer Heat event!

Summer did, in fact, get hotter with this sizzling fashion show and dinner. The amazing cuisine was followed by a fashion show, then live and silent auctions. This event raised \$23,000 for the Burn Fund!

Picture: Whitney Burnand, Adult Burn Survivor and Geoff Whiting, Fire Fighter with Nanaimo L905.



### Kamloops Fire Fighters L913 - Reverend Ray Parker's 'Walk for Hope'

Wow! An amazing \$9693.51 was raised on this one day, energizing 10km walk!

## Fundraising for the Burn Fund

### Dawson Creek Fire Fighters Local 2136 Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament

You gotta know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em! The Dawson Creek Fire Fighters would like to thank all of the local businesses that made the auction such a huge success as well as everyone who came out and took part in the poker tournament.

This year \$11,828.50 was raised for the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund. The event is so popular it will be scheduled again in 2011!



## Halloween & Fireworks Safety Tips

BC's Professional Fire Fighters urge everyone to have a safe and happy Halloween.

Illegal explosives or homemade fireworks account for 30 per cent of the injuries associated with fireworks. Children from age 5 to 19 are most frequently involved in fireworks-related injuries, and the Burn Fund points out the need for close adult supervision of all fireworks activities.

Halloween fireworks can cause injuries serious enough to require emergency room treatment if they are used by inexperienced amateurs. Severe injuries caused by fireworks can include burns, lacerations, amputations, and blindness.

For a complete listing of all safety tips, please visit our website at

[http://www.burnfund.org/our\\_programs/burn\\_education\\_prevention.php](http://www.burnfund.org/our_programs/burn_education_prevention.php)



## 15th Annual Burn Awareness Week

Annual Poster Contest Awards \$6,000 cash plus prizes for their school



The Annual Burn Awareness Week is February 6th - 12th, 2011. All students in B.C.'s schools are invited to enter the Poster Contest. Every entrant wins a participation prize and fifty students can win money for the elementary school or BC Ministry of Education sanctioned distance education facility.

There are seven regional prizes to be awarded, including a \$1,000 Grand Prize and six \$500 Regional Prizes. Regions are the Lower Mainland (three winners), Vancouver Island, Kootenays, Northern BC and the Okanagan (one winner for each area). Forty-three students win runner-up prizes of \$50 each for their school or distance education facility. Complete prize details, rules and regulations are listed online at [www.burnfund.org/BAW](http://www.burnfund.org/BAW)

Local Burn Fund Representatives are encouraged to contact the Burn Fund office for information on visiting your local schools to do presentations on Fire & Burn Safety Issues. 604-436-5617 or [pr@burnfund.org](mailto:pr@burnfund.org)

## Executive Message

The BCPFF Burn Fund has become the main provider in creating meaningful programs which support burn and trauma survivors along with new educational tools for the prevention of fires and burns.

We provide burn prevention information; Burn survivor support, recovery programs and financial assistance for the purchase of equipment, training medical staff and the operation of a children's burn survivor camp in BC.

The BCPFF Burn, Plastic and Trauma Unit at VGH continues to receive funding for essential equipment to assist in the care of their patients.

The BCPFF Burn Fund is proud of all of its programs and equally proud of our commitment to fund research that can dramatically change the lives of trauma and Burn Survivors. The BCPFF Burn and Trauma Research Lab which is located at Jack Bell Research center continues to lead the field in new procedures and treatments. The outcomes of this work may shorten the hospitalization times of survivors, reduce scarring and reduce the length of time for pain & suffering after an injury.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff, nearly four thousand BC Professional Fire Fighters and the many burn and trauma patients throughout the Province who benefit from the support of our donors; thank you for your generous contributions.



In Solidarity,

Mike Hurley,  
President

Larry Thomas,  
Secretary/Treasurer



## BCAA - 911 Community Heroes Program



### All BC Professional Fire Fighters

BCAA is proud to offer you their 911 Community Heroes Group Program Benefits. Members now have access to special group benefits through this program. Contact your local BCAA office and mention this program to find out more or to sign up and start saving today!

## Pumpkin Patch Event October 16th, 2010



Sponsored by ENVISION FINANCIAL the adult burn community and their families participated in this 1st Annual Event at Aldor Farms in Langley. Hayrides, lots of animal introductions, pumpkin picking followed by a hot dog lunch, made this a very special day! A Pumpkin carving contest was held and the winners went home with financial prizes from ENVISION FINANCIAL.

The Township of Langley Fire Fighters Local 4550 was proudly represented with the fire truck and fire fighters to meet everyone who attended.

## 2010 Canadian Burn Survivor Conference

This year's 4th Annual Canadian Burn Survivor Conference was held June 9 -12 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Just over 160 burn survivors, family members, fire fighters and burn unit staff were in attendance. Attendees came from across the country, as well as the United States and one person came all the way from England. Events included keynote speakers, seminars, fire fighters Chili and Stew Cook-off Event, an appearance by Elvis, and ended with a banquet and dance.

The BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund was very proud to send two members from our Adult Burn Community, Treenee Lopez and Sharad Mohan, as delegates for 'The Future is Mine' program. "It was a great honor and an awesome feeling to be able to attend this conference, more so being sent as a delegate from B.C. with fellow burn survivor Sharad Mohan", beams Treenee. "It gave me more insight on programs for burn survivors and how to get support in the burn community. Having met other survivors and hearing their stories made me realize that we share the same feelings and emotions and it doesn't matter whether my burn is big or small. I would like to thank the Burn Fund for sending me to this conference and having 'The Future is Mine' program as my support group here in B.C. which has provided me with the tools that enable me to help other burn survivors."



# BC Professional Fire Fighters Association Local Donations

From April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to September 30<sup>th</sup> 2010

The British Columbia Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund is dedicated to burn prevention as well as survivor support and recovery programs in the province of British Columbia. The organization is committed to providing financial assistance for the purchase of equipment, training of medical staff and the operation of a children's burn survivor camp.

## Burn Fund Cheque Presentations



**Abbotsford Fire Fighters  
Local 2864—\$15,000**



**Burnaby Fire Fighters  
Local 323—\$10,000**



**Surrey Fire Fighters  
Local 1271—\$10,000**



**Vancouver Fire Fighters  
Local 18 — \$10,000**



**Chilliwack Fire Fighters  
Charitable Society  
Local 2826 — \$7,500**

LOCAL'S YTD TOTALS April 1st, 2010 – September 30th, 2010				Total Amount
Local Name	#	Direct Donations	Local Organized Fundraisers	Recognized For
Vancouver	L18	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
New Westminster	L256	\$ -	\$ 743.90	\$ 743.90
North Vancouver City	L298	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Burnaby	L323	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 17.23	\$ 10,017.23
Prince Rupert	L559	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Victoria	L730	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00
Nanaimo	L905	\$ 23,000.00	\$ -	\$ 23,000.00
Kamloops	L913	\$ -	\$ 12,633.37	\$ 12,633.37
Trail	L941	\$ 2,800.00	\$ -	\$ 2,800.00
Kelowna	L953	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Saanich	L967	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
North Vancouver Dist.	L1183	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cranbrook	L1253	\$ 185.85	\$ 1,186.88	\$ 1,372.73
Surrey	L1271	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 2,010.00	\$ 13,010.00
Richmond	L1286	\$ -	\$ 3,260.00	\$ 3,260.00
Powell River	L1298	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Kitimat	L1304	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Nelson	L1343	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Prince George	L1372	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 6,883.77	\$ 8,323.77
Penticton	L1399	\$ 3,884.50	\$ -	\$ 3,884.50
Vernon	L1517	\$ 2,867.91	\$ -	\$ 2,867.91
West Vancouver	L1525	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Port Alberni	L1667	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Campbell River	L1668	\$ 12,400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 12,900.00
Revelstoke	L1746	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Delta	L1763	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Coquitlam	L1782	\$ -	\$ 627.00	\$ 627.00
Oak Bay	L1856	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Port Coquitlam	L1941	\$ 240.00	\$ -	\$ 240.00
Dawson Creek	L2136	\$ 6,870.00	\$ 4,958.50	\$ 11,828.50
Fort St. John	L2143	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 25,800.00
Whitehorse	L2217	\$ 1,550.00	\$ -	\$ 1,550.00
Port Moody	L2399	\$ 10,826.31	\$ -	\$ 10,826.31
White Rock	L2407	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Terrace	L2685	\$ 4,039.00	\$ -	\$ 4,039.00
Fort Nelson	L2782	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Chilliwack	L2826	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00
Fernie	L2827	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Langford	L2848	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Abbotsford	L2864	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 15,000.00
Squamish	L2874	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Langley City	L3253	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
Salmon Arm	L3791	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Whistler	L3944	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Esquimalt	L4264	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
Central Saanich	L4428	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Maple Ridge	L4449	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
West Kelowna	L4457	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Saltspring	L4467	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Township of Langley	L4550	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mission	L4768	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>GRAND TOTAL YTD</b>		<b>\$141,503.57</b>	<b>\$ 38,920.65</b>	<b>\$ 180,424.22</b>

## Upcoming Events 2010

OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> **BC Lions Football Tickets!**  
Catch a BC Lions Game at Empire Field and support the Burn Fund. Offer is open to professional fire fighters and by getting a group of 10+ you will receive the following benefits: your choice of seating in either the Bronze section for \$30 or Silver section for \$40; 2 for 1 Fright Night admission on Oct 31st. Please contact Christie at [604-930-5456](tel:604-930-5456) or [cbuono@bclions.com](mailto:cbuono@bclions.com)

OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> - 31<sup>ST</sup> **Dunbar Haunted House**  
This is the 6th year of the Dunbar Haunted House and may well be the scariest one yet! Live actors nightly from 6:30pm onwards are ready to send chills up your spine! Visiting in the daylight hours between 1:00-6:30pm is more suitable for children and scaredy cats! Partial proceeds from this event will benefit the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund.  
[www.dunbarhauntedhouse.com](http://www.dunbarhauntedhouse.com)

NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> **4th Annual Ladies Diamond Dinner - Kamloops FF L913**  
Tickets are now on sale for the exciting annual event! Come out and spend the evening with the Kamloops Fire Fighters who will be your servers for a fabulous dinner. Tickets are \$65.00 and include dinner, two glasses of wine, door prizes and a safe ride home. There will be a silent auction, raffles, music and more!  
Call [250-828-9404](tel:250-828-9404) for ticket purchases.

NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> **New Westminster FF L256 Hockey Game**  
Don't miss this one, it's going to be action hot enough to melt the ice! Tickets for New Westminster Fire Fighters vs. Vancouver Canuck Alumni game are \$10.00 for a family, at the door, at Queens' Park Arena.  
[Puck drops at 7PM.](#)

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For more information on all these events, visit [www.burnfund.org](http://www.burnfund.org)

If you would like your fundraising event listed in the next Burn Fund Link newsletter please send to: [pr@burnfund.org](mailto:pr@burnfund.org)

Yes, I want to support the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund

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### I would like to give

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the following:

- General Support of Burn Fund
- Adult Burn Survivor Program
- Bright Nights in Stanley Park
- Burn Awareness Week
- Burn Fund Building
- BCPFF Burn, Plastic and Trauma Unit / VGH
- BCPFF Burn & Wound Healing Research Laboratory
- BCCH Burn Program

### More Information:

- Please call me to discuss sponsorship opportunities