



BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund

# Burn Fund *Link*

**"PREVENTING VICTIMS, EMPOWERING SURVIVORS!!!"™**

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**News and Events**

**Mark Your Calendars**

The 11th Annual Bright Nights in Stanley Park opens to the public on Friday, November 28th. The event runs through to January 3, 2009

**Local Burn Fund Representatives**

please remember to update your contact information at the Burn Fund office at 604-436-4617 or [info@burnfund.org](mailto:info@burnfund.org)

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## Burn Awareness Week Teaches Students About Fire Safety in a Fun and Interactive Program

Thousands of elementary students from all over British Columbia participated in the Burn Fund's 12th Annual Burn Awareness Week (BAW) Program and Poster Contest. The program is targeted to public and private elementary schools. Parents and students can access the program online. BAW is designed to teach kids to be responsible for their own safety, and help make their families aware of potentially harmful situations. The program is educational, fun and interactive. It is divided into age appropriate safety lessons and activity sheets which include burn awareness safety tip information. Also included are colouring pages and animated videos. Some lessons are available in French, Cantonese, Mandarin and Punjabi.



**Provincial Grand Prize Winner Kelly, Grade 3, Nelson**

Students are invited to enter the annual BAW Poster Contest where they can win prizes for themselves and money for their school.

Posters are judged by Burn Fund sponsors and Burn Unit healthcare professionals. They look for age appropriate skills, simplicity of message, creativity, and the ability to convey safety messages to others.



**St. Patrick's Elementary School Vancouver**



**BAW Poster Contest Judges**

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## Burn Fund Executive Message

Leaving a Lasting Legacy with the Burn Fund Building

## New Board of Directors

Elected June 3, 2008

The BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund celebrates thirty years of support for our burn survivors, from their initial injury to helping them along their healing path.

Construction of the Burn Fund Building is the logical next step in the advancement of care for our burn, plastic and trauma patients. The multi-use building will offer support and services to burn survivors, their families and the public in an innovative facility, which is the first of its kind in North America.

In the past thirty years, a natural connection between the works done by the Provincial Burn Unit and the BC Professional Fire Fighters (BCPFF) has formed a solid partnership that meets both organizations' mandates. The most notable examples are the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn, Plastic and Trauma Unit and the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn and Wound Healing Research Laboratory.

In 2001, the new BCPFF Burn Unit at Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) was made possible by a \$1 million donation from the Burn Fund. It brought advanced burn and wound care in a state of the art facility to BC. In 2005, this was coupled with an additional \$400,000 grant from the Burn Fund that established the BCPFF Burn and Wound Healing Research Laboratory and made possible the recruitment of Dr. Aziz Ghahary, a world-class researcher in this highly specialized area. Cross-over findings in areas such as diabetic wound healing and fibrotic disease states in lungs and other organs are other likely beneficiaries of this research. In large part due to the growing prominence of VGH as a centre of excellence in burn and wound care and related research, it was possible in 2007 to recruit Dr. Anthony Papp, an internationally recognized burn surgeon, to lead the BCPFF Burn, Plastic and Trauma Unit as Medical Director.

With the growth of VGH as a center of excellence for burn and wound care, there came the realization of the importance to include all aspects of trauma care in the mandate of the unit. This resulted in the merging of the burn and trauma units to create the new BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn, Plastic and Trauma Unit, which opened at Vancouver General Hospital in 2007.

This combined unit is a reflection of the commitment of the medical team and the professional fire fighters to the pursuit of excellence in care of all trauma patients. The Burn Fund Building will provide a dimension to the care of burn and traumapatients and their families that is not possible within the constrained physical envelope of Vancouver General Hospital.

The new research space at the Burn Fund Building is an additive to the functions of the existing laboratory, which will remain focused on basic science research. The new facility will bridge the gap between the lab and the patient in two main areas. Any medications under development need to be produced in a GLP (Good Lab Practice) designated facility with appropriate levels of sterility. This is a design feature of the new space. The lab is also designed to incorporate a clinical trials unit where the validity of treatments under investigation by Drs. Ghahary and Papp can be studied in a preclinical setting.

The Research Facility at the Burn Fund Building is just one of the programs designed to leave a lasting legacy for our citizens and burn and trauma survivors. On behalf of the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund, thank you for your support.

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## 12th Annual Burn Awareness Week Poster Contest Winners



Fraser Wood Elementary School, Surrey



Heritage Christian School, Kelowna



Khalsa School, Vancouver



Powell River Christian School, Powell River

### What schools are doing with the prize money their students won in the Burn Awareness Week Poster Contest

*"We will be purchasing a picnic table for our school with a plaque on it that carries your organization's name. Thank you so much for all the work you do to help others who are not as fortunate as we are."*

Lori Kimpton, Teacher  
McBride Centennial Elementary School  
McBride, BC

*"This year we have spent quite a bit of time talking about what we can give to our community, rather than take from our community. Because of this, as a group we have decided to donate the prize money back to your foundation."*

Karina Connor, Teacher  
Rose Valley Elementary School  
Kelowna, BC

*"We decided to use our award money to purchase a new First-Aid Kit that will be carried on Field Trips. This will be a wonderful benefit for all students in our school."*

Trudy Colonello, Principal,  
Frank J. Mitchell Elementary School  
Sparwood, BC

**For more photos and to see the  
fifty winning posters please visit  
the Burn Fund website at  
[www.burnfund.org](http://www.burnfund.org)**

## News and Events

### What's Happening at the Burn Fund

#### *The Future is Mine* Adult Burn Survivor Program Teleclass Schedule

**Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 8:00 pm**  
**Families Share Their Stories**—This teleclass is specially created for members of families to share their stories, their experiences as well as their challenges. A private session that will provide support and resources. This is a first for *The Future Is Mine*.

**Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 8:00 pm**  
**Managing Masks, Pressure Garments and Multiple Surgeries**—Pressure garments and masks are a part of the healing process for many survivors causing many questions and concerns. Hear from those whose experience will help you and provide great tips!

**Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 8:00 pm**  
**Healing on the Inside**—Take this time to share the resources and ways to cope with social re-entry, intimacy after a burn, and other psychosocial challenges that have been experienced by members of the burn community.

**Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 8:00 pm**  
**Personal Empowerment & the Importance of Self-Esteem**—This critical session will help members of the burn community focus on the need to reset goals and regain their self confidence following a burn or trauma injury.

To Register for a Teleclass: [survivors@burnfund.org](mailto:survivors@burnfund.org)

#### General Paint Raises Funds for the Burn Fund with Rebate Program

To: All BC Professional Fire Fighters

General Paint Corp. will provide all fire fighters with a discount card which allows them a contractor discount of between 30% - 50% off retail pricing at all General Paint corporate stores.

General Paint will provide a rebate of 5% of gross sales from the discount card program before taxes to the Burn Fund.

General Paint is a long-time supporter of Bright Nights and this is just another way they are helping the Burn Fund and its programs. Contact your Local Burn Fund Representative for more details.



### BCAA World Police & Fire Games Affinity Program

#### Save Money and Help the Burn Fund

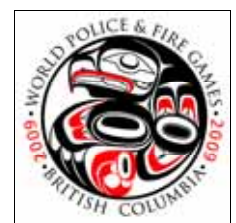
The BC 2009 World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) are coming in July 2009 and you can help the games and the Burn Fund by signing up for the BCAA WPFG Affinity Program.

Fire fighters are entitled to exclusive benefits and discounts every time they choose BCAA for membership, insurance and travel.

A portion of every dollar spent at BCAA will go toward the BC 2009 World Police & Fire Games as well as the ongoing Legacy Fund, which supports the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund.

Visit [www.BCAA.com](http://www.BCAA.com) and register online or by telephone at 1-888-268-5154.

BCAA membership is not required for participation in the program.



# 15th Annual Burn Camp

73 campers and 59 counselors enjoy a week of freedom and fun

Campers and counselors enjoyed a week of fun that included river rafting, hiking, carnival days, barbecues, skit night, cowboy themed dance and the camp favourite—water fights!



## Thanks to our Burn Camp Sponsors for their support

### GOLD BADGE OF GIVING

Whistler Blackcomb

### SILVER BADGE OF GIVING

Canadian Outback Adventures

### BRONZE BADGE OF GIVING

CKNW Orphans' Fund, Panago, Thirdwave Bus Service, Swan Charities, The Vancouver Sun Children's Fund, Vancouver Harley Owners Group

### FRIEND BADGE OF GIVING

Kiwanis Club of Kamloops

### BURN CAMP SUPPORTERS

Brenda Harrison Pony Rides, Burnaby Fire Fighters Charitable Society, Canadian Coast Guard, Capilano Suspension Bridge, City of Langley, Debbie Blount, Dimensional Health, Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary Campbell River, Full Moon Rentals, Greg Ferguson, HY Louie, Karen J. Smith & Associates Registered Massage Therapy Clinic, Kinesys, Kiwanis Club of Capilano, Kiwanis Club of Courtenay, Langley City Fire Fighters Local 3253, Long & McQuade Music, MarketPlace IGA—West Vancouver, Meilan Robson, Neil Douglas Guitars, North Vancouver District Fire & Rescue Services, Par-T-Perfect Sea to Sky, Rotary Club of Whistler, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #59 Grand Forks, Spin Cycle Amusements, Tamalex Productions Inc., Tim Hortons - Squamish, Vanleena Dance Academy, Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services, Vancouver Police Department Dog Squad, WE Travel, Whistler Fire Fighters Local 3944, White Rock Lioness Club, White Spot Restaurant - Marine Way, Burnaby



## What's Happening at the Burn Fund Bursary Awards & Fundraisers



**Hanna Mraz** from Coquitlam receives the \$1,000 **Captain Oswald Howell Memorial Bursary** from his daughter, Judith Atkins.

As a young child, Hanna was scalded by hot water. She will be attending Simon Fraser University in the fall to study Biological Sciences. Also pictured, David Dales, Executive Director, Programs & Events.



**Jesse Dill** from Roberts Creek receives \$500 for the **Captain Alex Blake Memorial Bursary** from David Dales. Jesse was injured in a house fire last summer. He recently graduated from the University of Victoria. He will use his bursary towards his Masters degree in Community Planning at Dalhousie University.

**Theresa Hyzims** from South Hazelton was unable to attend the event. She is the recipient of the \$500 **Dr. Charles Snelling Bursary**. In 1976, Theresa received burns to 90% of her body in a car accident and spent six months in the Burn Unit in Vancouver. After getting married and raising her three daughters she decided to go back to school. Theresa completed her high school education and is planning on using her bursary for post-secondary classes in Business Administration.



Heather Wilson, Burn Camp Director and Erik Vogel, Burn Camp Committee Member, give special recognition to **Thirdwave Bus Services** for their longtime support of Burn Camp.



Michael Hurley, President of the Burn Fund and Larry Thomas, Secretary Treasurer accept \$10,000 from **Swan Charities** for Burn Camp. Money was raised by sales of their calendar.



Kristy Storey, Burn Fund Director, Larry Thomas, and Michael Hurley, from the Burn Fund accept \$3,691 from **Delta Lion Pub** from a fundraiser in memory of three friends lost in a house fire.

# BC Professional Fire Fighters Association Local Donations

From April 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008

<b>BCPFFA Local</b>	<b>Donations</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Per Capita</b>
Vancouver Local 18	5,618.75	780	7.20
New Westminster Local 256	505.00	93	5.43
North Vancouver City Local 296	3,334.99	61	54.67
Burnaby Local 323	100.00	268	.37
Prince Rupert Local 559	0	18	0
Victoria Local 730	30.00	106	.28
Nanaimo Local 905	4,001.85	74	54.08
Kamloops Local 913	200.00	101	1.98
Trail Local 941	4,769.00	15	317.93
Kelowna Local 953	2,536.93	102	24.87
Saanich Local 967	0	112	0
North Vancouver District Local 1183	4,615.00	133	34.70
Cranbrook Local 1253	4,200.00	18	233.33
Surrey Local 1271	0	380	0
Richmond Local 1286	355.00	212	1.67
Powell River Local 1298	0	12	0
Kitimat Local 1304	0	18	0
Nelson Local 1343	0	10	0
Prince George Local 1372	840.00	115	7.30
Penticton Local 1399	0	36	0
Vernon Local 1517	0	23	0
West Vancouver Local 1525	0	100	0
Port Alberni Local 1667	1,000.00	20	50.00
Campbell River Local 1668	1,500.00	33	45.45
Revelstoke Local 1746	2,000.00	6	<b>333.33</b>
Delta Local 1763	0	166	0
Coquitlam Local 1782	0	140	0
Oak Bay Local 1856	0	21	0
Port Coquitlam Local 1941	0	58	0
Dawson Creek Local 2136	560.00	13	43.08
Fort St. John Local 2143	0	18	0
Whitehorse Local 2217	0	23	0
Port Moody Local 2399	<b>11,660.54</b>	37	315.15
White Rock Local 2407	900.00	22	40.91
Terrace Local 2685	0	9	0
Fort Nelson Local 2782	0	5	0
Chilliwack Local 2826	0	23	0
Fernie Local 2827	2,000.00	6	<b>333.33</b>
Langford Local 2848	0	12	0
Abbotsford Local 2864	0	81	0
Squamish Local 2874	0	6	0
Langley City Local 3253	1,000.00	21	47.62
Salmon Arm Local 3791	100.00	10	10.00
Whistler Local 3944	0	21	0
Esquimalt Local 4264	112.55	24	4.69
Central Saanich Local 4428	0	4	0
Maple Ridge Local 4449	0	28	0
Westside Local 4457	0	25	0
Saltspring Local 4467	0	4	0
Township of Langley Local 4550	0	39	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$51,939.61</b>		

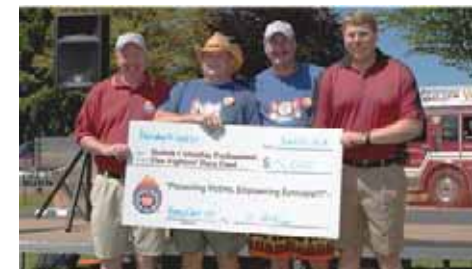
## Burn Camp Kick-Off Cheque Presentations July 20, 2008



**Fort St. John Fire Fighters  
Local 2143—\$12,000**



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



**Burnaby Fire Fighters  
Local 323 — \$5,000**



**Abbotsford Fire Fighters  
Local 2864 — \$5,000**

**Chilliwack Fire Fighters  
Local 2826— \$1,000**

**Saskatchewan Professional  
Fire Fighters  
Burn Association  
\$10,000**

## Calendar of Events 2008

- September 4 Fall Classic Scramble Golf Tournament**  
Hosted by Westside Fire Fighters Local 4457. Open to IAFF members and alumni. More info: Brent Livingston at 250-768-3788 or by email at [fallclassicscramble@hotmail.com](mailto:fallclassicscramble@hotmail.com).
- September 11 to 14 International Association of Burn Camps Workshop** hosted by the Burn Fund. For more information contact the Burn Fund office at 604-436-5617 or [info@burnfund.org](mailto:info@burnfund.org).
- September 21 6th Annual Vancouver Fire Fighters' Bikers for Burns Ride** starts at the Flying Swan Café at 1724 West 4th Avenue in Vancouver and ends in Harrison Hot Springs. Lots of prizes. For more information visit [www.iaff18.org](http://www.iaff18.org) or email: [info@vrombc.com](mailto:info@vrombc.com).
- November 1 Bright Nights in Stanley Park** set-up begins. All fire fighters are invited to help. For more information call Ray Boucher, Chair of the Bright Nights Committee at 1-604-855-8581 or [ray@burnfund.org](mailto:ray@burnfund.org)
- October 1 Halloween Safety Tips** are released by the Burn Fund to media outlets throughout BC and the Yukon.
- October 12 14th Annual Pamper Your Palate Wine and Food Tasting Fundraiser** hosted by the Vernon Fire Fighters Local 1517 at the Best Western Vernon Lodge. Partial proceeds to the Burn Fund. For more information or to donate prizes please contact Burn Fund Local Representative, Chris Kulak, at 250-554-7358.

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)

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- 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

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- Please call me to discuss sponsorship opportunities with the Burn Fund
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