FSWBC
TRAINING SYMPOSIUM 2026
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FIRE SERVICE WOMEN BC

Training Symposium 2026
Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is the FSWBC Training Symposium?

The Fire Service Women BC Training Symposium is a professional development event designed to support leadership growth, operational excellence, and inclusive practices within the fire service. The symposium brings together firefighters, officers, chief officers, instructors, and allied professionals from across British Columbia and beyond.

Who can attend?

The symposium is open to all members of the fire service, including career, paid-on-call, volunteer personnel, recruits, chief officers, fire prevention staff, instructors, and allied agencies. Allies who support advancing women in the fire service are also welcome.

When and where is the event being held?

April 16 - 18, 2026
Delta Hotel Kamloops
Kamloops, British Columbia

https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/ykade-delta-hotels-kamloops/overview/

REGISTRATION

How do I register?

Registration is available online at:

https://fswbc.ca/events-programs/fswbc-symposium/

What is included in full registration?

Registration includes access to keynote presentations, breakout sessions, workshops, networking opportunities, and designated meals and refreshments (as outlined in the program).

Are there different registration rates?

Yes, delegates can register for the symposium in full or in part. FSWBC members and members of our sister FSW organizations may receive discounted pricing. Please refer to the registration page for current rates and deadlines.

What is the registration deadline?

Final registration closes on: April 9, 2026

PROGRAM & SESSIONS

What topics will be covered?

The symposium will feature sessions focused on leadership development, operational competence, mentorship, career progression, wellness, inclusive workplace culture, and emerging fire service challenges.

Will there be hands-on training opportunities?

Yes. Select workshops may include practical or interactive components. Most H.O.T. classes will require full PPE, including structural bunker gear, steel-toed boots, helmet, gloves, and hearing/eye protection.

Will presentation materials be shared?

Where permitted by presenters, materials may be shared electronically with registered attendees following the event upon request. Please ask the presenter during class.

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION

Are hotel discounts available?

A block of rooms has been reserved at preferred hotels. Booking details and group rates are available on the event website.

Primary Hotel: NOW SOLD OUT

Delta Hotel Kamloops
https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/ykade-delta-hotels-kamloops/overview/

Secondary Hotel:

Thompson Hotel
https://www.thompsonhotel.ca/

Is travel funding available?
Limited bursaries or sponsorship support may be available. Please refer to the website for eligibility criteria and application deadlines.

PARKING & GROUND TRANSPORTATION

What are the parking options available during the event?

***Delta Hotel Kamloops*:** paid parking in the rear parking lot of the hotel
Thompson Hotel: Complimentary parking for one vehicle is included with each room reservation, any additional parking passes needed are $10.00 per day.

***Kamloops Fire Training Centre*:** limited parking

Are there shuttles to assist with transportation?

There are no shuttles at the symposium. We are *encouraging carpooling and ride-share* options to assist with transportation between venues.

MEALS & ACCESSIBILITY

Are meals included?

Lunch and refreshments are included for all three days, as specified in the event schedule. The networking event will feature plenty of appetizers and a cash bar, and the Gala Dinner will be formal. ***Breakfasts are not included with registration***.

Can dietary restrictions be accommodated?

Yes. Note, this will be buffet style, and you will have many options. If you are participating in a HOT session, you will be notified of bagged lunch options. Please contact us at symposium@fswbc.ca with any concerns.

Is the venue accessible?

The venue is accessible. If you require specific accommodations, please contact us in advance to ensure appropriate arrangements are made.

DRESS CODE & SUGGESTED ATTIRE

What is the suggested dress code for the event?

Thursday Networking Event: casual or business casual (refer to your department's policy on alcohol and station clothing)

Friday Gala Dinner: dress uniform (ensure you have permission from your department), if you don't have a dress-issued tunic, then street-appropriate dress attire is preferred (no jeans, hoodies, or sportswear)

H.O.T. Sessions: bunker gear and proper PPE as appropriate

Classroom Sessions: station wear in accordance with departmental policy, casual or business casual attire

CODE OF CONDUCT

What is the expected standard of conduct?

FSWBC is committed to maintaining a professional, respectful, and inclusive environment. All attendees are expected to adhere to the event Code of Conduct. Harassment, discrimination, or disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated. Full code will be in your Welcome Package.

CANCELLATIONS & TRANSFERS

What is the cancellation policy?

Cancellations received before April 1 will be refunded, minus an administrative fee. No refunds will be issued after.

Can I transfer my registration?

Yes. Registration transfers may be requested by contacting symposium@fswbc.ca prior to April 1, 2026

VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORSHIP

How can I volunteer?
We are not looking for volunteers for this event.

How can my department or organization sponsor the event?
Sponsorship packages are available. Please contact symposium@fswbc.ca for details.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For additional questions, please contact:

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