

**MEMBER COMMUNICATION 84**  
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One year ago this week, RCMP members were among the first emergency workers to respond to the devastating wildfires that engulfed the city of Fort McMurray.

RCMP members showed their bravery, dedication and commitment to the citizens of Fort McMurray under dangerous, life threatening conditions. While most residents were fleeing Fort McMurray, RCMP officers went into harm's way.

While our officers were working for days on end to evacuate the residents of Fort McMurray and to ensure their safety, MPPAC was publicly asking the hard questions of our employer. MPPAC spoke up regarding the lack of proper equipment, such as breathing apparatuses and fire retardant clothing to keep our officers safe. MPPAC raised the issue about the lack of mandatory health testing for individual officers that faced exposure to the fires. ([CBC Fort McMurray firefighters fear for health](#)). MPPAC continues to publicly raise concerns about potential long-term health risks to officers who were exposed to carcinogens and toxins from the fires.

MPPAC exists to support our members. Health and safety advocacy is a critical and key component of what we have done in the past and continue to do today to protect our people. We were there in St. Albert and remain committed to seeing the Canada Labour Code Investigation through to its conclusion. Since the loss of our officers in Mayerthorpe, MPPAC has been at the forefront of efforts to hold our senior management accountable. MPPAC is currently supporting Moncton officers and the families of our fallen brothers.

### **LET US BE YOUR ADVOCATE**

MPPAC will continue to support members, as it has done since its inception in 1994.

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*Become a member today and put forward a collective voice on work issues that concern us all. Please forward this message to your RCMP colleagues who are not yet members of MPPAC.*

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