



Society of Fire Protection Engineers

Southern Ontario Chapter

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MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Tuesday, February 9, 2010

TOPIC: **Living With Forest Fire at the Canadian Wildland-Urban Interface - Steve Taylor**, Research Scientist, Canadian Forest Service, Natural Resources Canada, Victoria, BC.

ISSUE: Forest fires may be considered a threat to life, property, or forest resource values, or a natural ecological process, depending on where and when they occur. Consider:

- Evacuations due to forest fires in Canada totaled approximately 210000 persons during 1980-2007;
- There were about 500 structure losses over the same time period.
- Fire events are dramatic, with potentially extreme consequences,
- Evacuations, or the threat of evacuation, create public anxiety and distress, and attract considerable media and often political attention.
- Wildland urban interface fires profoundly affect resource allocation decisions by fire management agencies during a "fire flap"

In his presentation, Steve will discuss goals of the multi-level government *Canadian Wildland Fire Strategy Declaration* and related research and the need to assess risk mitigation strategies from both technical and social perspectives.

Steve Taylor is a Registered Professional Forester in British Columbia. He earned an MScF degree from UBC in 1987, and has worked as forestry officer and research scientist with the Canadian Forest Service since 1985 on projects in western and northern Canada, as well as in Australia and Argentina.

AGENDA: 11:45 am – 12:00 pm – Reception
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm – Lunch
12:45 pm – 2:00pm – Presentation

PLACE: Metro Toronto Board of Trade, First Canadian Place (Adelaide Street entrance-elevator on left to 3rd floor)

COST: \$50 – Paid Members* (\$55 - Without 72 hr. reservation or walk-in)
\$65 – Non-members, Unpaid Members, and Guests of Members
\$30 – Students and Retirees
Cheques should be made payable to "SFPE - Southern Ontario Chapter"

DRESS CODE: Business Attire or Jacket and Tie

RESERVE BY: Friday February 5, 2010 for the reduced member rate. Reservations are limited and on a first come first served basis.

Cancellations must be received at treasurer@sfpesoc.com by noon, Friday February 5, 2010, otherwise **No shows will be invoiced.**

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