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Fire Chiefs' Applaud the BC Government for the Right to Know

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April 30, 2012 – The passing of the Emergency Intervention Disclosure Act is being applauded today by the Fire Chiefs' Association of British Columbia (FCABC). President Len Garis was in the Legislative Assembly alongside Mike Hurley, President of the BC Professional Firefighters Association (BCPFFA) yesterday and commented that “firefighters, police, and ambulance paramedics are at significant risk to contracting a communicable disease due to exposures through their work. The passage of this Bill will make a difference in their lives”. “It will alleviate the stresses for an emergency services worker and their families, about knowing whether they were exposed to disease or not.” “This Bill gives them confidence to move forward knowing the facts.” Garis adds “our thanks to the government for taking the initiative to help provide emergency workers with the ‘right to know’ while performing their jobs for the citizens of our province.”

The Fire Chiefs' Association of British Columbia represents B.C.'s fire service at all levels. The FCABC advocates for the fire service, works to improve fire protection for B.C. citizens and visitors, and provides a forum, mentorship and educational opportunities to its members, which represent more than 350 fire departments in British Columbia.

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