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## **Fire Chiefs Support ASTTBC's Fire Protection Certification Program**

The Fire Chiefs' Association of BC (FCABC) supported a resolution in favour of ASTTBC certification and has asked the Office of the Fire Commissioner and UBCM to support that all municipalities and regional districts require ASTTBC-certified technicians. The resolution read, "*The Fire Chiefs' Association of B.C. Request that the Office of Fire Commissioner and UBCM support that all municipalities and regional districts within British Columbia require certified ASTTBC technicians conduct inspections, testing and maintenance of fire protection systems and equipment within their jurisdiction.*"

Brian Stegavig, ASTTBC Manager, Fire Protection Registrations, was at the FCABC AGM & Conference this spring and spoke with many Chiefs about the ASTTBC certification program. "I noted a lot of support for the program as a way to enhance public health and safety," said Brian. "I am confident that with the support of the FCABC, we will see greater uptake of the ASTTBC fire protection certification program."

ASTTBC Executive Director, John Leech, advised that he is seeking a meeting with the Fire Commissioner and UBCM to discuss the resolution and consider next steps.

For more information and background go to: <http://fcabc.sharepointsite.com/Conf2010/P2/Resolutions.aspx>