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UBCM Grant Provides Digital Fire Training System

Parksville Fire Rescue was recently awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for volunteer and composite fire department equipment and training.

Parksville Fire Rescue requested funding to provide an advanced digital fire training system intended to build on the department's existing hands-on digital training system. The BullEx digital fire extinguisher panel and BullEx digital attack satellite panel funded through this grant, will provide a challenging yet safe and controlled environment to improve skills required to extinguish fires safely and effectively. These new digital panels allow for a dynamic and realistic training simulation and will be instrumental as we work to increase both the level and quality of service to our community.

QUOTE – Fire Chief Marc Norris

"This advanced technology will be instrumental for Parksville Fire Rescue as we strive to increase both the level and quality of service by our members to the community. We appreciate the support from UBCM which will significantly enhance our training."

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> The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.







