







# Heroes

THE FACES AND THE EXPERIENCES OF THE FIRE FIGHTERS WHO STEPPED UP WHEN WE NEEDED THEM MOST.

It's difficult to overstate the efforts of fire fighters to protect northern homes and communities through the summer of 2023. They came from the communities, from across Canada, and from around the world to do their part. You'll see the details in the pages that follow, scenes of challenging days, nuanced strategies, and, when you boil it down, a lot of hard work. Before we let pictures do the rest of the talking, we'd like to offer our thanks to those who shared their valuable services at a time of need and those volunteers who supported them in getting the job done.

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**Fire fighters**  
from Alberta and New Zealand join a circle dance in Fort Smith as residents and elders offer their thanks with songs and traditional ceremony.

LOCATION:  
FORT SMITH,  
NORTHWEST  
TERRITORIES