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To: **"Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"**
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Subject: URGENT - Invitation: City firefighters to become first in North America to transition to non-toxic gear (April 12, 2024)

Dear Mayor and Council,

With sincere apologies for this late request, we would like to invite you to the media event announcing Vancouver to be the first North American fire department to transition to non-toxic gear will be held on Friday, April 12.

We inadvertently neglected to hold this time in your calendars with your assistants and are very sorry for the oversight. Nonetheless, we hope you are able to attend at short notice.

Mayor Ken Sim, Chief Karen Fry, and International Association of Fire Fighters President Katrina Davison will be speaking at the event. The event details are as follows:

Date: Friday, April 12

Itinerary: 2:30 pm Mayor, Councillors, VIPs arrive
3:00 pm Media event begins

Location: Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services Training Centre (1330 Chess St, Vancouver, BC V6A 4K6)

Speakers: Mayor Ken Sim

Karen Fry, Fire Chief and General Manager, Vancouver Fire Rescue Services

Katrina Davison, President, International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 18
Vancouver

About the project: Vancouver Fire Rescue Services as the first fire department in North America to switch to PFAS-free gear and speak to why this is a significant advancement in supporting firefighters' health, industry-wide.

Limited parking will be available on site and a small number of street parking spots will also be available on Malkin Ave. This is an outdoor event and we advise attendees to dress accordingly.

Please RSVP to Johann Chang at media@vancouver.ca by end of day tomorrow, April 11.

Best,
Paul

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