

### **Junior & Indigenous Youth First Responders Boot Camp, Saskatchewan Mining Association**

Offering week-long camps/workshops for youth that include career awareness, first-aid training, fire-awareness training and safety, with related industry-recognized certifications along with site visits to mines and emergency facilities (STARS) provide first-hand experience and amplify interest in these occupations. Evening events would be included and provide cultural programming such as Wanuskewin tours and networking events with industry professionals, including women in non-traditional roles, including emergency response careers.

Increasing safety and fire awareness of youth will result in a safer next-generation of workers and increase community safety. Encouraging indigenous youth to participate in workshops/camps that address fire protection services may yield benefits in terms of future fire protection services in their communities, many which currently lack capacity to effectively address fire risk.