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## **SCM Works With Insurance Companies to Provide Slave Lake Residents the Answers Needed to Begin Re-Building their Lives**

**Slave Lake & Edmonton AB** - In the aftermath of one of the province's worst natural disasters, Alberta-based company SCM Insurance Services (SCM) has mobilized several of its divisions in Slave Lake to help the people affected start the process of re-building their lives.

In the days following the Slave Lake wildfire, SCM's ClaimsPro division was the first to act, setting up eight mobile offices with over twenty-two claims adjusters, who have since been pro-actively reaching out to residents and business owners on behalf of their insurance companies. "In a situation like this, people need answers, they need help, and they need to talk to someone face to face. Our adjusters have been there on the ground supporting people, connecting them to their insurance companies and delivering cheques in person" shared Larry Shumka, SCM's CEO. This kind of on-the-ground support helps people maintain their strength to get through the circumstances, and so far residents have expressed tremendous appreciation for the extra support.

While the full extent of the damage from the wildfire is still unknown, SCM's RMS division has also been working with the local municipality and insurance companies, providing them with access to essential data needed to begin quantifying the magnitude of both residential and commercial losses. SCM's inspection data, as well as current construction and replacement cost information have been made available to claims professionals to help speed up the assessment process. Ultimately this kind of support empowers Slave Lake residents and business owners by putting money into their hands as quickly as possible.

SCM's FIC division has also deployed its site security professionals to help authorities and emergency services crews in Slave Lake safeguard properties and secure commercial loss sites against further risk. Armed with secondary fire-watch training and knowledge of the potential risks that open disaster sites can pose, these experienced security guards are relieving some of the pressure on the workers who have begun their restoration efforts.

"The proximity of this disaster to our Edmonton Head Office has really impressed upon us the full tragedy of the situation. Family and friends are among those affected by this devastating event, so we've undertaken a special fundraising campaign to benefit the relief efforts directly" declared Shumka. Promising to match employee contributions from across the country, SCM aims to raise fifty thousand dollars to help recovery efforts.

In the meantime, SCM will remain in Slave Lake, helping residents and business owners make sense of what's happened and get the information they need to start re-building their homes and businesses.



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