

# Canadians S.A.F.E. Canadians Sending Afghanistan Firefighting

Colwood Rotary Club



January 10<sup>th</sup> 2012

**To:** All Can. SAFE partners and friends.  
**Re:** **Urgent** Medical Assistance for Fire Chief (Kandahar) Gulahm Hazrat.  
**Date:** February 15<sup>th</sup> 2012.

Dear All,

Our friend the Fire Chief of Kandahar City, Afghanistan is missing a large portion of his abdominal wall and needs a series of surgeries to replace this or he will die. Chief Hazrat was seriously injured in a Taliban attack on the Kandahar City Police headquarters.



Chief Hazrat was initially taken to the NATO Kandahar Air Field (KAF) Hospital for care by Dr Ross Brown (Vancouver General Hospital) and his colleagues who were able to help the Chief survive his injuries and the initial stages of his care. Kandahar Hospital is not equipped to be able to handle the surgery; therefore, Chief Hazrat is in India where the hospitals are capable of providing the surgeries required. Dr. Brown has indicated his willingness to stay involved with this case by consulting with the medical professionals caring for Chief Hazrat.

The costs of the surgeries in India are \$30,000.00 CAN. CAN S.A.F.E. is asking for your support by donating funds to help raise the money required to save the life of Chief Hazrat. We are hopeful to have the money by Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 2012 and will continue until we have reached our goal.

Chief Hazrat was our guest in 2008 when he came to BC, Canada to receive training in firefighting. Chief Hazrat is a family man, and supports his mother, wife, and their 4 children.

There are no guarantees being given to Chief Hazrat but we feel this one time gift to support his care is a reasonable act of kindness that reflects the values and goals of the CANSAFE program and the Fire Service. Donations will go to the hospital in India in one payment via our link with their hospital foundation and VGH. Should Chief Hazrat succumb to his injuries before the surgeries are performed, any donations will be donated in his name to the British Columbia Burn Foundation.

Cheques can be made payable to City of Langford and mailed to 2625 Peatt Rd. Langford, BC V9B 3T9 care of CAN SAFE (tax receipts for donations over \$20.00 upon request). Further details are available on our web site [www.cityoflangford.ca/fire/](http://www.cityoflangford.ca/fire/) by clicking on "[CAN S.A.F.E.](#)"

Yours truly,

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