

Infant Transport Team Graduation: A model of co-operative effort

by Tony Williams

At their graduation ceremony on Friday, March 21, JI Board Chair Bob Stewart pointed out the co-operation it took to bring 11 new infant transport team paramedics to graduation. Chief Stewart acknowledged the co-operation among BC Children's Hospital, Grace Hospital, the BC Ambulance Service and the Paramedic Academy. "This highly specialized program could not have happened without close co-operation among all four organizations," Chief Stewart commented.

The 11 paramedics graduated after two years of intensive study. Their curriculum is a model for health professions training. Students spend a block in the classroom, in the hospital, and on ambulance. They repeat this process six times. Each block gets progressively more specialized. They start off studying and handling well babies, infants and children. Then, as they progress, the illnesses become more complicated. Finally, during their six-month internship they will transport very sick children or mothers to Children's Hospital or Grace Hospital.

The graduation was one of the
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JI Student Profile



Photo: John Lynn Marketing

Kaleden firefighter Anna Jo Smid recently completed a First Responder Trainer course at the Justice Institute. She will now train local police, fire and other personnel in what to do before the paramedics arrive at an accident scene. Anna Jo was among 26 graduates from around B.C. in

only the second class to receive the training.

The First Responder Program was developed by the JI's Police, Fire and Paramedic Academies to give special training to firefighters, police and others who often respond first to car accidents and other mishaps. □

Corrections history book now available

After two years of research and numerous manuscripts, a book on the history of B.C. Corrections has now been published. The book, entitled *Conflict, Care, and Control: History of the B.C. Corrections Branch*, was authored by Diana Doherty and Dr. John Ekstedt of Simon Fraser University. Material for the book was gathered and edited by the B.C. Corrections History Committee which includes John Laverock, Director of the Corrections Academy.

The book is divided into "eras" of corrections history from colonial times to the modern day. One of the pictures in the book is the former Jericho Boys Industrial School which was situated where the present JIBC front parking lot is now located. The publication is dedicated to three former Directors of Corrections: Mr. E.G.B. Stevens, Mr. S. Rocksborough-Smith, and Mr. Bernard Robinson.

Through arrangements with SFU, all proceeds from the book will go to the B.G. Robinson scholarship fund. Copies of the book are available at the SFU bookstore or may be purchased through the Corrections Academy (\$15.95 including tax). □

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Infant Transport Team Graduation

Photo: John Lynn Marketing

most successful the Paramedic Academy has held. About 100 people joined the graduates at the afternoon ceremony in Blake Hall. Gina Charlewood, the nurse co-ordinator for the program, got a lot of chuckles when she showed slides of the graduates as children. Their certificates were not tied with the traditional ribbon; they were put through the rings of baby soothers.

Three JI board members attended: Chair Bob Stewart, Chief Don Pamplin, and Mary Saunders. Mr. Chris Lovelace, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chairman of the Emergency Health Services Commission,

flew over from Victoria to present the graduates with their coveted collar caduceuses (emblem of the medical profession). Senior administrators, physicians and nurses, from Children's and Grace, who taught the graduates, also attended. Following the ceremonies and photo session the graduates partied at a dinner and dance in the Fireman's Social Club in Burnaby.

The 11 new graduates will immediately boost the depleted ranks of the Infant Transport Team. Planning is already under way for the next class of Infant Transport Team Paramedics.

Tony Williams is Director of the Paramedic Academy. □

JI seeks higher profile

The Justice Institute has retained John Lynn Marketing Communications to provide media relations services to the Institute, its divisions and academies. The objective is to heighten community awareness of the full range of

JI programs and activities, and to act as a media relations consultant to JI staff as needed.

John and his associate Trish Webb ask all staff to keep them informed of any interesting, newsworthy, photographable or

off-beat coming events, for possible use in this media relations program. If you become aware of anything you think would be useful in publicizing the work of the JI, contact John or Trish at 433-0879. □

JI receives grant for wife assault projects

Women's Programs, Ministry of Government Services, has awarded a grant of \$11,000 to Extension Programs for two projects related to wife assault.

The JI will develop a wife assault handbook for multicultural and immigrant serving agencies whose staff work with or respond to the needs of battered women. The handbook will also be used by counsellors in various government and agency settings who are working with battered women from different cultures.

As part of the grant, the JI will also develop and deliver two workshops for staff in multicul-

tural and immigrant serving agencies to increase their skills in delivering public and professional education on wife assault.

The need for this handbook grew out of a realization that immigrant women who are battered remain in violent relationships with few opportunities for assistance and support. Few are confident in the English language and many are unfamiliar with Canadian customs regarding social services. Most resist becoming involved with the Canadian legal system. They fear their assaultive husbands and are terrified if they seek help

they might either lose their children, be sent back to their country of origin, or be left destitute, shamed and alone. If they approach staff who are unfamiliar with the issue or are insensitive to their specific cultural issues, it is unlikely that they will make further attempts to change or leave the abusive relationship.

Matching funds are now being sought from the Ministry of Attorney General. An advisory committee will be formed with representatives from immigrant serving agencies in the Lower Mainland to assist with the project. □

70 organizations buy JI products

by Pat Ross

The JI is in its second year of a contract with the Open Learning Agency (OLA), another post secondary educational institution, to market our products outside B.C. To date this year, over \$24,000 worth of JI materials have been sold to 70 different organizations throughout North America.

In a time of continued fiscal restraint and rising costs, it has

been increasingly difficult for the JI to obtain the capital and developmental monies necessary to maintain the quantity and quality of activities. These activities, from a marketing perspective, are the JI's programs, products and services which have been developed for specific client groups within B.C. It is these same activities which account for the Institute's growing reputation

with justice and public safety agencies in different jurisdictions outside B.C.

In January 1989, the JI initiated a marketing program to generate revenue from the sale of educational products outside B.C., and to increase the visibility of the JI in the national and international justice and public safety communities. Examples of products being marketed include: the Fire Academy's Edukit series, Paramedic Academy's EMA training booklets and continuing education modules, the Performance Planning and Review video produced by Corrections Academy, and the Peace Officers Physical Abilities Test developed by the Police Academy.

This past month, OLA stepped up the marketing effort by mailing 67,000 flyers to firehalls and ambulance stations in the United States advertising the JI materials.

Pat Ross is Dean of Education Services. □

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On staff

Paul Pershick was the successful applicant in the Program Director competition in Corrections Academy. Paul will continue as the Program Director in charge of community and management programs.

Brian Woods has been on a two-year, part time secondment to the JI as staff development of-

ficer for the deputy sheriff training. His field supervisor has given approval for a one-year extension of Brian's secondment.

Recognition

Instructional Services Program Director, **Paul Dampier**, has been invited to do a presentation at the Association for Media and Technology in Education in Canada conference this spring. □

JI staff take over software support role

by Ross McIntyre

The Justice Institute has a new policy and procedure for software support. Developed by the Information Systems Advisory Committee (ISAC), the policy and procedure's guiding principle is to have software support carried out, as much as possible, by JI staff.

After a review of past years' experiences with outside contractors providing software support, ISAC recommended a different approach on a trial basis until June 30, 1991. Skill and ability levels of JI staff have evolved to the point where some staff can take over software support for some of our programs.

The Procedure has five steps:

1. Operator attempts to solve problem on his/her own using manual.
2. Operator consults within own academy for solution.
3. Operator or Supervisor of Administrative Services consults

JI staff named on software support list for that software or problem.

4. Operator or Supervisor of Administrative Services consults person/company from software support list for particular software or problem.
5. Other outside support may be called upon after obtaining purchase order.

From now to June 29, 1991 each software problem will be recorded on a Software Support Record form and the applicable information entered. This information will form the basis of an analysis of software support needs and the internal capability to meet these needs. ISAC will review the policy and procedure this summer. If you have questions see your ISAC representative.

Ross McIntyre chairs the Information Systems Advisory Committee. □

AIDS: Corrections Academy and Branch response

by Gerald van Stolk

Corrections Academy and Corrections Branch have responded to the challenge of AIDS by offering a variety of training programs for staff who work in institutional settings.

Since 1988, the Corrections Academy has offered two levels of AIDS related training for institutional staff: basic AIDS training is part of an infection control and prevention module that is taken by all correctional recruits receiving certification training; advanced AIDS training for line staff working in both adult and youth institutional settings is offered in workshop format.

Through a "Train the Trainer" program, the Corrections Academy has also trained 25 AIDS resource persons to offer education and information to line staff, inmates, and youth. These trainers have become an AIDS resource network that was lauded by the Canadian School of Social Work and by the Federal Ministry of Health as the most positive correctional response observed during a national survey relating to AIDS issues.

And, finally, at the request of Corrections Branch medical officer Dr. Diane Rothson, 24 nurses who work in correctional institutions are presently being trained to offer AIDS education, counselling and information to staff, inmates and youth. The STD/CDC Divisions of the Ministry of Health, the Vancouver AIDS Testing and Evaluation Clinic, the UBC School of Public Health, Vancouver and Burnaby health departments, and the Vancouver Persons With AIDS Coalition are all participants in this train-the-trainer program.

Gerald van Stolk is an Instructor in Corrections Academy. □

Corrections training review underway

The first two components of a major review of Corrections Academy training have been completed and presented to the Corrections Branch Management Committee. The committee accepted all of the recommendations presented to it on March 21.

The first part of the review involved the probation officer recruit course curriculum. A team of field staff were brought in to review the curriculum in detail with a view to reducing the course length from 17 weeks. After careful consideration, and with the concurrence of the Corrections Academy, it was recommended that the course be reduced to 15 weeks by eliminating content which could be covered in other ways. Corrections

Academy instructors will now refine and re-design the curriculum in time for the next recruit course which is scheduled for late June.

The second part of the training review was an analysis of security officer hiring, training, and use of callboards. The training curriculum was reviewed by all institutional directors and on-site trainers and the current content was strongly endorsed with a few minor changes. All eight recommendations presented were accepted. A number of changes will now be made in training standards, training course length, and callboard use.

The remaining four components of the training review will be presented to the management group at a later date. □

Police Academy launches intercultural education project

The Police Academy has recently embarked on an intercultural education project with the Victoria Police Department and the Vancouver-based Committee for Racial Justice. The program will focus on the presentation of multicultural views to all of the members of the Victoria Police Department over a twenty-four week period.

Funded by the Police Services Branch of the Ministry of Solicitor-General and the Secretary of State for Canada, this project is an adaptation of a program previously presented to the Vancouver and Ottawa Police Departments. The program may be expanded to other departments in the capital region in the future. □

The Justice Institute of B.C. is dedicated to improving the quality of justice and public safety by developing and delivering training programs and offering educational services to professionals and the public.

PTEC introduces new driving course



The ProFormance Skid Car

Photo: John Lynn Marketing

On the weekend of March 23rd, PTEC launched a new driving course in skid control and avoidance tactics at Boundary Bay. This new course provides techniques for expert car control including sessions on emergency braking, accident avoidance and evasive manoeuvres. Highlights include the use of a skid car specifically designed to allow students to experience the effects of skids and how to recover control of their vehicle.

PTEC's Program Director Al Lund instructs the course with Ross Bentley, who has over 13 years of racing and 10 years of advanced driving instruction. Ross drove the Spirit of Vancouver in Vancouver's first Indy car race held in August, 1990 at B.C. Place.

The Pacific Traffic Education Centre (PTEC) is a joint project of ICBC and the Justice Institute. □

It was launched in 1988 to reduce the number and severity of traffic accidents in B.C. Current PTEC initiatives include the development of a corporate driving program for ICBC staff, participation in Ministry of Transportation and Highways research tests on the safety of road barriers, and the Driving and Aging study being conducted by UBC. PTEC also provides investigations and expert opinions to law firms with respect to traffic accidents and driver behaviour. Al Lund presents expert testimony to courts in this field.

PTEC's policy and direction is set by a management committee consisting of representatives from the JI, ICBC and the Motor Vehicle Branch. James Cormack, Chief Underwriter, ICBC, is the newly appointed chairperson of the committee. □

PEP Exercise Process course designated as core training

The Provincial Emergency Program Academy's Exercise Process course held at the Justice Institute in February, was so successful it has been designated as part of the emergency preparedness core training being offered through the Academy.

Exercising is an integral part of emergency preparedness. Although agencies, and local and provincial governments, may have plans in place to respond to major emergencies, unless the plans have been tested there's no way to know how effective the

emergency response action will be.

The 35 people attending the February course learned how to develop an exercise plan and practiced implementing a mock plan. The process included five types of exercises ranging from an orientation session to a full-scale exercise that might include all first response agencies and municipal departments coming together in a mock disaster.

For the course, the 744 Communications Regiment of the Department of National Defence provided a field telephone communication system for the Emergency Operations Centre set up for the mock exercise. The police, fire, ambulance, emergency social services and municipal emergency planning offices represented at



Co-ordinators (left to right): Municipal - Doug Norman; Area (North & West Vancouver) - G. Rose Peterson; Zone (PEP-Chilliwack) - Pat Harkness

Photo: Sam Meckbach

the February training course had an opportunity to see, for themselves, the benefits of a co-ordinated emergency response system. □

The JI News is produced nine times a year to keep staff up-to-date with what's going on at the JI.

If you have suggestions or comments, please contact Patricia McNeill in Extension Programs (222-7229).

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Upcoming 1991 Social Events

Month		Activity
April	18th:	Tacky Pub Night & Pot Luck Dinner featuring the April 50/50 Draw
May	23rd:	50/50 Draw (Details to follow)
June	21st:	Annual Barbecue featuring the Texas Mickey Draw and June 50/50

**Winner of the March 50/50 Draw:
Keith Hutchinson, Police Academy**

We'll keep you posted on further events.....

Your Social Committee

