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FIRE & SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE

Emergency Response Every Day

On any weekday, and most weekends, the JI's Fire and Safety Training Centre is a busy place, with as many as 100 people being instructed in the arts of emergency response — fire fighting, auto extrication and dealing with hazardous materials releases, to name a few. Fire trucks drive past, siren and lights active, heading for the burn building, while students in astronaut-like garb respond to simulated chemical leaks on the rail tank cars.

The busy scene is repeated almost year round, as students come from across Canada, and even some from Washington State, to learn how best to respond to emergency situations. Firefighters, mariners, industrial workers and government employees; all come to experience the hands-on training on which the faculty and staff of the FSTC pride themselves. Theory in the classroom, followed by practical application in the field, using simulations which are as realistic as possible — and there is nothing simulated about the fires. Whether it be the faint



Extinguishing fires is a daily occurrence at the Fire and Safety Training Centre.

suspicious puff of smoke from the burn building, the detection of hot steel at the ship or the full rolling blaze of the T-pit, the students learn to read the signs and to respond in a safe but aggressive manner to contain, confine and extinguish.

At times the training grounds resemble a war zone with dozens of car bodies, dismembered reminders that learning has taken place here, in how to safely extricate a patient from the wreckage. Burnt-out wrecks in neat rows may denote where the personnel of BC Ferries have been learning how to combat vehicle fires.

The Centre is not unique, but few training schools offer the diversity of training available here. It is certainly the most unusual training facility of its type in Western Canada.

*John Lewis, Fire & Safety
Training Centre*

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From the JI, to the Jungle

by Irwin DeVries,
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Belize Teachers College



The assignment, should I accept it, was to teach two one-week courses, one at the Belize Teachers' College in Central America, and the other at the University of Guyana in South America.



The invitation seemed innocent enough — a letter requesting applications for teaching fellowships. Issued from the Commonwealth of Learning, whose head office is located in Vancouver, the

call for applications identified areas in the world where the COL would sponsor staff members from post secondary institutions to teach courses on the design of distance education.

But a mere ten or so weeks later, as I was running through Miami Airport looking for lost luggage and a missing box of learning materials, it seemed a lot more real. Things moved quickly after my application was accepted. The assignment, should I accept it, was to teach two one-week courses, one at the Belize Teachers' College in Central America, and the other at the University of

Guyana in South America. Being used to doing things on short notice, I said yes and spent a lot of nights and weekends putting together curriculum and making arrangements for the course.

It is quite a shock for a middle class suburbanite from North Delta to get on a plane nursing a Starbucks and land 18 hours later in the middle of a Central American jungle where the humidity and heat hit you like a brick wall, the swampy smell of jungle vegetation fills the air and cackling parrots fly by in blazing colors.

In Belize, my class consisted of about 10 instructors at the teacher's college, where all the 400 or so teachers in the country receive their training. Due to the lack of qualified candidates, many teachers begin teaching without a university education and receive their training on the job over a number of years with the support of ongoing courses at the Teachers' College. The main challenges included heat and dust raised from heavy machinery work being done outside the classroom, but the rewards were the enjoyment of working with avid, over-worked and highly compe-

tent faculty members.

Then it was off to Guyana, where I was to teach the same course for faculty members at the University of Guyana. Or so I thought. But due to their different circumstances, it was necessary to make fairly extensive adjustments to the course on the fly, but on the other hand if you haven't done that before you haven't worked at the Justice Institute. The course again went very well and I was amazed to find that our closing ceremonies extended a good part of the last afternoon and received national media coverage. It was gratifying to see the training receive the appreciation it was given.

I felt a very strong kinship with these faculty members who were working very hard to train and educate their people yet with the tiniest fraction of the resources we have at our disposal. We might complain if a VCR cart has a wobbly wheel; in both countries getting a functional overhead projector, let alone up to date computers to produce course materials, is a major challenge, particularly with daily power outages (in Guyana) and many students lacking phones. As you may have gathered, it was just as much a learning experience for me as it was for anyone else.



Private Security at the JI

by Steve Hess,
Private Security Program,
Police Academy

On June 1, pre-licensing training for private security guards became mandatory in B.C. For the past two years the Private Security Program of the Police Academy has been working toward the implementation of this mandatory training requirement. Tasked with the development, implementation, and administration of this project by the Ministry of Attorney General, it seemed at times as if the project would never be finished.

In late April the new legislation was passed and the June 1 date was set. The new standards require training in areas such as legal issues, professionalism, and personal safety.

The area of private security training is nothing new to the Justice Institute - we first offered such training in the 1980s and since that time we have continued to deliver various forms of private security training, through the Police

Academy and other divisions. In recent years, basic level training has been expanded to include training in areas such as campus security, bicycle patrol for security personnel, and training officer courses.

One of the newest efforts in the Private Security Program

This sixty-four hour program, developed at the JI, is the most extensive mandatory security guard training requirement in North America.

is the introduction of basic Armoured Car Guard Training. This mandatory pre-employment training is part of the Provincial Security Training Initiative, and the Justice Institute is the sole provider of this training in the Province. The JI played the

lead role in the development and implementation of this training, working in conjunction with industry members and the office of the Chief Provincial Firearms Officer. This course is currently the only program of its kind in Canada, and is being examined as a model for training in other Provinces.

In addition to acting as the administrator of the province-wide security guard training initiative on behalf of the Ministry, the JI will continue to provide private security courses. A program planning committee, which includes the Courts and Corrections Academies, and is administered by the Police Academy, will continue to plan and implement these courses. With some course components taught by the Fire and Paramedic Academies, this is truly a Justice Institute cooperative venture. ■



Tony Pantages

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The Pantages Medal will
be presented at a Gala
Evening on October 25.

Pantages Medal to be Awarded by Foundation

Tony Pantages was a Founding Director of the Justice Institute. He served as vice-chair of the board from 1978 until his death in 1994. He was a respected member of the legal community in British Columbia, and practiced both as Crown Counsel and as a defence lawyer.

The Justice Institute of B.C. Foundation is proud to offer the Anthony P. Pantages Q.C. Medal in Tony's memory. The Medal will be awarded annually to a person working in the field of Criminal Justice in B.C.

A nomination form is enclosed with this issue of JI News, if you know someone whom you believe is deserving of the Pantages Medal, complete the form and return it to the JI Foundation by September 16, 1996.

To be considered for the Anthony P. Pantages QC Medal, the person you nominate should meet the following criteria:

- involved in the Criminal Justice Field in British Columbia
- has made an outstanding contribution to the improvement or advancement of the administration of Justice, or
- has given leadership or by example has encouraged the advancement of professionalism in his/her chosen profession, or
- for consistently demonstrating a high level of professional performance.

To be valid, all nominations must be submitted using the enclosed nomination form.

FIRE & SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE

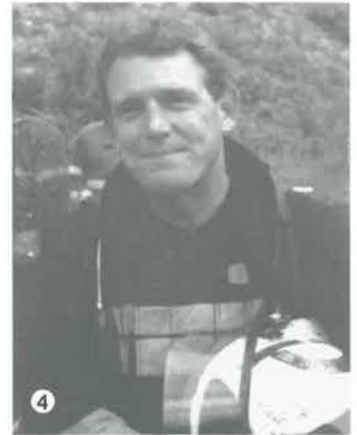
Emergence

In July of 1994, the Justice Institute was given responsibility for what was then the Pacific Marine Training Institute in Maple Ridge. With an expanded role of providing training for the municipal and industrial fire services, in addition to marine fire training, the facility became the JI's Fire and Safety Training Centre.

As John Lewis (one of the site's co-managers) says, the FSTC is truly a unique facility. In this special feature in JI News we hope you'll get to know more about this unique part of the JI, and more importantly, about the people who make it work.



1. Site Managers Dan Murphy (l) and John Lewis spend time working with current and potential clients, in addition to keeping the place running. They also focus their attention on the program areas; for John it's the marine related programs, and for Dan, the fire service which right now means a lot of recruit training. Recognizing the potential the FSTC has, their aim is to compete internationally for training contracts. As managers of the FSTC, they hold a strong belief in working with the community by providing job experience or "shadowing" opportunities for students and working with the local schools on tours of the site.



- 2. John Consiglio
- 3. Ken Ruddick
- 4. Walter Premier

Instructors John Consiglio (JC), Walter Premier, and Ken Ruddick "One of the most rewarding things about instructing" says Ken Ruddick, "is that you see immediate results. For many of the people who come here, you're giving them the information and skills they need to help them deal with events in their own community." Ken, JC and Walter are full time instructors for a range of courses including hazardous materials response, marine and industrial brigade courses.

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5. Merlin Klassen

6. Mike McNaught



Instructor Coordinators

Working as instructor coordinators means you have the responsibility to line up instructors for the variety of programs running and you also spend a considerable amount of time and energy instructing. Mike's main focus is industrial and marine training, while Merlin's is primarily fire service, specifically the recruit program.

7. Fran Kemp (l) and Melanie Tadla.

Just ask anyone "who really runs this place?" and they'll tell you it's Fran and Melanie. Officially, they're in charge of office administration - preparing course materials, registering training contracts, providing course information, handling accounting, and much more.



8. Mark Smitton

9. Kevin Perkin

10. Kevin Harwood,

Scientific Technical Officers

Hoses, nozzles, SCBA and extinguishers are the tools of the trade for Mark, Kevin and Kevin. They provide the support to run the essential "hands-on" component of the training at the FSTC. Their daily work schedule involves lighting fires, making sure any necessary props such as extinguishers and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus are in place and working, as well as regular maintenance and repair of equipment. "Basically, we do everything except the instruction," says Kevin Harwood.



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Fire Arms Range - Moving to Lead Free Ammunition



By April of 1997 only lead-free ammunition will be used at the JI's indoor and outdoor ranges.

So what is the story with the JI's Fire Arms Range? Last Christmas the Range made the front page of the Vancouver Sun — not because it's a state of the art facility, but because there were concerns that instructors were being exposed to higher than acceptable levels of lead. After several weeks, several air ventilation tests, and some modifications to the air flow, the range was given a clean bill of health from WCB. Many people who saw the front page story missed the news that the range was safe, and so, to set the record straight, here's the story behind the story,

and the JI's plans for the future of the range.

When we began the design process for the new campus and the range, the Workers Compensation Board (WCB) standard allowed a lead content of .25 micro-moules in a person's blood and an airborne lead content of 4ppm. By the time the range opened, the blood level had been reduced to .20mm and airborne to .05ppm. So, as standards changed during the design and construction process, modifications to the range were made along the way.

In July of 1995 the range was ready to occupy, and testing during shooting began. The WCB was involved throughout the process as we made modifications to meet the standards and to address any concerns or issues raised by the people using the range. Like any new building, it was necessary to occupy the range for a while to get feedback from the users and work out the bugs.

During this operating and testing process, the JI's fire arms instructors had their blood checked every month and their lead levels were fine.

Earlier this spring the WCB gave the range a clean bill of health, stating that the range met all of their requirements regarding lead in the air. But

we're not stopping there.

Bob Hull, Director of the Police Academy says "We have the most modern range in Western Canada, and it's deemed the safest in the area. We want to make sure it stays at the top of the list . . . the safety of the people using the range is our utmost concern."

Hull says the JI goal is to be as lead free as possible at both the indoor and outdoor ranges. To do that, the plan is to move to lead free bullets by April of 1997 — a move taken by many shooting ranges throughout North America. A move that's not without cost — until the whole fire arms system uses lead free ammunition, Hull says the cost of lead free will be higher.



"We're using lead free at our indoor range", says Bob Hull, Director of the JI's Police Academy

"We're already using lead free ammunition in the fire arms instruction we conduct at the indoor range," says Hull, "we feel the increase in cost is worth the investment."

Insiders *Snapshots from around the JI.*



1. Deputy Sheriffs in Crowd Management training in May.

2. The Paramedic Academy entered the Vancouver Sun Run "Corporate Team Challenge" with a 19 member team of employees, family and friends. The race was a success, and many team members are already talking about competing next year.

3. On June 7, after eight weeks of study in the Paramedic Academy, these seven instructor-candidates from Singapore's School of Military Medicine and Civil Defense Force graduated. Back in Singapore, they will soon work with JI instructors to train their country's paramedics.

4. "Charting New Waters", the Instructional Media Development Centre's new video, premiered at Heritage Hall on June 20. Producer Curt Hunter (front left), JI "actors" Stu Wyatt (back left) and Doug Bruce (back right), executive producer Shelley Rivkin (back, third from left) and some of the cast from Theatre Terrific.

5. "Where can I sign up for that course?" was the question on this Friday morning. Despite the hopes of many, the JI wasn't offering golf lessons, this was part of a course in "Effective Presentations" in the Police Programs area.

6 & 7. An unexpected student showed up in a Mediation Skills Level II course in May. Although the bird showed active listening skills, it had not taken the pre-requisites for the course. Kerry Gruber tried negotiating (bribery) with the student to no avail. The bird was finally "shooed" out by Nick Ferraro, the JI's building maintenance worker.

The Adjuncts

Pictured here are just four of approximately 40 Adjunct Instructors who work within the fire service or industry and instruct at the FSTC on a contract basis to teach specific courses. "With the adjuncts we have the best of both worlds at the FSTC," says Dan Murphy. "We have the talent and experience of our full time instructors complemented by the tremendous experience in the field the adjuncts bring to the programs."

Thanks!

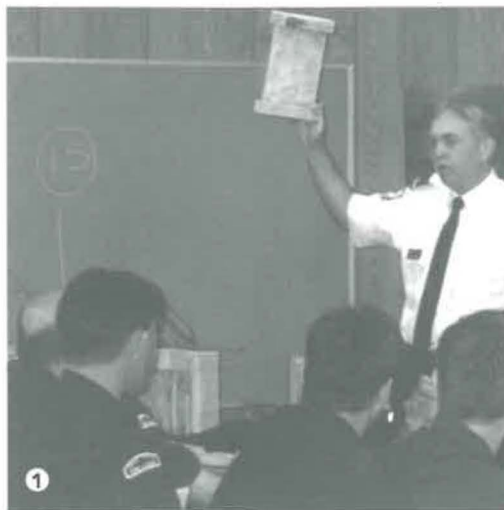
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Something you'd like to see in the next issue?

Send your submission to Peggy John by August 1, 1996.



1. "Building construction is the most dangerous part of the fire service," says Keith Boswell as he instructs the recruit fire fighters in building construction.
2. Joe Deluca (right) instructing recruits in victim rescue.
3. Reo Jerome supervising recruit class in removal of contaminated gear during hazardous materials course.
4. Janice Kenefick (facing camera) during marine officers training.

VISITORS

Public Relations gave tours of the JI's New West campus to the following groups:

April

Boise Idaho University
and State Justice
representatives

New West Senior
Secondary Grade 12
students

Douglas College Library
Group

May

Ambulance Service
Cadets from England

Library Group

Boise Idaho University
Criminal Justice Students

TORCH - in home
schooling program

June

University of
Staffordshire, England
Pacific Association for
Continuing Education

Canadian Club
Representatives