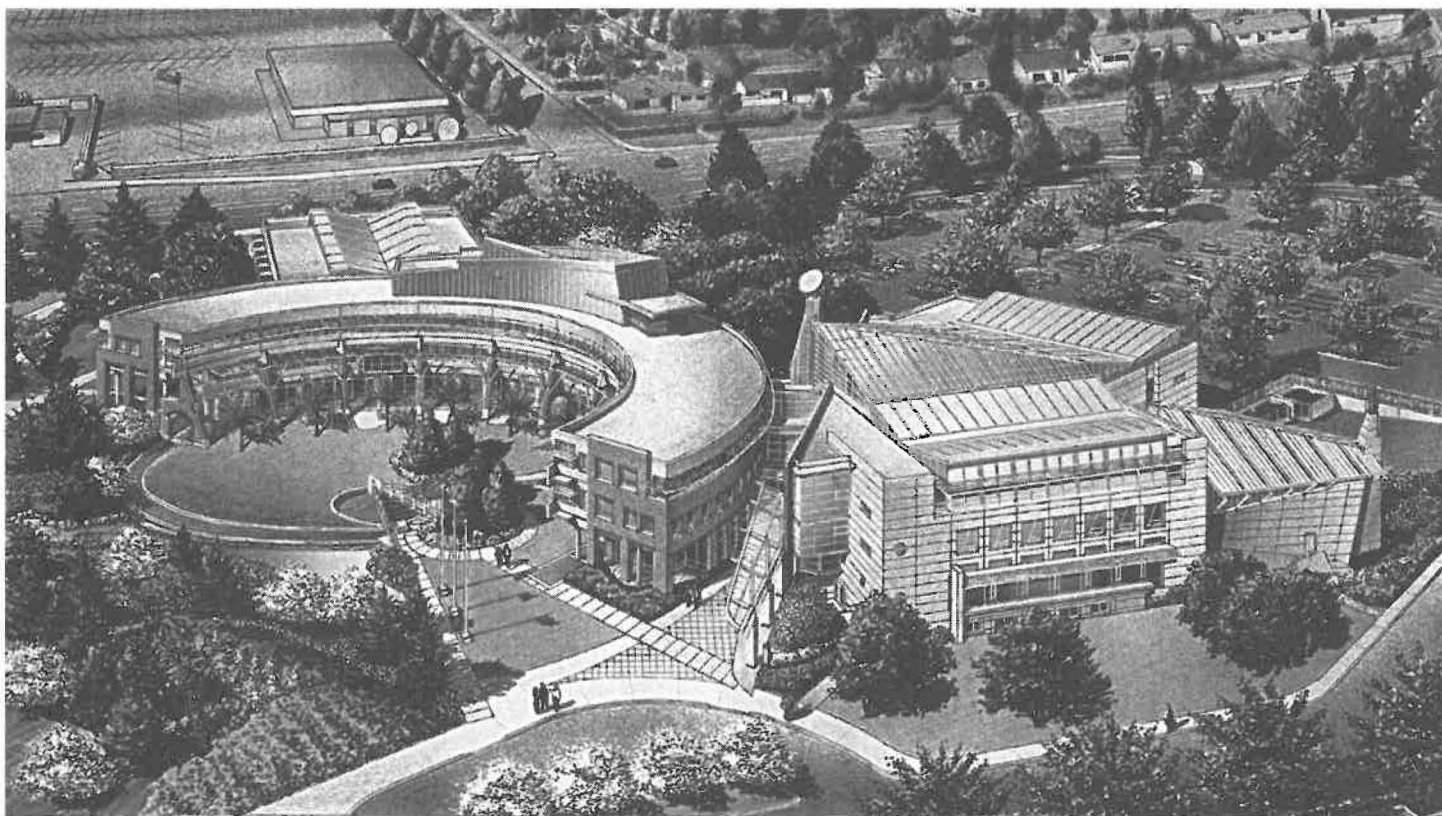


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FIRE ACADEMY NEWS

New Campus for the JI



On May 5 JI staff said farewell to offices on West 4th & 8th Avenues in Vancouver. Moving vans were a common sight around the New Westminster site on May 6-7. By Monday morning, May 8, everything and everyone was "technically in place" at the new Campus.

Academy staff survived the move and recouped fairly quickly. It was down to unpacking, hooking up computers and setting up offices. A few boxes remain

to be unpacked and there are still some unorganized areas in the Academy offices on the 3rd floor at 715 McBride Boulevard. For the first week, staff walked around workers, busy gluing tile flooring in place; hiked up three flights of stairs as workers struggled to get the elevators operational.

"Where's the coffee?," was one of the first questions staff wanted answered. The caterer responsible for providing us

with good nourishment, Corporate Classic Caterers, rose to the challenge of an unfinished cafeteria by providing barbecues on the patio each noon hour, as well as enticing goodies and lots of coffee for breaks. The cafeteria should be in full swing by the time this is in print.

The official opening for the JI campus is planned for June 23 with Open House for the public on June 24-25. For more details call Michelle (528-5657).

EQUIVALENCY

Volunteer Fire Fighter Training Standard and the new BC Fire Fighter Training Standard

Staff at the Academy and members of the FSAC Standards Committee have received a lot of questions in regard to the impact of the new BC Fire Fighter Training Standard and the existing Volunteer Fire Fighter Training Standard.

This concern was recognized by the FSAC Standards Committee at the initial meeting in May 1993. The Committee agreed to fully support equivalency status for subjects successfully completed in the Volunteer Fire Fighter Training Standard. For example, if a fire fighter has successfully completed the section on SCBA or Ventilation under the Volunteer Certification Program, the individual would be recognized as having completed the same sections of the new BC Standard.

The FSAC Standards and Curriculum Committee is in the process of reviewing existing curriculum such as IFSTA Essentials of Fire Fighting along with other training programs which may meet the curriculum needs for the new BC Standard. This review will also include existing materials developed by the Academy.

People presently enrolled and active in the Volunteer Certification program should continue until all aspects of the new program are in place and a new certificate program has been implemented.

The question of certification under the new standard and certification equivalencies is before the FSAC Certification sub-committee. This should not be confused with subject equivalency as identified above.

STAFF NEWS

New Staff



Jane Garapick came to the Academy May 8 as Secretary to the Standards Committee. Deborah Idiens, previously in this job, has taken a leave to travel with her husband on his work assignment to Thailand. We are all envious of Deborah's travels, but will welcome her back early next year.

Jane lives in New Westminster, and has a strong background in computers. One of her first duties was to attend a meeting of the Standards Committee in Victoria. She said the committee members and the Academy staff made her feel very welcome and made her transition period as a new employee very smooth.

EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATION

Legal Issues

By Al Lund, Director
Pacific Traffic Education Centre PTEC

Don't Put Your Department at Risk!

- ☐ Do your fire fighters have a clear understanding of the law as it relates to operating emergency fire vehicles?
- ☐ Is your Department Policy adequate?
- ☐ Are your fire vehicles equipped with adequate emergency equipment?

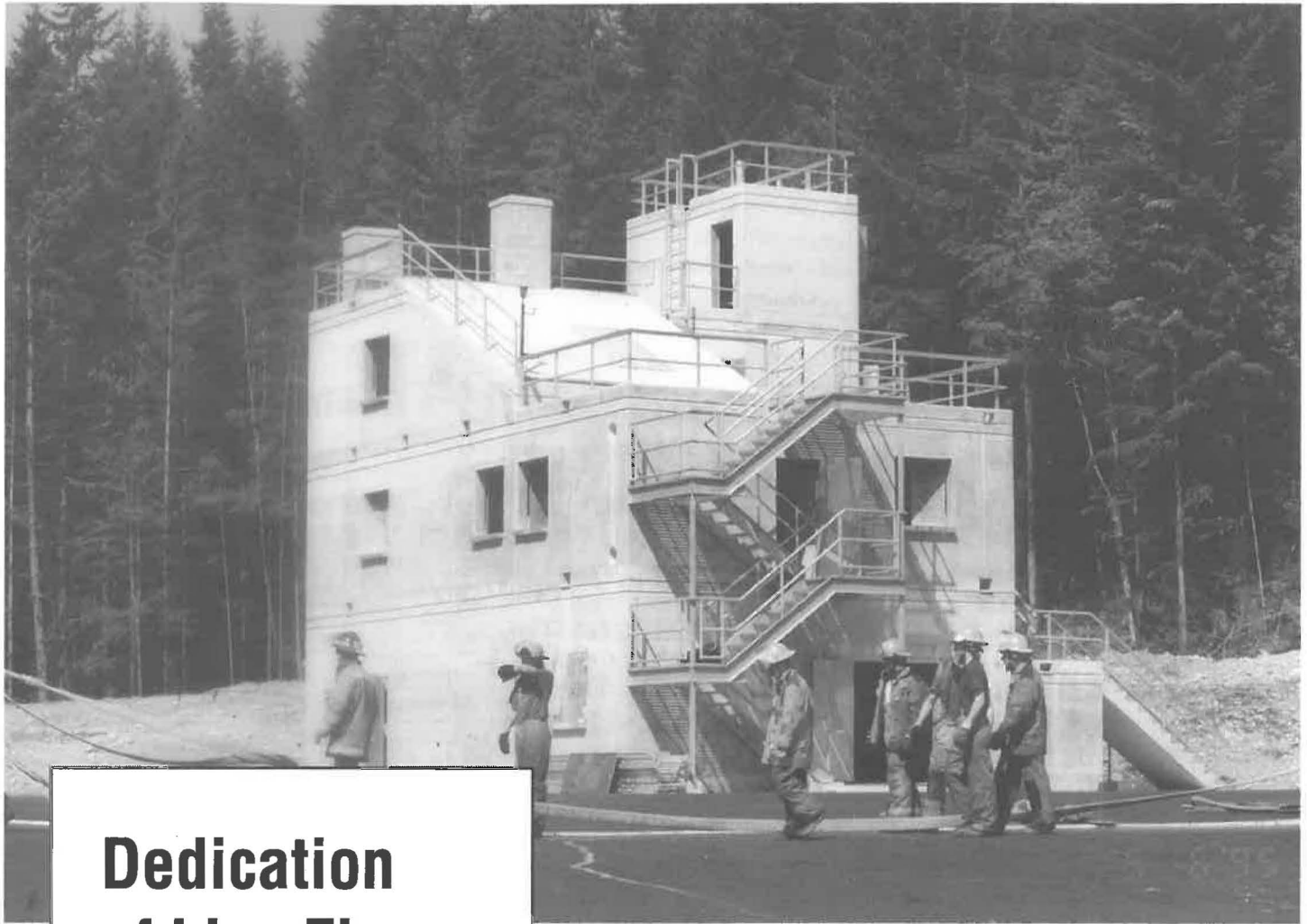
If you are in doubt in any of these areas contact: Al Lund, Director, PTEC at the JI.

Al is accepted as an expert witness in court and provides expert testimony on Driver Behaviour and Emergency Vehicle Operation. Al has made numerous presentations at conferences and Fire Departments concerning legal issues as related to Emergency Vehicle Operations.

Ensure your department is up to date and informed. Contact Al to reserve a date for a legal issue presentation.

A 2-3 hour presentation is \$400 plus travel expenses, if outside the Lower Mainland. There is no limit to the number of fire fighters in attendance at these sessions.

These presentations are conducted in cooperation with the Academy. Al Lund, Director of PTEC will be a regular contributor to this newsletter. Any questions related to legal issues or can be sent directly to Al at the JI or by phone at 528-5805.



Dedication of Live Fire Training Building

The JJ's new Live Fire Training Building at Maple Ridge will be officially dedicated in a ceremony attended by various government officials, dignitaries and community representatives June 19. Minister of Municipal Affairs Honourable Darlene Marzari will officiate at the opening.

The \$1.5 million structure has been well-utilized already in the instruction of 24 recruits in a nine-week intensive training program.

Directors' Award

The Director's Award for 1994 was presented to Fred Hubbick on June 1 at the Training Officers' banquet in Castlegar. This award is presented to individuals inside or outside the fire service who have contributed greatly to training of the fire service.

Fred joined the Delta Fire Dept. on April 16, 1968. He was promoted to Assistant Chief responsible for training on July 4, 1983. While serving his department in this capacity he became involved in the Training Officers' Association. Fred rose through the ranks to become President of the Association.

As President, and indeed, in his overall involvement with the Association, Fred has been upbeat, progressive and extremely encouraging to all trainers. His positive outlook and encouragement has been contagious to everyone he comes in contact with.

Congratulations Fred. Thanks for a job well done!

1994-95 Fire Academy Fiscal Report

The Academy finished the 94/95 fiscal year with a total of 42,915 student training days, a 5.99% increase over the previous year. The cost of this training totalled \$2,072,561. Revenues totaled \$2,077,776.

A major portion of this training was identified and funded through the Office of the Fire Commissioner. Funds provided by the Fire Commissioner totalled \$945,000. Of this amount \$309,522 was allocated to the certification program, \$205,101 to hands-on blocks, \$97,000 to field training, \$82,779 to the Fire & Safety Training Centre, \$84,453 to standards development, \$152,895 to administration and \$13,250 to library services.

In the certification programs, 14,842 examinations were generated, meeting all examination requests. Of those generated, 13,254 were marked. Hands on training in the Distance Education program was provided for 36 individuals as requested in the Company and Command Officer Programs. Twenty nine individuals received training in TO-2, one less

than requested, due to a last minute cancellation.

In the field program 1,232 student training days were delivered with all requests being met. 1,315 student training days were allowed for.

Administration costs of the Academy totalled \$257,117 which was 12.3% of the overall Academy expenditures.

Other training provided was the recertification of 97 Volunteer Certification Program Evaluators along with a one week training program for Office of the Fire Commissioner staff.

Additional funds were received from the Ministry of Skills, Training and Labor and also through tuition-based programs. These funds totalled \$1,063,348 for which a wide variety of training programs were conducted. These included Marine, Industrial, Hazardous Materials, Live Fire, Auto Extrication, Driver Training, Incident Command, Passport Accountability, Recruit Training, conducted in various locations of the Province.

'95 Recruit Class Graduates

Graduation ceremonies will be held at the new JI Campus on June 10 for the present Recruit Fire Fighter class. The class of 24 recruits began the 9 week course at the Maple Ridge training site in April. Successful candidates will be working with Delta, Richmond and Surrey fire departments after completing the intensive training.



**Contributions
to the
newsletter
are welcome**

Please direct all material to Anne Langdon, fax 528-5660.

TRAINING

Course Schedule

Details including dates of coming courses will be sent out in a separate mailing to all departments.

FSAC Standards Committee update

The FSAC met May 17 in Victoria. On recommendation of the Fire Safety Advisory Council and pursuant to the Fire Services Act, Fire Commissioner Rick Dumala has announced approval of the BC Fire Fighter Standard, January 1995 edition. A copy of the Standard has been sent out to all Fire Depts. in the Province. Further copies are available from Jane at the Academy (528-5668) or the Fire Commissioner's office.

Exam Committee Recommends

The Academy requested assistance from the fire service in ways to improve the administration of the examination system. A committee of six individuals was formed to review the system and bring forth recommendations. Representatives are Chief Andy Hutchins, Fire Chiefs; Rick Stark, Volunteer Fire Fighters; and Chief Larry Hooge, Training Officers.

Program Director Sandra Enns, Systems Analyst Chris Reyes and Exam Clerk Sheila Morissette from the Academy were also on the committee.

After several meetings the committee brought forth recommendations for review by the Director and the Fire Commissioner. A copy of the recommendations including comments formed after the review by the Director and the Commissioner are enclosed with this newsletter.



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