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Joint Volunteer Firefighter Association of B.C. / Justice Institute of B.C., Fire & Safety Division Education and Training Task Force Goals and Objectives

Background

Results of a recent survey led the Justice Institute (JI), Fire and Safety Division and the Volunteer Firefighters Association of B.C. (VFFABC) to conclude that renewal was needed in Volunteer Fire Service training.

To start this review a meeting was held in Richmond on July 12 and 13, 2002 to determine the most appropriate method of improving training in the Volunteer Fire Service.

The meeting resulted in the formation of the Joint VFFABC/JI Education and Training Task Force:

- Mike Walsh – Gibsons Fire Department (also President, Volunteer Fire Fighters' Association)
- Bob Haddow – Okanagan Falls Fire Department
- Tom Brach – Central Kootenay Regional District
- Dave Ferguson – Cowichan Bay Fire/Rescue
- Les Schumacher – Smithers Fire Department
- Dennis Montgomery – Mackenzie Fire Department

- Dan Murphy – Justice Institute of B.C., Fire and Safety Division
- Bob Aldcorn – Justice Institute of B.C., Fire and Safety Division

The goal of this task force was to establish a collaborative process to involve the volunteer fire service in the design of a cost effective training program to satisfy the needs of the volunteer firefighter and fire officer in British Columbia.

The task force feels that training programs need to be developed on a "Sustainable Delivery Model". "Sustainable delivery" means courses should:

1. Be economically accessible to volunteer departments;
2. Include, where appropriate, a "train the trainer" element; and
3. Include a method that builds local and regional expertise to eventually achieve some independence from lower-mainland trainers.

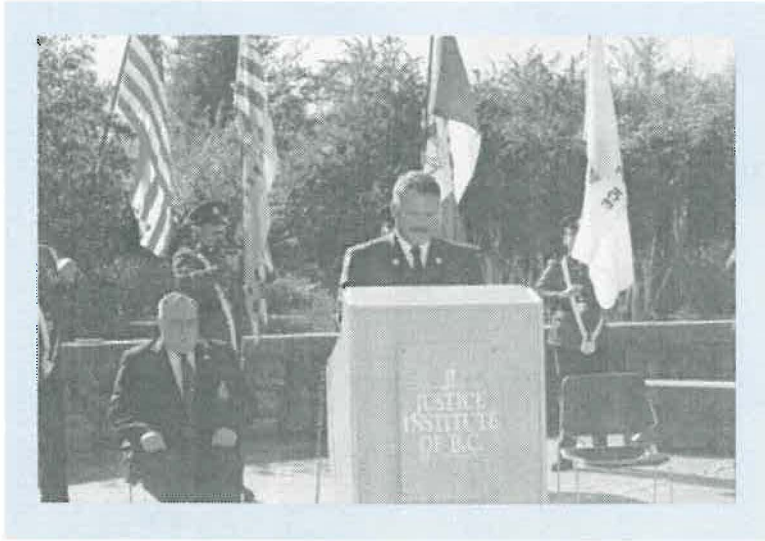
The initial focus of the task force is to:

1. Develop a course that includes the subject matter most appropriate for basic firefighter training;
2. Develop a course that includes the subject matter most appropriate for volunteer fire officer training;
3. Identify additional courses that need to be developed to meet the training needs of the volunteer fire service;
4. Involve the volunteer fire service in this work; and
5. Develop a proposal to secure funding to help build the courses and provide for more equal access to the training.

How is the task force going to achieve this?

1. Regional Consultation
 - 1.1. Representatives from the task force are planning to attend meetings in all the regions during the fall of 2002 and winter of 2003.

The purpose of these meetings will be to identify training needs and solutions from



Wes Eaton, Surrey Fire Rescue piped in the New Westminster Police Service Color Guard consisting of Sgt. Ivan Chu, Cst. Bruce Ballingal, Cst. Todd Matsumoto, Cst. Carmel Keenan, Cst. Dave Zemlak and Cst. Gord Santage for a commemoration ceremony on September 11th, honouring those who died during the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

Jack McGee, President of the Justice Institute of B.C. hosted this service and Neill Moroz, Captain, Kamloops Fire and Rescue (pictured centre) gave an emotional speech about the three weeks he spent in New York working at one of two respite centres in logistics at ground zero. Chaplain Jim Turner (seated left) prayed for the victims and their families.

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a regional perspective:

- What is working now
 - What is not working now
 - What relationship/trust issues are preventing positive solutions
 - What can be done to make things better
 - Curriculum needs
 - Costs and availability of training
 - Methods of delivery
 - Sustainability
2. The second objective of the regional meetings is to send representatives to a workshop that will coincide with the VFFABC Spring Training Seminar on May 9, 10 & 11, 2003.
 3. At this workshop, major course design work will begin along with the development of a funding strategy.

Costs of achieving this process:

Costs for VFFABC representatives to attend the regional and spring training meeting will be borne by the regional district or individual fire departments. The Justice Institute of B.C., Fire & Safety Division will cover Fire & Safety Division staff travel and accommodation and the cost of consultant fees and expenses.

People News

New Staff at the Fire Academy

SHIRLEY ANDERSON:

Program Assistant

Shirley came to the Fire & Safety Division in April 2002 after four years with the Paramedic Academy. She began working at the Justice Institute, Paramedic Academy on January 2, 1998. During her years in Paramedics, she had several different positions from Program Assistant to Office Assistant. Prior to working with the Justice Institute, Shirley worked for 11 years as an Administrative Assistant at Olivet Baptist Church in New Westminster.

ELISABETH DU PLESSIS:

Program Assistant

Elisabeth came to the Fire & Safety Division in April 2002 after spending two and a half years as a First Responder Program Assistant in the Paramedic Academy. Previously she spent 7 years as a Program Assistant/Protocol Officer with the CANASEAN International Entrepreneurial Program.

This is a highly acclaimed international business program located at Capilano College for middle to senior business and government executives from Asia, Mexico and South America.

MEIGHEN SANGHA:

Program Assistant

Meighen also joined us in April, 2002 coming from the position of managing the Product Management area in the Paramedic Academy. Prior to that, she worked as a Executive Assistant at the City of Richmond, and an Office Manager in a Computer Numeric Control machine shop.

CONDOLENCES

Joe Sereda, aka 'Pyro Joe', former instructor with the Pacific Marine Training Institute and the Fire and Safety Training Center in its very early days, passed away October 23, 2002. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Marion Sereda and family.

REGIONAL TRAINING 2002

Metchosin

A regional training weekend was held in Metchosin on October 19 & 20, 2002. This was the first in the area and 57 students registered in one or more of the following courses; Auto Extrication - Level I, Rapid Intervention Team (RIT), Strategies & Tactics, and Fire Service Instructor I. This was a very successful event and talk has begun regarding next years training weekend. Thank you Metchosin Volunteer Fire Department and Chief Cal Beaton for hosting this event.

Coming in 2003...

Prince George

Coming in 2003, Fire Service Instructor I & II, Rapid Intervention Team (RIT), Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner, Fire Investigation for the Fire Fighter, Fire Department Orientation, Strategies & Tactics, Hazardous Materials Operations, Technical High Angle Rope Rescue Awareness (Over-the-bank-rescue). See pages 4-6 for more details and a registration form. These training conferences are an example of our commitment to bring training where it is needed at the lowest possible cost to the fire service.

Evaluator Workshops..

Evaluator workshops are conducted to train and orient evaluators that act as support to the British Columbia Fire Fighter Training Program. These are offered at no-charge to fire service personnel that attend. They are available where the need exists throughout the province. If you are interested in hosting an evaluator workshop in your area, or have a need to train additional evaluators, please contact Jack Tyler at 604-528-5680 to arrange a session for 2003.

Certified Professional Program

Cost - \$2500

January 9 – June 5, 2003, New Westminster
(registration deadline December 15)

Fire Inspector I Program

Cost - \$1200

April 7 - 12, 2003 (workshop), April 24, 2003 (exam),
Castlegar
(registration deadline March 24)

Fire Inspector II Program

Cost - \$675

March 24 – 28, 2003 (workshop),
April 8, 2003 (exam), New Westminster
(registration deadline March 10)

Fire Service Instructor I

Cost - \$270

April 1 - 3, 2003, New Westminster
(registration deadline March 1)

Fire Service Instructor II

Cost - \$270

March 11 - 13, 2003, New Westminster
(registration deadline February 11)

Fire & Life Safety Educator

Cost - \$350

January 24 - 26, 2003, Langley
(registration deadline January 2)

Tuition Fee includes instruction, materials, and certification.

Pre-course assignments for Fire Service Instructor I & II and Fire & Life Safety Educator will be shipped upon registration. All the above courses are accredited, with the exception of the Certified Professional Program.

To register, please call Registration at 604-528-5590

For Further information contact Geoff Burston at 604-528-5679 or gburston@jibc.bc.ca

Good News for Fire Service Leadership Diploma Program Graduates

Athabasca University is granting a block credit transfer of 60 credits for this Diploma program. This will allow graduates to ladder into Athabasca University's Bachelor of Professional Arts-Criminal Justice degree.

On-Line Fire Fighter Training Available

The Fire and Safety Division is pleased to announce that it has entered a distribution agreement with FireLearn® to make on-line fire fighter training available within British Columbia. FireLearn® is an on-line development company that produces on-line, interactive training programs for a number of key learning areas. The fire fighter program is based on NFPA 1001. This on-line training is complimentary to the IFSTA publications that are currently distributed by the Division. Although this may not be the ultimate solution to the volunteer fire fighter training issue, it will be a valuable training tool for those departments that choose to participate. Certification of the training remains the responsibility of the Division through written and practical assessments.

Please visit the FireLearn® website at www.firelearn.com for a demonstration. If you require more information or are interested in becoming involved in this training, please contact Bob Aldcom at 604-528-5671 or e-mail at baldcom@jibc.bc.ca.

More information will be available as we develop our relationship with FireLearn®.

FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTOR I: This IFSAC accredited course emphasizes instructional and evaluation methods and techniques that can be used to present skills and information from prepared materials. This course meets Level 1 of the NFPA 1041 (1996 ed.) standard and the BC Fire Service Instructor 1 standard.

CLASS SIZE: 16	DATES: May 3-5 (Fri.-Sun.)	LOCATION: TBA
COST: \$250	TIME: 1600-2000 hours (Fri.)	PREREQUISITE(s): None
DURATION: 2.5 Days	0830-1630 hours (Sat.-Sun.)	

FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTOR LEVEL II: This workshop exposes the student to the scheduling, budget, records and reports, and instructor evaluation requirements of a Training Officer. Fire Service Instructor II will explore the elements of instructional development, deliver, course evaluations and test analysis. This course is accredited by IFSAC in compliance with NFPA 1041 Standard, 1996 edition.

CLASS SIZE: 16	DATES: May 3-5 (Fri.-Sun.)	LOCATION: TBA
COST: \$250	TIME: 1600-2000 hours (Fri.)	PREREQUISITE(s): FIRE Service Instructor I
DURATION: 2.5 Days	0830-1630 hours (Sat.-Sun.)	

RAPID INTERVENTION TEAM (RIT): Through interactive exercises this course will improve the effectiveness, efficiency and safety of the emergency personnel operating in a hostile environment while at the same time recognizing and understanding Regulations, Standards and Rules of the Workers Compensation Board (WCB), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA). **MUST SUPPLY YOUR OWN TURN OUT GEAR.** If possible, bring to class your Department's Operating Guidelines pertaining to RIT.

CLASS SIZE: 14	DATES: May 4-5 (Sat.-Sun.)	LOCATION: TBA
COST: \$225	TIME: 0830-1630 hours	PREREQUISITE(s): FUNDAMENTAL Fire Skills
DURATION: 2 Days		

LAFC INTRODUCTION (LOCAL ASSISTANT TO THE FIRE COMMISSIONER): This workshop introduces newly appointed or prospective Local Assistant to the basic duties and responsibilities of a Local Assistant as specified by the Fire Services Act. This course is the first of three components of the Local Assistant Training Program offered by the Office of the Fire Commissioner.

CLASS SIZE: 20	DATE: May 4 (Sat.)	LOCATION: TBA
COST: \$25	TIME: 0830-1630 hours	PREREQUISITE(s): NONE
DURATION: 1 Day		

FIRE INVESTIGATION FOR THE FIRE FIGHTER: This workshop introduces the fire fighter to the principles of fire investigation and explains the fire fighter's role to the Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner during a fire investigation. This program heightens awareness of how important the fire fighter's role is to investigations.

CLASS SIZE: 20	DATE: May 4 (Sat.)	LOCATION: TBA
COST: \$25.00	TIME: 0830-1630 hours	PREREQUISITE(s): None
DURATION: 1 Day		

FIRE DEPARTMENT ORIENTATION: This course is available to newly formed volunteer fire departments that have been recognized by the Office of the Fire Commissioner and have been issued a fire department code. Fire departments that are newly reorganized or have a large number of new recruits may also find this course of interest. A minimum supply list is required to conduct the course: ULC rated pumper (minimum 42 IGPM); capability to supply pumper capacity either from an in-ground water system or a portable water system; 2 1/2 " attack lines with at least two constant flow nozzles; 1 1/2 " attack lines with at least two constant flow nozzles; adequate SCBA to satisfy Workers' Compensation Board requirements (at least 4 complete units with four spare cylinders); approved PPE for 10 fire fighters; call -out system to alert the fire department in the event of an emergency.

CLASS SIZE: 16

DATE: May 5 (Sun.)

LOCATION: TBA

COST: \$225

TIME: 0830-1630 hours

PREREQUISITE(s):None

DURATION: 1 Day

STRATEGIES & TACTICS: This is an exciting interactive two-day training program. Using video and interactive participation, fire fighters in groups, will manage; attack and suppress structure fires in buildings of various occupancies. The goal of this program is to incorporate fire control with an effective emergency scene management system.

CLASS SIZE: 20

DATES: May 4-5 (Sat.-Sun.)

LOCATION: TBA

COST: \$225

TIME: 0830-1630 hours

PREREQUISITE(s):None

DURATION: 2 Days

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OPERATIONS: This course is accredited by IFSAC with compliance to NFPA 472. Participants will learn identification of the hazardous material, appropriate safety precautions and implementation of the Incident Command System (ICS).
MUST SUPPLY YOUR OWN TURN OUT GEAR.

CLASS SIZE: 14

DATES: May 3-5 (Fri.-Sun.)

LOCATION: TBA

COST: \$325

TIME: 0830-1630 hours

PREREQUISITE(s): HAZARDOUS

DURATION: 3 days

Materials Awareness

ROPE RESCUE TECHNICIAN, AWARENESS LEVEL (INCLUDING OVER THE BANK RESCUE): This course includes: ropes and knots, equipment familiarization, basic anchoring and rigging systems, rappelling, patient packaging and low/angle embankment rescue scenarios.

MUST SUPPLY YOUR OWN COVERALLS AND STEEL TOED BOOTS.

CLASS SIZE: 12

DATES: May 3-5 (Fri.-Sun.)

LOCATION: TBA

COST: \$325

TIME: 0830-1630 hours

PREREQUISITE(s):None

DURATION: 3 Days

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:APRIL 10, 2003



NORTHERN TRAINING WEEKEND 2003 REGISTRATION FORM



LAST NAME	HOME ADDRESS	
FIRST NAME		POSTAL CODE
MIDDLE NAME	HOME TELEPHONE ()	FAX NUMBER ()
BIRTHDATE (yy/mm/dd) ____/____/____ GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	MEMBER OF WHICH FIRE DEPT.	EMAIL ADDRESS

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|---|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Service Instructor Level I | May 3 rd – 5 th (Friday – Sunday) | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Service Instructor Level II | May 3 rd – 5 th (Friday – Sunday) | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RIT (Rapid Intervention Teams) | May 4 th – 5 th (Saturday – Sunday) | \$225 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LAFC Introduction (Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner) | May 4 th (Saturday) | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Investigation for the Fire Fighter | May 4 th (Saturday) | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Department Orientation | May 5 th (Sunday) | \$225 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strategy & Tactics | May 4 th – 5 th (Saturday – Sunday) | \$225 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazmat Operations Level | May 3 rd – 5 th (Friday – Sunday) | \$325 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rope Rescue Technician, Awareness Level (Including Over the Bank Rescue) | May 3 rd – 5 th (Friday – Sunday) | \$325 |

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

☐ INVOICE _____
(Opt.) PO# _____

☐ VISA ☐ MC
☐ MONEY ORDER
☐ CERTIFIED CHEQUE

Information Invoicing		FD: _____	CONTACT: _____
BILLING ADDRESS: _____			
Credit Card Information		NAME OF CARDHOLDER: _____	
Card #:		EXP DATE: ____/____	

For more information or to register please contact:

Fire & Safety Training Centre: 13500-256th Street, Maple Ridge, BC, V4R 1C9
 Fax: 604.462.9149 Tele: 604.462.1000 Website: www.jibc.bc.ca

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 10, 2003
(Verbal Registrations will not be accepted)

Technical High Angle Rope Rescue Program 2003 Course Dates



Course	Fee	Date
Awareness (includes over the bank)	\$690	Mar 31-Apr 2/03
Awareness (includes over the bank)	\$690	Sep 8-10/03
Operations	\$1210	Apr 22-25/03
Operations	\$1210	Sep 22-25/03
Technician	\$1210	May 12-15/03
Technician	\$1210	Oct 14-17/03
Industrial/High Angle	\$690	May 26-28/03
Industrial/High Angle	\$690	Oct 27-29/03

*"It is never too late to become
what you might have been."*

George Eliot

Fire Service Leadership Diploma Program Distance Education Courses

Winter Term 2003

January 1, 2003 – March 31, 2003

We are getting closer to the start of the new-year which means the start of our Winter 2003 Term for Distance Education courses. Please remember to send in your application before December 20, 2003. Textbooks for each course are ordered separately. Please use the TEXTBOOK REQUEST FORM enclosed with this mailing to order your textbooks and refer to the TEXTBOOK REQUIREMENTS form on the flip side for a listing of the texts required for each course.

Technical Rescue Update

The following Fire & Safety Division, Technical Rescue courses are currently generating a lot of customer interest:

Rope Rescue Technician, Awareness Level – (including over the bank rescue) - 3 days

This course provides standardized training in low angle and over-the-bank rope rescue with a real focus on meeting the local fire department's specific hazard requirements. In this course the student will gain an understanding of basic rope rescue techniques that will lead to other levels in the program. Upon completion of this course, students will be certified to low angle technical rope rescue.

Confined Space Awareness - 1 Day

This course provides a complete orientation of the Worker's Compensation Board Rules and Regulations including; personal protective equipment, recognition, hazard control, atmospheric monitoring, the roles and responsibilities of the attendant as well as an equipment orientation.

Confined Space Rescue - Complete - 4 days

This course provides an in-depth look at the procedures and equipment used in confined space rescue. This includes rope rescue training specific to vertical and horizontal confined spaces in high hazard environments. By the end of this course the student will have the confidence to recognize, mitigate and safely conduct a confined space rescue.

Confined Space Rescue - Custom - 2 Days

This challenging 2-day course is becoming increasingly popular with clients as it is fully customized to reflect both the industry they operate in as well as the specific hazards of their site. The course includes 1 day of classroom time and 1 full day of site-specific scenarios. Active participation by the students is required and it is recommended that students have a basic understanding of confined space rescue techniques.

For more information on these or any other Fire & Safety Training Center programs please contact:

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