



Fire & Safety **NEWS**

INNOVATIVE EDUCATION AND TRAINING *for Those WHO MAKE COMMUNITIES SAFE*

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Director's Message

I feel honoured to be asked to assist our service in its training and education to provincial and international standards and requirements. There is much that we do here at the Justice Institute Fire & Safety Division that you are aware of when we deliver courses throughout the many regions of our beautiful, large province (larger than the states of California, Oregon and Washington combined). Practitioners are used as Instructors who are current in their expertise. It takes effort, coordination and dedication of all involved for example to put on training weekends, distance delivered on site courses, and on campus courses. Effort from the student taking part, to the local authority sponsoring the weekend, to the Instructors taking the equipment, to the unsung heroes back in the office coordinating all of the supplies, invoices, student records and facilities. Truly to make things like training weekends work, it is a joint effort of all and for that I would like to give a tip of the hat, yes I still have a Chiefs hat or two hanging around, to all involved. You are making our Industries and the BC Fire Service better and our communities safer. Thanks everybody!

Now I would like to provide a few highlights of some of the happenings that have occurred in the Fire & Safety Division.

- We are listening to you! We have been implementing a process where your input assists us to improve the training and education we provide. Where some industries might call this Constant Quality Improvement (CQI), to us it just makes sense that we want to constantly make and do things better for you our students and customers.
- We are listening to you! As a pilot project we are partnering with three fire department/areas (two lower mainland and one north-western BC) to bring local trainers up to a standard that will allow them to teach Fire & Safety Division courses in their local area/department. Students will register as Justice Institute students and be required to complete the appropriate evaluations in order to receive their certificate.
- We are listening to you! We have entered into a formalized partnership agreement with the British Columbia Fire Training Officers Association to ensure the evaluator program works within all areas of the province, thus allowing a means where local firefighters may obtain their Firefighter Level 1 and 2 IFSAC Certification.

- We are listening to you! At various meetings and conferences I have personally heard your concerns as to the exceedingly long delays that exam results take to get back to the home department and student after being sent to us for marking. We now record each exam into the computer system when we receive it and when we send it back. This turn around time information is printed in a monthly management report which we will shortly be publishing on our web page. We are responsible to you for our turn a round time, for your exam marking and entering into student records. We want you to know how we do. Thanks to Shirley Anderson and Cres Reyes, the turn a round time for this process has been reduced to less than 5 days!

- We are listening to you! Many of you have requested that we take a look at the experience, training, and course work that you have undertaken elsewhere in order that you might obtain advanced credits for a course of studies that you want to complete with us. This system called Prior Learning Assessment Review at one time had a waiting list of over six months, currently thanks to Elisabeth du Plessis, there is no backlog. If you want to learn and study with us, we will assist you by looking at what you have done to date from all sources, not just from us and give advanced credits where applicable.

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IFSAC Accreditation

We are pleased to report that, following the re-accreditation site visit by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) Accreditation Team this spring, the Fire & Safety Division of the JIBC received accreditation for 23 levels including two new levels (Rescue Technician – Vehicle and Rescue Technician – Confined Space). This is double the number of levels originally accredited in 1993. The IFSAC Board of Governors approved accreditation of these levels at the annual meeting in Indianapolis in April.

The site visit took place this spring and comprised three external team members. These were: Rick McCullough (Fire Commissioner – Saskatchewan), Johnny Mack (Chemeketa College, Oregon) and Rick Karasaki (Honolulu Fire Department, Hawaii.).

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Accreditation photo (left to right): Richard Karasaki (Honolulu Fire Dept), Bill Burke (NFPA), Sherri Rudeloff (JIBC), Geoff Burston (JIBC), Pat Carnegie-Dunlop (JIBC), Rick McCullough (Fire Commissioner Sask.), Jonny Mack (Chemeketa College), Bob Gates (JIBC), Greg Metcalfe (JIBC)



Providing quality, response and safety training to fire, industry and marine services.

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- We are listening to you! We have heard from you that we should be working more effectively together with others both within the province and elsewhere. To this end we have entered into a better working arrangement with our Fire Commissioners Office and our Fire Commissioner Dave Hodgins. As positive proof of this new relationship, Barbara Kidd is coming over to our offices from theirs to better provide expertise and coordination in the areas of Fire Prevention, Public Education and Fire Investigation. In addition we also have entered into a cooperative agreement with Alberta's Fire etc. In this agreement we focus on what is best for you our customer. This has led to their offering courses in our province and we offering courses in theirs. A win, win for you the customer.

- We are listening to you! We have heard that we have to follow the trend of the world in providing greater professionalism of training and education for Industry and the BC Fire Service.

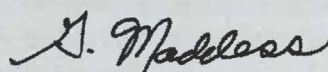
Fortunately this is an area where we are able to continue to strive for greater effectiveness being an entity under the Ministry of Advanced Education. With a greater number of students than ever before attaining Certificates (Fire Fighter 1 and 2, Career Fire Fighter Pre-employment, Industrial Emergency Responder, Fire Officer 1, 2, 3 and 4) and our graduation class of six fire service members attaining the Diploma in Fire Service Leadership we are now looking forward to shortly being able to provide a baccalaureate degree the Bachelor of Fire & Safety Studies.

Hopefully we have been able to provide you with a glimpse of how we are moving toward a greater focus upon your needs than ever before. We are not where we want to be in this regard, but it is a focus which we now have as our goal. In some ways it will be difficult as with most organizations, people change, Cathy Lange is now working for her own company, Bryan Callowhill has retired and Jack Tyler under the Superannuation Act has to leave by the end of the year. While they will all be

missed in their former full time capacity, we are pleased that we will still be working with them in different capacities in the future. I would be remiss if when mentioning Jack that we did not publicly acknowledge how he helped the Division out by stating that he would stay as long as he was needed to me when I came on board in a temporary capacity in October.

It was because of the heart warming welcome of people like Jack, others of our staff, former compatriots and many of you provided me that I came on board for a one to two year period in February. I am honoured and humbled that we can together make our world safer and better through the services and offerings which we provide. All of our staff want to assist you, please feel free to call any of us to discuss your educational and training needs.

Thank You,



Glen Maddess



OFFICIAL OPENING: of the Justice Institute of BC's Maple Ridge Campus Replacement Project – Fall 2004

Maple Ridge – A ribbon cutting by Minister of Advanced Education, Shirley Bond, MLA Ken Stewart, MP Randy Kamp, Maple Ridge Councillor Ernie Daykin, BC Fire Chiefs Association representative Frank Ryan, JIBC Board of Governors Acting Chair Lynn Harrison, Board member Chris Perkins and President Jack McGee marked the official opening of the \$3.9 million Campus Replacement project at the Justice institute of BC's Maple Ridge last fall.

The project included the construction of classroom facilities to replace six aging portables, a new shower/change room, an equipment maintenance room for self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), a water bunker for fire hose training, and completion of a warehouse training prop.

According to Minister Bond, the official opening of the enhanced facility marks another milestone in the efforts of the Ministry to "increase access to universities, colleges, trades and career training throughout the province. Making it possible for all students to get their education closer to home."

The JIBC's Maple Ridge campus serves a variety of clients, from career and volunteer fire departments, to tug boat and cruise ship operators, as well as the petro-chemical, forest and transportation industries. Training at the campus is mainly simulation based using a variety of props including a burn building, rail tank cars in a derailment setting, a ship mockup, tower crane, Industrial Props, and a number of fire extinguisher pads.

Jack McGee, JIBC President, acknowledged the support and contribution of the Minister and her staff, the Mayor and Council of the District of Maple Ridge, Teck Cominco and the "many other partners who have contributed to making the facility a reality; thus ensuring that the Justice Institute can deliver on its mission to deliver innovative education and training for those who make our communities safe."



(left to right) Councilor Ernie Daykin, Chris Perkins, Jack McGee, MLA Ken Stewart, Minister Shirley Bond, Lynn Harrison, Chief Frank Ryan and MP Randy Kamp officiate at the opening of the new JIBC Maple Ridge campus replacement project

Fire & Safety Division Staff Announcements

The Fire and Safety Division is pleased to make the following staff announcements:

Rory Thompson has been appointed Program Director for the Maple Ridge Campus. Rory has been a fire fighter since 1974 and held the position of Deputy Chief of Esquimalt Fire Rescue from 1990 - 2002, and was the Fire Chief from 2003 to present. He has a Masters of Public Administration from UVIC and a Bachelor of Science in Fire Protection and Safety Engineering from Oklahoma State University. Rory can be reached at 604.462.1000 or by email at rtompson@jibc.bc.ca

Barb Kidd has been appointed as Program Coordinator responsible for Fire Protection and Fire Investigation Program. Barb has a Master's of Education in Curriculum and Instruction, which compliments ten years experience as the Public Fire and Life Safety Education Coordinator with the BC Office of the Fire Commissioner. Barb can be reached at 604.528.5660 or by email at bkidd@jibc.bc.ca

BC Regional Training Weekends

The Fire & Safety Division (FSD) is committed to the provision of high-quality affordable emergency response training throughout the province. One way that we do this is through Regional Training Weekends. In 2005 we scheduled five training weekends throughout BC.

There are two occurring this fall:

Terrace/Thornhill September 9-11, 2005

Okanagan September 30-October 2, 2005

Each location has a unique mix of courses based on local area input. Please check out the location you are interested in attending by going to our website: www.jibc.bc.ca/fire and click on "Regional Training".

We are currently looking for Fire Departments who would be interested in hosting a training weekend in 2006. If your department would be interested in hosting one of these highly successful training weekends in please call the Regional Training Coordinator at (604) 462-1000.

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The team spent time at both the New Westminster campus and the Maple Ridge campus where they reviewed each level in detail, observed a written exam and a practical evaluation, and interviewed students and instructors. The team was extremely impressed by the facilities, programs, the level of instruction and the administrative staff observed during the visit.

The Director of the Fire & Safety Division, Glen Maddess, probably put it best: "To say we are pleased with the outcome of the IFSAC site visit would be an understatement. Accreditation visits are always fraught with angst but with the team in place, which was all of our Division members, we truly heard

nothing but positive reinforcement and feedback from the accreditation team. There was not one instance of "you possibly should look at this" or "you might want to review your procedures" in a particular area. Instead we heard "your pre visit manual is a model for others", "you have one of the top three Fire Inspector programs in North America", "your Fire Training site is outstanding and we would like to copy it" to finally and most importantly "your staff is truly enthusiastic about what they are doing".

For a detailed list of all accredited levels please go to the FSD website at www.jibc.bc.ca/fire and click on "accreditation".

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BC EVALUATOR NEWS

The Fire & Safety Division met with BCFTOA zone reps in the spring of this year to discuss the new NFPA 1001 Evaluator Program. As a result of that meeting the following conclusions and amendments were reached:

It was agreed that the minimum requirements to become a Fire Department Evaluator would be:

- Fire Service Instructor 1 (FSI-1) for Fire Department Evaluators
- Fire Service Instructor 2 (FSI-2) for Regional Evaluators.

There was discussion regarding the existing Live Fire Evaluator positions and their future in the new system. It was decided that the process will remain largely the same with the exception that Live Fire Evaluators will need to take the Evaluator Certification Workshop as all other evaluators do. All other procedures will stay as is including;

- existing "approved facilities"
- approval of new facilities, and
- the responsibility of each facility to approve the people that work at their site.

In summary; the most significant change is the inclusion of the Evaluator Certification Workshop for everyone, and the existing Live Fire Evaluators becoming either Fire Department or Regional Evaluators. If you require more information on this process please contact the Fire & Safety Division at 604.528.5657 or toll free at 1.888.214.3177.



Dave Plenert: Fire Service Leadership Diploma Program Graduate

Along with 5 other students, Dave Plenert joined the ranks of the students who have now completed the Fire Service Leadership Diploma Program. In 2004 Rob Clausen was the first graduate of the program, and at the Graduation Ceremony on May 25, 2005 he was joined by Randy Morton, David Palmer, Dave Plenert, Rick Renwick and Chris Vrabel as graduates of the Fire Service Leadership Diploma.

For Dave Plenert this achievement culminated after 4 years of study. In 2001 he completed the classroom version of the Fire Officer I program, and was inspired (much to his surprise) to continue with his education. For the next 4 years he took two courses each semester (three semesters per year) through Distance Education. While the majority of other students in the Fire Officer program have received credit for courses taken at other post secondary institutions, Dave Plenert took each and every required course as a student at the Justice Institute of British Columbia.

Dave views education as a requirement within today's Fire Service. "Fire Chief's require more education. Yet education alone doesn't make people a good fit with the Fire Service. We've hired university graduates (who don't have a fire background) and that wasn't a good fit. ... It's not that we need to hire different people, it's that we need to educate the people we have in different ways."

Dave feels that a combination of education and practical experience works for the fire service. "These people make good managers because they're pragmatic, they know how to use educational insights within a practical format." As a trade oriented individual (with experience as a carpenter, truck mechanic and house builder) Dave has a practical bent. Educational experiences however complemented his practical skills. He feels that education developed valuable analytical skills, the ability of "knowing how to learn," and the essential skill of knowing how and where to obtain needed information.

Stability is a valued trait for Dave. He celebrated 25 years with the fire service in June, and last year he celebrated his 26th wedding anniversary. Dave and his wife Ruth have 4 children ranging in age from 14 to 22. He enjoys fishing, camping and motorcycling; although in the last four years, with educational commitments and side jobs, there has been less time for the hobbies.

Within the Fire Service Dave feels that effective leadership and management is critical. In a keynote speech at the May 25 Fire Officer Graduation ceremony Dave commented that "leadership and management are two distinct and separate concepts that complement each other, but they are not interchangeable. A leader decides where the train is going; a manager makes sure it gets there on time. We manage incidents; we lead people."

Justice Institute of BC Courses of Interest

Emergency Responders often look to the Fire & Safety Division to meet all their training needs. Although we have a tremendous range of courses, some of your needs fall outside our area of expertise. Each newsletter we will try to highlight course and or programs from other academies or divisions within the JIBC that might be of interest to you.

FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING FOR FIRE AND POLICE

The First Responder (FR) Program is designed for members of police and fire departments and other organizations with a dispatch agreement with the British Columbia Ambulance Service (BCAS). The program provides participants with the skills and knowledge to perform patient care to the public prior to the arrival of the ambulance.

The First Responder Provider Program consists of three separate levels providing rigorous training focused on:

- basic patient assessment and life support related to airway,
- breathing and bleeding control; and
- oxygen therapy and airway management, splinting and bandaging.

The Health Emergency Act recognizes the First Responder, referring to the Provider as an Emergency Medical Assistant First Responder Level I, II or III. This training is also available on a contract basis.

If you have any questions regarding First Responder Provider training or First Responder Instructor training please contact the Paramedic Academy Call Centre at: 604-528-5690, email: Callcentre@jibc.bc.ca or visit the First Responder Training web page on the Justice Institute website at: www.jibc.bc.ca/paramedic/programs/fr_programs/fire.htm

If you have any questions regarding First Responder licensing and/or re-licensing please contact the EMA Licensing Branch at: 250-952-4254.

Justice Institute of BC highlighted at the joint India-Pakistan Peace & Goodwill Mission

In the beginning of this year a group of Indians and Pakistanis living in the US, UK and Canada took part in people-to-people diplomacy by organizing an unprecedented joint visit to India and Pakistan. The delegates came from diverse occupational, religious and ethnic backgrounds. They included businessmen, community developers and organizers, economists, engineers, history scholars, investment managers, IT professionals, management consultants, psychologists, and realtors.



Captain Muhammad Mahtab and Sonia Gandhi

Many were involved in non-government advocacy, peace & harmony and relief & welfare organizations, some in executive capacity. Captain Muhammad Mahtab, Chief Marine Instructor & Coordinator at the JIBC Maple Ridge Campus, was the only representative of

Canada in this 21-member delegation. At many places during this visit he introduced and highlighted the kind of innovative education and training the Justice Institute of BC provides to the people who make communities safer – locally and internationally.

Peace in South Asia is an important subject, which the people of Indian and Pakistani origin have an obligation to be deeply concerned about. The benefits of peace and cooperation between India and Pakistan will help to bring about a great improvement in the lives of the people of the region, whereas the risks of confrontation between the two nuclear neighbours are immense not only for that particular region but also for the entire world community at large. The South Asian Diaspora thus has a responsibility to help create understanding, mutual trust and confidence among the countries of the subcontinent, especially between

these two nuclear powers – India and Pakistan. The members of this delegation, on behalf of the people of Indian and Pakistani origin living in the West, took this responsibility seriously.

The purpose of this joint mission was to encourage the two nations to find peaceful solutions to their long-standing problems and to help create friendship and goodwill between the people living on both sides of the border. The delegation purposely abstained from offering a political formula, or an action plan for the resolution of problems that have plagued India-Pakistan relationships for the last 57 years. Instead, they encouraged the peoples and governments to live like friends and good neighbours, while they work together to find peaceful and just resolution of these issues. While meeting with top government officials as well as the grassroot people of both countries, the delegation was able to register the need and cry for the peace and made an immediate, positive, impartial and long lasting impression and impact. During this 2-week trip the delegation had hectic schedule and visited many cities and towns in India and Pakistan. It also visited the city of Torkhum at the Pak-Afghanistan border. The delegation was overwhelmingly welcomed and responded on both sides of the border wherever it went.

Live Fire Training at the Maple Ridge Campus

The Fire & Safety Division is pleased to announce our fall schedule for Live Fire Training at the Maple Ridge Campus. This popular training usually fills up fast so register early to guarantee you get a spot. Dates are as follows:

Live Fire – Level I	Live Fire II	Live Fire III
Sept 10-11	Sept 24-25	Oct 29-30
Oct 1-2	Oct 1-2	Nov 26-27
Nov 5-6	Oct 15-16	
Dec 3-4	Nov 19-20	

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

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2005 Graduation Day

On May 25th the Justice Institute recognized all those students who have completed one or more levels of the Fire Officer and Fire Service Leadership Diploma Programs. Many of the graduating students were able to attend the Graduation Ceremony in person and to receive their certificate or diploma from their own fire chief, the President of the Justice Institute and the Director of the Fire & Safety Division. It was a wonderfully, positive ceremony and provided lots of opportunity for students to renew acquaintances and meet JI-staff and other students of the programs.

The purpose of the ceremony is to pay tribute to the hard work of all students of the programs – and, in many cases, the support they receive from their families, friends and colleagues. Students from both the classroom and distance education versions of the program attended, with representation from various parts of the Province of British Columbia. Happily, many family members and friends were also on hand in a show of support.

Last year's ceremony saw the very first graduate of the Fire Service Leadership Diploma Program (Rob Clausen, Township of Langley). This year, five other students joined Rob as graduates of the program. We were pleased to celebrate the achievements of Dave Plenert (Delta), Rick Renwick (Richmond), Dave Palmer (Township of Langley) and Chris Vrabel (Campbell River). We were especially pleased receive Randy Morton as a graduate representing the Canadian Forces.

Dave Plenert, representing the Diploma graduates, gave an excellent address to the audience. In his presentation, he stressed the need for the development of sound management and leadership skills for the fire service – and the differences between them. Dave also stressed the vital role of training in the development of management and leadership abilities.

We are already planning the 2006 Graduation Ceremony. So, if you anticipate graduating in any one of the Fire Officer levels or the Fire Service Leadership Diploma... or, if you would like to represent your fire department at the event, please mark May 18 in your 2006 calendar.



From left to right: Jack McGee, President JIBC; Dave Palmer, Township of Langley Fire Department; Chris Vrabel, Campbell River Fire Department; Dave Plenart, Delta Fire Department; Rick Renwick, Richmond Fire Department; Randy Morton, CFB Esquimalt Fire Department; Rob Clausen, Township of Langley Fire Department; Glen Maddess, Director Fire & Safety, JIBC



From left to right: David Palmer, Township of Langley Fire Department; Chris Vrabel, Campbell River Fire Department; Dave Plenart, Delta Fire Department; Rick Renwick, Richmond Fire Department; Randy Morton, CFB Esquimalt Fire Department



Back row from left to right: Travis Stoltz, Abbotsford Fire and Rescue; David Balzer, Abbotsford Fire and Rescue; Archie Currie, Port Moody Fire Department; Frank Gale, Colwood Fire Department; Trevor Pike, Sechelt Fire Department; Drake Braslins, Delta Fire Department; Andy Hewitson, Township of Langley Fire Department.

Front row from left to right: Brent Newman, Abbotsford Fire and Rescue; Michael Stark, White Rock Fire Department; Joe Rae, Port Moody Fire Department; Arlen Gatzka, Port Moody Fire Department; Jim Winter, Port Coquitlam Fire Department; Jim Bleasdale, Port Moody Fire Department; Harry Basten, Chilliwack Fire Department.



Back row from left to right: Pat Walker, Township of Langley Fire Department; Dan Copeland, Delta Fire Department; Mark Collins, Chilliwack Fire Department; Bob Schreiner, City of North Vancouver Fire Department.

Front row from left to right: Craig McDonald, Whistler Fire Department; Ron Grant, Delta Fire Department; Del Westfall, Delta Fire Department; Brian MacKenzie, Delta Fire Department; Muhammed Mahtab, Fire & Safety Division JIBC, Maple Ridge.



From left to right: Al Nicholson, Port Coquitlam Fire Department; David Anderson, Richmond Fire Department; Dan Copeland, Delta Fire Department.

BCFTOA donates \$1,000 to JIBC Library

The BC Fire Training Officers Association recently donated \$1,000 to the JIBC Library's 7th annual fundraising campaign. Formerly the Buy A Book Campaign, this initiative is now called Give the Gift of Knowledge.

"This Library is a valuable resource to all fire fighters in BC," says Bob Cannon, treasurer of the BCFTOA. "We hope that other organizations will follow our lead and join us in supporting the library campaign." The BCFTOA has donated \$1,000 annually since 2001.

The Give the Gift of Knowledge Campaign, sponsored by the JIBC Foundation, raises funds to purchase new books, journals, videos, CDs, and DVDs for the JIBC Library, which serves fire fighters throughout B.C., as well as other justice, public safety and human services professionals in our province.

For more information on how you or your organization can donate contact Diana Buric at the JIBC Foundation (604-528-5750) or April Haddad in the JIBC Library (604-528-5594)

Interested in Instructing?

The Fire & Safety Division welcomes applications from interested top notch, experienced and qualified Fire Service Personnel and Industrial Emergency Responders who are interested in becoming instructors in the courses and programs offered by the Fire & Safety Division.

You will need a minimum of 5 years experience in your field of expertise, also, you will need to be certified to a minimum of Fire Service Instructor I (or other teaching credentials at an equal or higher level) and have an enthusiasm to enhance the professionalism of the emergency responders that we teach.

If think you have what it takes to be part of The Fire & Safety Division's team of instructors, please contact :

Pat Carnegie-Dunlop at 604.528.5670 or email: pcarnegie-dunlop@jibc.bc.ca for additional information and the application process.

Fort St. James Training

The Fire & Safety Division in conjunction with the Fort St James Fire Department are pleased to offer the following courses at the Northern Interior Fire Training Center.

Courses, located in Fort St James:

Live Fire I – September 17-18

Live Fire II – September 24-25

If you would like to register for any of these course contact the JIBC registration office at 604-528-5590 or toll free at 1-877-528-5591.

Bachelor of Fire & Safety Studies Degree Update

The Justice Institute is pursuing approval for a Bachelor of Fire & Safety Studies Degree Program. This is the first such program of its type, for the Justice Institute, and also in Canada. Much groundbreaking work has been undertaken, requiring the dedication and effort of many members of the fire service and fire associations in British Columbia, together with advice from international experts in the field of fire protection, public administration and academic institutions.

The degree development process began with a major market research study in 2003 and approval was given to proceed by the BC Ministry of Advanced Education in November 2004. Input has been received from numerous advisory committees, such as the Degree Advisory Committee, the Fire & Safety Division Advisory Committee and the External Review Committee. The full proposal for the Degree received approval by the Justice Institute's Board of Governors on May 24, 2005.

The final step in the approval process is acceptance by the Degree Quality Assessment Board. Additionally, the proposal is posted on the Ministry of Advanced Education's website to allow other post-secondary institutions to comment.

Implementation is scheduled for September 2006, with the British Columbia Fire Commissioner as its first registrant.

Some significant features of the Degree include:

- Recognition of credits for previous training and education taken through, or recognized by, the Justice Institute. This includes recognition of credits acquired for the Fire Officer and Fire Service Leadership Diploma Programs. Articulation with other post-secondary institutions will also form part of the process.
- Distance education format for the majority of courses, which provides convenient access to the program on a part-time basis. While the Degree was originally conceived for British Columbia, interest from across Canada has been phenomenal, with a high level of interest coming from such organizations as the college system in Ontario (for example Seneca College in Toronto and Fleming College in Peterborough), the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, and the Canadian Forces Fire Marshal's office in Ottawa and so on.
- An agreement of cooperation with other highly credible institutions such as the University of Victoria's School of Public Administration (a partnership of six courses in the third and fourth year of the Degree) and BCIT, which is providing a Liberal Studies component.

While the Justice Institute's goal is to provide maximum opportunities for members of the fire service in British Columbia to advance their education at higher levels, we also recognize the on-going need for practical, hands-on training that is a vital part of a fire department's business. The objective is to provide an integrated, progressive program that recognizes the achievements of fire service members as they progress through their career, and to support fire departments in their efforts to develop and maintain staff capability.

Geoff Burston (gburston@jibc.bc.ca)

TRIAL OF NEW SECURE ONLINE NFPA 1001 EXAM

At the request of Fire Departments around the province, the Fire & Safety Division is currently piloting a new online format of completing written exams for the NFPA 1001 program. This format will complement the other exam formats that currently exist. ALL other current exam methods WILL continue to be offered. This new format gives you more choices in how to complete the exam.

The online system will allow the student and proctor to login to the JIBC website, write the exam online in a secure fashion, and then receive instant results and feedback. Comox Fire Department is currently testing this new format and there should be a full report soon. It is hoped that the process will be provided as an option for all users in the near future.

If you would like more information on this format please contact the Fire & Safety Division at 604.528.5657 or toll free at 1.888.214.3177.

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