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Education & Training Report to the BC Fire Service

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THE JUSTICE INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (JIBC) IS CANADA'S LEADING PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATOR—A DYNAMIC POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION RECOGNIZED PROVINCIAL, NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY FOR INNOVATIVE EDUCATION AND APPLIED RESEARCH IN JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY. TO CONTINUE TO FULFILL OUR MISSION AND VISION, WE WILL EXPAND OUR REACH WITH A FOCUS ON TWO OVER-ARCHING GOALS:

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Experiential learning informed by theory, research and professional practice.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Built on the strengths of our educational philosophy and learning environment.

OUR VISION

A world leader in justice and public safety education and research.

OUR MISSION

Innovative education for those who make communities safe.

OUR VALUES

LEARNING THAT IS:

- Experiential and applied
- Informed by research
- Student-centred

SERVICE THAT IS:

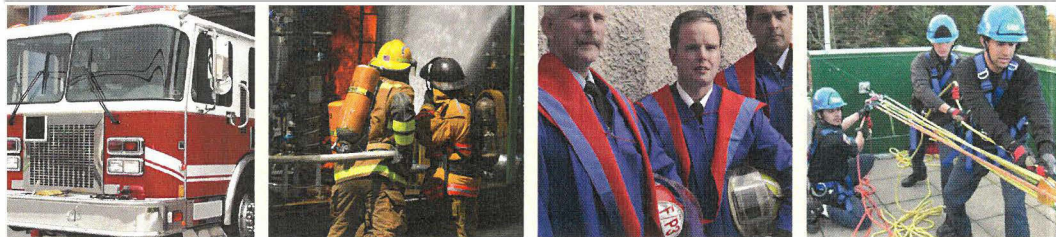
- High quality
- Respectful
- Responsive

INTEGRITY IN:

- Education and research
- Business practices
- Relationships

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- Graduate Studies
- Applied Research
- Technology Enhanced & Distributed Learning
- Learning Support Services
- International Education



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

This time last year, my message focused on the development of a new business model for Fire & Safety Division (FSD) to enhance and make our programs more accessible, flexible and affordable, while addressing the challenges facing today's BC Fire Service.

Our vision remains centred on achieving two over-arching goals:

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

STUDENT SUCCESS

We continue to strengthen our relationships with local and regional partners and leverage local training facilities and resources to provide expanded learning opportunities for our students and customers. Fire fighters from across BC now enjoy unprecedented levels of access to FSD accredited education and training.

In 2010, we continued the expansion of our academic programs with the introduction of a new 30-credit certificate, targeting fire service professionals who have responsibilities for fire prevention, public education and fire investigation. We anticipate the first graduates of this new certificate in early 2012. Graduates from this program choosing to continue their academic studies at JIBC will be granted admission into year two of the Bachelor of Fire & Safety Studies.

As always, we love to hear from our students, alumni and friends of FSD. You can reach me directly at wstevens@jibc.ca.

Wayne Stevens
Director, Fire & Safety Division



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Achieve educational excellence through experiential learning informed by theory, research and professional practice.

Our Bachelor of Fire & Safety Studies (BFSS) and Fire Officer Certificate programs continue to gain recognition as providing our students with the technical, managerial and administrative competencies required to effectively lead and manage in today's complex fire service.

BACHELOR OF FIRE & SAFETY STUDIES AT A GLANCE

Canada's first undergraduate fire leadership degree program. Attracts students from across Canada and around the world.

Total number of students enrolled in 2009/10	132
Number of BFSS graduates in 2009/10	10

FIRE OFFICER CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Canada's only dual accredited (IFSAC, ProBoard) Fire Officer I-IV program.

Total number of students enrolled in 2009/10	434
Number of courses available online	17
Number of BC communities with students enrolled in the program	73

Location of origin of current students

Canada

Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Nunavut

International

Australia, Namibia, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, United States

ACCREDITATION AT A GLANCE

FSD holds the most accredited levels in Canada, and the third most in North America.

Number of accredited levels	32
Number of new accredited levels in 2009/10	6

2010 FSD Facts

- 5,000 students (+11% over 2009) attended 2,220 classes in 164 courses
- Over 487,000 training hours (+20% over 2009) were delivered
- Training was delivered in 116 communities in BC (+54% over 2009)

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONDER – AWARENESS LEVEL

A new Hazardous Materials Awareness course will be launched in the Fall 2011. The new course is IFSAC and ProBoard accredited in compliance with NFPA 472. Learners will be able to complete this course via classroom-based delivery, online, or can challenge the evaluation.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BC FIRE PREVENTION OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

JIBC has partnered with the BC Fire Prevention Officers' Association to recognize their two ProBoard accredited courses – NFPA 1033 Fire Investigator and NFPA 1031 Fire Inspector I. JIBC will grant 3 transfer credits for each course, which will be directly applied to the Fire Officer Prevention Certificate.

STUDENT SUCCESS

"I am very proud of what the JIBC and the One World Scholarship have helped me to accomplish in the last year. From having little to no fire fighting experience, to conducting live fire exercises with professional fire fighters in a different country, I can only say that the training I've received has been world class."

– Mark Williams, One World Scholarship recipient and JIBC Career Fire Fighter Pre-Employment Certificate graduate.

AUTHORIZED PROVIDER AGREEMENTS

FSD continues to work with regional and local partners to make effective use of local training facilities and resources. Recently, FSD finalized an agreement with Comox Fire Rescue that enables Comox to deliver JIBC-accredited courses at their training centre. These Authorized Provider Agreements allow for more affordable and accessible training for BC's 15,000 fire fighters.

AUTHORIZED PROVIDERS

Live Fire

Comox, Fort St. John, North Okanagan Regional District, Smithers, Terrace

Hazardous Materials (Awareness, Operations)

Comox, Kelowna, Surrey, Yellowknife, NWT

Fire Officer I & II

Abbotsford, Kamloops, Kelowna, Lake Country, Penticton, Vernon, West Kelowna



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Promote student success built on the benefits of our unique learning environment.

In 2010, FSD continued to expand options for student engagement and learning, through high-impact opportunities such as deployment to Central America with Fire fighters Without Borders. FSD continues to develop new programs and credentials aimed at fire professionals who wish to specialize or pursue more in-depth learning.

REGIONAL TRAINING WEEKENDS

Number of Regional Training Weekends conducted in 2010	7
Locations of Regional Training Weekends in 2010	
Comox, Campbell River, Kelowna, 100 Mile House, Fort St. John, Castlegar, Salt Spring Island, Kelowna-Vernon	
Students that participated in Regional Training Weekends in 2010	535
Number of courses offered at Regional Training Weekends	25

GLOBAL PRESENCE

FSD provides opportunities for students to participate in education abroad, including international service-learning, international internships and international exchange. Graduates of the Career Fire Fighter Pre-Employment Program have the opportunity to study abroad allowing for cross-cultural learning that greatly enhances the impact of the program.

Number of FSD students who studied in El Salvador in 2009-10	8
Number of countries represented by students who studied with FSD in 2009-10.	5

NEW FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER CERTIFICATE

This new 30-credit post-secondary certificate for leaders in Fire Prevention is under development. Professionals who conduct fire inspections, fire investigation and fire and life safety education sessions will benefit from taking these courses.

Benefits:

- Practical content, highly relevant, interactive learning environment that utilizes technology;
- Greater access to our Bachelor of Fire & Safety Studies as it is equivalent to Year 1 in diploma/degree program;
- NFPA certifications;
- Greater access to JIBC courses and education through multiple delivery options;
- Recognizes and gives credit to learning that students receive from other institutions.