

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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RE: Resuming domestic community-based contract course delivery

The JIBC Fire & Safety Division is excited to announce the highly anticipated return of domestic community-based contract course delivery after suspending all face-to-face JIBC training in mid-March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Domestic community-based contract course delivery is available for training and evaluation that cannot be achieved in an alternative format. In order to ensure the health and safety of all participants involved, clients hosting this activity will be required to meet JIBC COVID-19 safety requirements, the details of which can be provided by one of our Regional Training Coordinators.

While we safely resume face-to-face training, we will continue to provide our new online and blended course offerings developed over the past few months, which have been very well received by students and departments. These new offerings will further expand our ability to meet the education and training needs of the fire service in B.C. The full list of new and existing online firefighting courses is available at <u>https://www.jibc.ca/onlinefiretraining</u>.

Our first priority during this unprecedented time has always been the continued health and safety of JIBC students, staff and faculty and our broader community. JIBC has developed a comprehensive <u>COVID-19 Safety Plan</u> and <u>COVID-19 Recovery Framework</u> following the principles and guidelines provided by the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills & Training, the Provincial Health Officer, and WorkSafeBC. These documents provide details of the COVID-19 safety protocols we've put in place at JIBC. For the latest updates and FAQs around JIBC's response to COVID-19, please visit <u>https://www.jibc.ca/covid19</u>.

We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding during this time as we collectively move towards a new normal of education and training in B.C. We invite you to contact us to discuss how the JIBC Fire & Safety Division can meet the education and training needs of your department and community.

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