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To All Departments:

The Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) Fire & Safety Division (FSD) is pleased to announce that the [Interior Fire Fighter Operations](#) and [Full Service Fire Fighter Operations](#) programs have now received JIBC Program Council approval. Both programs are now scheduled to launch on February 28th. These programs complete FSD's update of its vocational fire fighter training programs to align with the B.C. Fire Service Minimum Training Standards outlined in the Structural Firefighters Competency and Training Playbook.

New Students:

Fire Service members currently completing the Exterior Fire Fighter Operations program with the intention of furthering their education are now able to register for courses in either the Interior or Full Service Fire Fighter Operations programs.

Current/In-progress FF I/II Students:

The FSD is currently finalizing the program matrix outlining the requirements for Fire Service members currently enrolled in Fire Fighter I/II programs to transition to the Interior or Full Service Fire Fighter Operations programs. Until we are able to transition students, we encourage departments with students currently enrolled in the Fire Fighter I/II programs to continue in these programs. We will continue to support exam requests and practical evaluations until **June 30, 2017**.

- The last possible date for paper-based exam requests will be *June 5th*.
- The last possible dates for online exam requests will be *June 26th*.
- No exam requests will be accepted after *June 30th*.

The Fire & Safety Division is proud to be your educational provider and is looking forward to supporting you in all of your training and educational needs. Please continue to check the FSD website (www.jibc.ca/fire) and look for the "[Playbook Updates](#)" tab for the latest information and updates regarding the new vocational programs. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Richard White, Coordinator Fire Fighter Programs at rwhite@jibc.ca or Dave Wallack, Program Manager, Fire Fighter Programs at dwallack@jibc.ca.

Sincerely,



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