

VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES HANDS-  
ON FIREFIGHTING WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN

RELEASE OF LIABILITY,  
WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND  
INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU WILL WAIVE CERTAIN  
LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

To: Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services ("VF&RS")

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print full name of Participant), in consideration for being eligible to participate in the VF&RS Hands-On Firefighting Workshop For Women Event (the "Event") presented by the VF&RS, the City of Vancouver and any officers, officials, managers, employees, agents, contractors, committees, subcommittees, volunteers, instructors or any other representatives thereof (hereinafter defined as the "VF&RS and City Personnel"), hereby AGREE as follows:

1. I am aware that participation in the Event does require a certain level of physical health and ability and I accept and bear full responsibility for my physical health and ability to participate in the Event. I am aware that the Event involves many inherent risks, dangers and hazards and I freely ACCEPT and fully ASSUME all risks, dangers and hazards related or incidental to my participation in the Event and the possibility of personal injury, death, permanent and disabling injury, property damage or loss resulting therefrom. I understand that I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY OWN SAFETY and that the VF&RS, the City of Vancouver and the VF&RS and City Personnel assume no responsibility in connection with my participation in the Event.
2. I, for myself and for my heirs, executors and administrators, RELEASE AND DISCHARGE the VF&RS, the City of Vancouver and the VF&RS and City Personnel from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, actions, suits, losses, costs, damages, expenses and compensation of whatsoever nature (the "Claims") that I may have now or at any time hereafter, AND WAIVE ANY RIGHT I MAY HAVE NOW OR IN THE FUTURE TO SUE THE VF&RS, the City of Vancouver or the VF&RS and City Personnel for any Claims, relating to any personal injury, death, permanent and disabling injury, property damage or loss sustained by me as a result of or arising, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from my participation in the Event due to any cause whatsoever, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE VF&RS, THE CITY OF VANCOUVER OR VF&RS AND CITY PERSONNEL.
3. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE for all costs of rescue or medical attention rendered to me, or for my benefit, arising from my use participation in the Event or the performance of any ACTIVITIES related to the Event. I SHALL INDEMNIFY AND SAVE HARMLESS (MEANING TO FULLY REIMBURSE) the VF&RS, the City of Vancouver and the VF&RS and City Personnel from any and all Claims in respect of any and all such costs.
4. I SHALL INDEMNIFY AND SAVE HARMLESS the VF&RS, the City of Vancouver and the VF&RS and City Personnel from any and all liability and from any and all Claims for any damage to property, including without limitation City of Vancouver or VF&RS property, or personal injury to or death of any third party, including without limitation any VF&RS or City of Vancouver Personnel, resulting from my participation in the Event.
5. In entering into this Agreement, I am not relying on any oral, written or visual representations made by the VF&RS, the City of Vancouver and the VF&RS and City Personnel.
6. I confirm, as the Participant, that I have read and understand this Agreement prior to signing it and I am aware that by signing this Agreement I am waiving certain legal rights, including the right to sue, and I agree that this Agreement will be binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and successors.
7. I confirm, as the Parent or Guardian of the Participant who is under 19 years of age, that I have read and understand this Agreement prior to signing it and I am aware that by signing this Agreement I am waiving certain legal rights, including the right to sue, and I agree that this Agreement will be binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and successors.
8. I agree that this Agreement shall in all respects be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

WITNESS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Name

PARTICIPANT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Telephone

PARTICIPANT'S PARENT/  
GUARDIAN: [where  
Participant is under 19 years old]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Telephone

[This Agreement must be completed in full, signed, dated and witnessed, before participation in the Event will be permitted.]

## ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

<b>Name</b>			
<b>JIBC Student No.</b> (If Applicable)			
<b>Address</b>			
<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Residence</b>	Office	<b>Mobile</b>

### ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND PERSONS COVERED BY THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT

This Release Agreement applies to the travel, transportation, facilities, premises, instruction, and related activities, and to participation in all programs or events including but not limited to participation in extracurricular, sporting, recreation, athletic, tourism, sight-seeing, and travelling activities or events (collectively, the "Activities"). This Release Agreement applies to and protects the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) and Its Board of Governors, officers, directors, employees, agents, independent contractors, subcontractors, representatives, successors and assigns and all instructors, coaches, managers, volunteers, sponsors, officials and officers in any way involved or connected with the Activities and other JIBC Activity members including JIBC faculty, staff, and students while involved in the JIBC Activities (collectively, the "Releasees")

### ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

I am aware that participation in the Activities involves risks, dangers and hazards, including but not limited to the risk of serious injury or death, property damage, expense and other loss, delay or inconvenience, and negligence on the part of the Releasees, which includes failure by the Releasees to take reasonable steps to safeguard or protect me from injury or from the risks, dangers and hazards of participation in the Activities. Many of the Activities are unsupervised and involve risks inherent in travel which include but are not limited to transportation accidents, gondola accidents, crime, theft, disease, wildlife, insects and their related diseases, outdoor sporting and recreation risks including hiking on uneven surfaces and trips and falls including from heights, inclement weather (heat, cold, rain, freezing rain, snow, fog, ice, and lightning) and disorientation. The Activities also involve inherent risks of urban city traffic, transportation accidents (including aircraft, bus, ferry, and taxi) and overnight accommodation, including but not limited to crime (e.g. sexual harassment, assault or theft of or damage to personal property). The Activities may include the services of independent travel agents, buses, trains, and airlines. It is always possible that the Activities might not be completed, or that individual courses or activities may be curtailed or cancelled, due to weather, illness, political disturbances, terrorism, motor vehicle or transportation accidents, transportation problems, failure to perform on the part of the travel agents or airlines, or other circumstances either within or beyond the control of JIBC.

I understand that it is my responsibility to investigate and learn about the risks, dangers and hazards of participating in the Activities including traveling within the planned jurisdiction and to ensure I have appropriate clothing and footwear such activities. For more information on the risks and hazards, I may contact the program area directly. I have appropriate medical insurance based on my own needs and understand that JIBC will not be providing nor arranging for any medical coverage and that I will be personally responsible for all medical costs and deductibles not covered by my personal insurance. I further understand that I may be required to attend orientations and that I must at all times abide by the JIBC policies while participating in the Activities.

**I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS RESULTING THEREFROM. RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS.**

In consideration of the Releasees permitting my participation In the Activities, I hereby agree as follows:

1. TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any damage to property of or personal Injury to any third party, resulting from my participation in the Activities;
2. This Release Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives, in the event of my death or incapacity;
3. This Release Agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Release Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and no other jurisdiction; and
4. Any litigation involving the parties to this Release Agreement shall be brought solely with in the Province of British Columbia and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the Province of British Columbia.

In entering into this Release Agreement I am not relying on any oral or written representations or statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of the Activities, other than what is set forth in this Release Agreement

I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT PRIOR TO SIGNING IT.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

**Name (please print)\***

**Signature of Participant:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**If student is under 18 years of age:**

**Guardian Name  
(please print)\***

**Signature of Guardian:**

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