



Head of the Class

St. John Launches Safety Academy

The national office has launched *The Safety Ops Academy* website directed to preteens (ages 8-12). This new initiative is designed to increase awareness of St. John Ambulance, injury prevention and basic first aid concepts.

Visitors to the site will embark on an interactive journey with "Safety Boy" and learn the basics on burns, heat and cold emergencies and how to deal with an emergency situation. Along the way they will learn how to prevent many everyday injuries that can occur at home, school and in their local neighbourhood. Having completed all three scenarios, participants will graduate with full honours.

Take time to visit the site at <http://safety-opsacademy.sja.ca/en>, and then enjoy the opportunity to share this experience with your own children. Branches may choose to promote the site specifically to schools, public libraries and youth groups throughout the community.

Community service cadet groups may choose to visit the site together or discuss the experiences they have with this site at home.



Revised Protocols 2005

Instructors are advised that four revised protocols, two of which relate to standard level program, were issued earlier this year. This information has been sent to all St. John offices and to currently certified Instructors. If you have not received this information, please contact your local office to ensure your contact information is correct.

Information related to revised protocols is posted in detail on the St. John Intranet in the Training/Formation Section.

New Training Standards Expected at the End of 2005

In 2005, the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) is conducting systematic reviews and updates of scientific evidence supporting Emergency Cardiac Care treatment recommendations. More than 300 CPR and ECC scientific topics will undergo evidence-based review. This process represents the most comprehensive, systematic review of the resuscitation literature to date.

New guidelines will be released at the end of 2005 resulting in changes to all first aid training programs in Canada. St. John Ambulance is currently reviewing the design of all program materials and will launch the next generation of program materials integrating revised protocols some time in 2006.

Instructors are reminded that there is always a great deal of speculation about what changes might be coming. Such discussion should not be raised in the classroom and no changes will be made to any program unless specific information is issued from the national office, either in the form of official notice of protocol change, or issuance of new program materials.

Your assistance in this area will help to reduce the possible confusion for students and instructional faculty.





Revised Instructor Materials for Medical First Responder

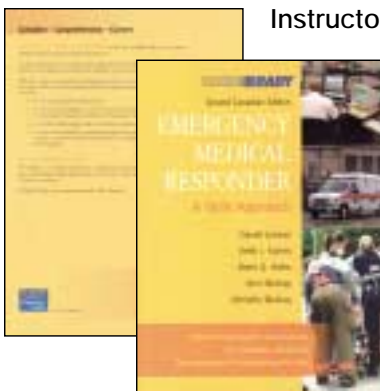
Program materials for the *Medical First Responder* have been revised to facilitate delivery of this program to the Community Service patient care providers. Changes relate to the organization of program materials and are not content based.

The revised materials are separated into *Basic Curriculum* (the 40 hour required curriculum for AMFR I) and *Supplementary Curriculum*, designed to facilitate delivery of additional topics in a variety of models.

Current Instructors will be issued an update package to include revised exams, final scenarios, formats and guidelines for Refresher/Recert programs as well as revised powerpoint/overheads.

Revised MFR Text Now Available

The current text for the AMFR I, *Emergency Medical Responder* Canadian edition, has been revised and is now being issued to new classes. Watch for this material in your upcoming programs. Changes are minimal and new texts will not be issued to current Instructors. Instructors may choose to purchase new texts from the local branch.



Instructors are encouraged to review the materials before teaching future programs to ensure references are accurate to the program materials issued to students.

Bring us Your Favorite Training Related Photos

Instructors and/or branch reps are invited to submit training related photos and news to the *Head of the Class*. We would be pleased to include your items in future issues. Please direct all submissions to : Head of the Class, c/o SJA Council for Ontario, 15 Toronto Street, 8th Floor, Toronto ON M5C 2E3.

Materials submitted to *Head of the Class* will not be returned. Please ensure you have included permission to use images in the newsletter, from any individuals included in photos.

Instructors!

Come show your stuff at the Ontario Open First Aid Competition!

The 35th Annual Ontario First Aid Competition will be held this year at the Angus Glen Community Centre, 3390 Major Mackenzie Drive, Unionville, Ontario, on Saturday, October 15th, 2005, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

On behalf of the Competitions Committee, we would like to extend a special invitation to all St. John Ambulance Instructors to compete along side teams from the military, Emergency Services, Ontario Power Generation, Industry, St. John Ambulance Medical First Responders and many more.

Now is the time to show everyone that your Branch has the best instructors and guess what - there are awards specifically designed for instructors !!! The deadline for team registration is fast approaching so enter NOW !

Contact the Community Services Department at the St. John Council for Ontario, Tel. 1.800.268.7581 ext. 243, or by email at bcole@on.sja.ca for more information. And may the best team win!

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