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Calendar of Events

Jan 22,23,24,29,30,31 2010 MFR Course
February 2010 – Next INDOC intake



Driving Rain Doesn't Dampen Open House Success

Laurie Mackie

Saturday October 17 - BlockWatch volunteers enjoyed the hospitality of the SJA volunteers from both Brigade and Cadet divisions. Corry, the Therapy Dog, showed up with handler Cora Thomson, and the hosting Cadets, looking sharp in uniform, charmed the guests with their courtesy and helpfulness.

Full classrooms of volunteers learned basic CPR-A in two sessions, taught by the ebullient Meyranie Corriveau, our newest Instructor from La Belle Province.

Drew Binette held his audience spellbound in the afternoon session on Emergency Preparedness and H1N1. His PowerPoint presentation and course material were thorough, and he had the latest information to present to participants. He was ably assisted by Kathryn Manson.

Everyone enjoyed delicious sandwiches throughout the day from Thrifty Foods. Fresh hot coffee from Starbucks, and piles of doughnuts from Tim Hortons were also popular.

The Branch did a brisk business in first aid kits sales, no doubt spurred on by the information provided in the presentations.

Special thanks to SJA Instructors Warren Delaney and Meyranie Corriveau for donating their expertise and time to the event. Larry Joe and Veronica Tory from Brigade provided support in CPR-A. Thanks to Mike Dussault for the eclectic historic display, featuring a very unusual 'heritage' Annie Doll.

Blockwatch volunteers learning first aid

Meyranie Corriveau teaching First Aid



SJA Open House October 17, 2009



Laurie Mackie setting up coffee station



Cadet "Nate" from Division 61C





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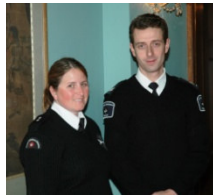


ST. JOHN AMBULANCE 176 VICTORIA BRIGADE DRESS & DEPARTMENT Andrew Binette



A reminder that it is Winter Dress now, that means :

- Black military V-neck sweater (not crew neck) with epaulettes
- Black plain pants OR black duty pants with cargo pockets (no jeans)
- White epaulette shirt (short or long sleeves)
- Black clip-on tie
- Black beret
- Black socks
- Black walking shoes (no runners)
- ID Badges



Please talk with Aileen Hamilton if you have any further questions

THE PURPOSE OF WEARING A UNIFORM

The uniform of a St. John Ambulance Brigade member identifies each member and groups of members, as individuals who are trained to recognise and respond to specific community needs. The uniform provides the public with a sense of reassurance and allows trust to be placed on those who wear it.

The uniform also readily identifies, both to the public and to those within the organization, members in positions of authority and members who hold specific training or professional qualifications.

For the individual Brigade member, the uniform provides a sense of common purpose, belonging, and accomplishment while helping build a sense of team spirit and camaraderie within 176 Victoria.

The uniform is also the heritage handed down to us by the history and traditions of St. John Ambulance. It allows the wearer to show they are a part of the world's oldest charitable organization.

THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF UNIFORMS AND APPROVED UNIFORM ITEMS

There are two types of uniforms worn by officers and members.

The first is the basic working uniform and the second type of uniform is the ceremonial dress that is worn by senior officers. Dress uniforms are worn at ceremonial occasions such as Investitures, Church parades, annual inspections or other formal events.

For Brigade members attending ceremonial occasions, the approved dress is the standard Brigade uniform.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON UNIFORM POLICY

Basic working uniform:

- Black military V-neck sweater (not crew neck) with epaulettes
- Black plain pants OR black duty pants with cargo pockets
- (no jeans)
- White epaulette shirt (short or long sleeves)
- Black clip-on tie
- Black beret
- Black socks
- Black walking shoes (no runners)
- Plus appropriate badges on jackets and shirts

Ceremonial Dress uniform:

- White jacket or black military v-neck sweater plus appropriate badges and medals
- Black dress pants or skirts
- White shirt (epaulette optional)
- Clip-on tie
- White gloves
- Hat (men –peak cap or beret, ladies – beret)
- Black dress shoes (no runners)
- Black socks/stockings



OR

- Black tunic with appropriate badges and medals
- Black matching pant or skirt
- White shirt (epaulette optional)
- Clip-on tie
- White gloves
- Hat (men –peak cap or beret, ladies – beret)
- Black dress shoes (no runners)
- Black socks/stockings



2009 SRI Chimnoy Triathlon

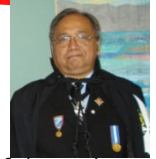


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SJA & Government House

Laurie Mackie

Did you know that Lieutenant Governor Stephen Pointe is Vice-Prior of the Order of St. John in British Columbia? As such, His Honour is the Reviewing Officer of the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley St. John Ambulance Brigade Annual Inspection.

He also presents the provincial SJA Honours and Awards every year at Government House to our volunteers. At the very core of the century-long success of SJA in Canada, and British Columbia, is the unwavering commitment of exceptional volunteers.

The Order of St. John is an honour bestowed upon deserving members who have demonstrated exemplary service to their communities. Since 1912 in Canada, thousands of volunteers have been honoured by being awarded the Order of St. John. In Victoria, we have a number of active Brigade Officers who have received the Order of St. John at Government House.

This year, D176 received thirteen requests for coverage at the BC Government Long Service Awards at Government House. We have completed ten to date. The remaining dates for November 2, 3, and 4 on the duty roster have full coverage. For more information on Government House, go to www.ltgov.bc.ca.

Ceremonial Dress uniform for non officers:

- Black military v-neck sweater with appropriate badges and medals
- Black dress pants
- White shirt (epaulette optional)
- Clip-on tie
- Hat (black beret or peak cap)
- Black dress shoes (no runners)
- Black socks

**NOTE: White gloves will be worn by Flag Party and Guard of Honour or as specified by the Duty Commander.*

CLIMATIC CONSIDERATIONS & OPTIONAL DRESS FOR PUBLIC DUTIES

Due to various climatic areas, some precisions are made for extreme cold or extreme hot. The Provincial Commissioner has approved these variations:

- Black baseball caps with appropriate badge.
- Black wool toques and scarves and gloves
- The Brigade high visibility ambulance duty jackets with reflective tape and appropriate badges
- Black jeans may be worn in certain extreme environmental conditions when there are no other alternatives

Superintendent Update

Andrew Binette

A reminder that we need to make sure that we are securing the AED's after a duty, many times the cupboard has been unlocked!

It may be our "slow time", but I'm sure you all agree when I say we are still busy, which is great! The past month we have had some big duties, one being the Royal Victoria Marathon, it was an early start to the day but we had a great presence out there and I have heard nothing but great things. Roger Girouard was our first guest speaker, if you weren't able to make it hopefully Roger can come out again; thank you Roger! As we move forward through the winter season, we are gearing up for our next intake of new members and will start interviews in November. Lets all keep up the good work.



Way to Go Kathryn!

Officer Kathryn Manson passes her BOT2 and gets an award from Andrew Binette, Divisional Superintendent.



Member Profile

Buchanan Elliott

I started with SJA about a year ago. I have found joining the brigade to be a great opportunity to help and get evolved with the local community. You get great experience working with people of all ages, cultures and physical/mental developments.

I currently own a landscape/excavation company called "I Love Dirt". I figure I'm in it day in and day out, so trying new things suits me. My dream job is to become a professional fire fighter. I'm so dedicated to that goal that I gave my flat screen T.V to a group of homeless people, just so I can study at night. My latest and greatest challenge is trying to cook! So let me know if any of you want to swap recipes.

Welcome to all the new members! I wish you guys the best of luck with the INDOC and MFR courses.

Editor's Note:

This is one of several profiles to come where we hope to introduce our members and present some of their interesting backgrounds that you may not have known. If you are interested in having your profile showcased, please contact Laurie M.

