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**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

**AND**

**FACILITATOR BIOS**

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## **BIOS AND COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

### **1401 & 1501 - RIT – Practical 'N Tactical, Jeff Snider**

**Dates & Times:**

Saturday, May 14, 08:30-16:30, One-day course

Sunday, May 15, 08:30-16:30, One-day course

**Bio: Jeff Snider**

As far as RIT/ Self-rescue, myself and two others initiated and developed the VFRS RIT program and I was a lead "Train-the-trainer" instructor on the initial rollout. I have instructed RIT/Self-rescue for various departments across Western Canada and in Mexico.

I was also part of the committee that developed the Lower Mainland "Mayday Procedure" in 2020.

**Required student equipment:**

Mandatory equipment:

- turnout gear
- gloves
- helmet
- 1x 24' 1" tubular webbing
- SCBA with full cylinder

Suggested gear:

- large water bottle
- hand towel
- spare base layer - t-shirt, socks, etc.
- notebook.

No pre-work required

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### **1402 & 1502 – Strategies and Tactics - JIBC**

**Dates & Times:**

Saturday, May 14, 08:30-16:30, One-day course

Sunday, May 15, 08:30-16:30, One-day course

**Required student equipment:**

- PPE is required

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### **1403 – WSPP-WFF1 Trainer - OFC**

**Dates & Times:**

Day-1 - Saturday, May 14, 08:30-16:30, Two-day course

Day-2 – Sunday, May 15, 08:30-16:30.

**Course Description:**

This course is two full days and takes the place of the S-100 and S-185 and is intended for trained structural firefighters only. It is a combination of classroom instruction and practical exercises and the students will be given all the course material to instruct the firefighters within their respective departments. This course is one of the requirements for members to be deployed provincially either on an Engine or a Tender.

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## **1404 & 1504 – Surface Water Rescue – Dynamic Rescue**

### **Dates & Times:**

Saturday, May 14, 08:30-16:30, One-day course

Sunday, May 15, 08:30-16:30, One-day course

### **Course Description:**

This course is for personnel who operate and search in still or moving water environments, classified as low to medium risk, or who may be involved in a support function to a water/flood rescue technician or team.

- Surface Water Rescue Overview
- Shore Based Rescues
- Physical Standards
- Self-Rescue
- Water Based Rescues
- Rescue Boat Overview
- Basic Operation
- Removals
- Boat Based Rescues

### **Student equipment required:**

Students will require PPE based on the weather conditions. Wet suit or dry suit may be required.

### **Bio for John Dennis**

John Dennis is one of three managing partners for Dynamic Rescue Systems and serves on its board of directors. John is Dynamic Rescues Chief of Operations and is responsible for all the company's training and standby operations, He also oversees Dynamics consulting division and plays a key role in the continued development of strategic relationships with BC's Fire Service.

Prior to Dynamic Rescue, John was the Assistant Chief of Operations for Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services and was responsible for the management of day-to-day operations. John also served as Acting Task Force Leader/Operations Chief for Canada Task Force #1. Through 33 years on the fire floor he was instrumental in the development of many of Vancouver's Technical Rescue programs. John currently sits on NFPA 1006, 1670 (soon to be NFPA 2500), and NFPA 350 .

### **BIO-Aaron Kozak**

#### **Experience**

Aaron joined Dynamic in 2013 bringing with him extensive experience and knowledge. He is a highly qualified instructor that specializes in swift water rescue and aquatic emergencies. He has worked and instructed rescue in fast moving rivers, open water, lakes and indoor aquatic facilities for the last 20 years. Aaron also specializes in technical rope rescue in both wilderness and industrial settings including tower cranes. Aaron has been employed by Calgary Fire & Rescue since 2007. He is currently a Training Officer with the Technical Rescue Teams Division and is heavily involved in course development and training new team members on both the Tech Rescue Team and Aquatic Rescue Team.

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## **1405 & 1505 – Rope Rescue Artificial Highpoints – Ronin Rescue**

### **Dates & Times:**

Saturday, May 14, 08:30-16:30, One-day course

Sunday, May 15, 08:30-16:30, One-day course

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## **1406 & 1506 – Black Sunday Self Rescue – Glenn Paley & Enzo Nanci, Kelowna Fire**

### **Dates & Times:**

Saturday, May 14, 08:30-16:30, One-day course

Sunday, May 15, 08:30-16:30, One-day course

Instructors: Glenn Paley, Training Officer Kelowna Fire Department  
Enzo Nanci, Assistant Training Officer Kelowna Fire Department

The major catalyst for self-rescue devices becoming more widely used in the Fire Service was the Black Sunday Incident involving the FDNY on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 where 3 firefighters were forced to jump from a fourth-floor window to the ground below after being trapped by fire below them. Two of them died that day and one of them would later perish. One of the NIOSH report recommendations from this incident was escape ropes and bailout training for firefighters. Since that time the FDNY has invested in self-rescue devices for all its members. At the Kelowna fire department, we had a near miss incident where four firefighters were trapped on the third floor of a wood frame building under construction with fire below them. At that time, we did not have self-rescue devices and were able to rescue these members with a 35-foot ground ladder. During the rescue, the tip of this fully extended ladder just made it to the balcony floor with no rungs remaining.

### **During this course the following information will be covered.**

- Classroom Portion
  - FDNY Black Sunday and Kelowna Fire Department near miss incidents explained. Both of these incidents resulted in these fire departments investing in self-rescue equipment for their members.
  - Types of self-rescue devices in the fire service.
  - Explanation of components of self-rescue kit.
  - NFPA standards relating to self-rescue devices.
  
- Hands on Portion
  - Instruction on how to load rope, hook, and descent control device into turn out gear or bag.
  - Mayday procedure and clearing window for bail out.
  - Instruction on how to safely use descent control device.
  - Instruction on various anchoring techniques for bail outs including the following:
    - Hook on windowsill
    - Tool in wall
    - Hook into floor
    - Hook into wall stud
    - Remote anchoring including pros and cons
  - Students to practice multiple bail out attempts using the various anchor techniques listed above.

### **Bio for Training Officer Glenn Paley**

Glenn has been a student of the Fire Service since 1993 when he joined the Kelowna Volunteer Fire Department as a paid-on call member. He spent 2 years living at Fire Station #2 in Kelowna as a live in Firefighter before being hired as a

full-time firefighter in 1998. Glenn worked as a firefighter out of the four fire stations in Kelowna until 2006 when he was promoted to the Training Officer position. He enjoys instructing Auto Extrication, Emergency Vehicle Operation, Live Fire Training, RIT/Firefighter Rescue, Fireground Survival, Wild Land Firefighting, Incident Command, Marine Rescue, High Rise Firefighting as well as core firefighting skills. He is also a Firefighter I and II evaluator and adjunct instructor with the Justice Institute of British Columbia.

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### **1407 & 1507 – Fire Dynamics – Brandon Moberg**

#### **Student equipment required:**

Full PPE, possibly knee pads and SCBA

#### **Brandon Moberg Bio:**

Brandon started as a career firefighter in 2006 in North Vancouver. In 2012 he became an instructor in the field of Fire Behavior. This discipline would not only build a stronger resolve in understanding fire but enhance abilities to be an intellectually aggressive firefighter. Initial training from Fire Chief Ed Hartin (Central Whidbey Island Fire-Rescue) and Ian Bolton (District of North Vancouver Fire Rescue), whom are both considered leaders in the field of Fire Dynamics established strong foundational understanding of fire. The science is all about the “why”. Putting that “why” into action, and enhancing firefighters decision-making abilities, builds more effective and aggressive firefighters. He strives to pass on what has been shared with him and looks forward to any opportunity to talk fire.

#### **Trevor Edmonds Bio:**

Trevor Edmonds is a Captain in the District of North Vancouver, where he has worked for 20 years. He has been a Fire Behavior instructor in North Vancouver for over 10 years after first being exposed to science based firefighting tactics in New South Wales by John McDonough and then learning from Ian Bolton and Ed Hartin. Trevor enjoys teaching to help firefighters ensure fireground strategies and tactics are safe, effective and based in a valid understanding of the fire behavior visible on scene at each incident.

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### **1701 & 1711 - FR/EMA New Scope of Practice– Fire Medix**

#### **Dates & Times:**

Tuesday, May 17 @ 08:30-12:00

Tuesday, May 17 @ 13:00-16:30

#### **Bio: Derek Salisbury**

Derek is an Acting Captain/Paramedic with a large lower mainland fire department. His career began with the Chemainus Fire Department as a junior firefighter at 16 years old which began his passion for fire-based pre-hospital care.

As the owner of Firemedix, he assists over 100 fire departments with his EMA licensing approved First Responder and EMR program and is the official First Responder trainer for the Vancouver Canucks.

In response to COVID, Derek and Firemedix created his own NFPA 1001 program that includes FF1/FF2/Hazmat Awareness and ops.

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## **1702 & 1712 – Electric Vehicle Construction – Kevin Patterson**

### **Dates & Times:**

Tuesday, May 17 @ 08:30-12:00

Tuesday, May 17 @ 13:00-16:30

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## **1703 & 1713 – Fire Dynamics for the Aggressive Firefighter – Brandon Moberg**

### **Dates & Times:**

Tuesday, May 17 @ 08:30-12:00

Tuesday, May 17 @ 13:00-16:30

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## **1704 & 1814 – JIBC’s FSD’s Provincial Training Approach - JIBC**

### **Dates & Times:**

Tuesday, May 17 @ 08:30-12:00

Wednesday, May 18 @ 13:00-16:30

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## **1705 & 1812 – NFPA Rope Rescue Training Standards & the WSBC THARRP – Ronin Rescue**

### **Dates & Times:**

Tuesday, May 17 @ 08:30-12:00

Wednesday, May 18 @ 13:00-16:30

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## **1706 & 1716 – Strategies and Tactics - VIERA**

### **Dates & Times:**

Tuesday, May 17 @ 08:30-12:00

Tuesday, May 17 @ 13:00-16:30

### **Bio: Steve Wright**

Steve Wright has been a student of the fire service for over 30 years. After recently retiring from Port Coquitlam Fire & Emergency Services as the Deputy Fire Chief of Operations he joined the Office of the Fire Commissioner at Emergency Management B.C. as a Fire Services Advisor.

For much of his career Steve has been active in the greater fire service by conducting research and providing training, program coordination, consulting, instructional design, and curriculum development. He has worked with various emergency services organizations and private companies including: Vancouver Island Emergency Response Academy (VIERA), FireWorks Consulting, Champions Fire College, First Nations’ Emergency Services Society (FNESS) and the Justice Institute of B.C.

Steve has completed the Justice Institute of B.C. Fire Officer Certificate Program and has a Diploma in Fire Service Leadership and Public Administration. He is a Certified Canadian Fire Investigator (CCFI-C) and holds a Chief Fire Officer (CFO) and an Executive Chief Fire Officer (ECFO) designation from the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs.

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## **1707 & 1717 – Trench Rescue – Progressive Fire Solutions, Eric Grootendorst**

### **Dates & Times:**

Tuesday, May 17 @ 08:30-12:00

Tuesday, May 17 @ 13:00-16:30

### **Instructor Bio: Eric Grootendorst**

Eric is a veteran firefighter with the City of Vancouver, in British Columbia, Canada. Eric spent over a decade on Vancouver's busy downtown east side with 1 company and the Special Operations team. Eric has been involved with special operations for most of his career and has held many positions within this specialty. Eric is also a member of Canada Task Force 1 – Heavy USAR where he has served as rescue team member, team lead, and Lieutenant of Operations. Currently, Eric is the Captain of Operations for CANTF1. In this position Eric works with EMBC, Public Safety Canada, the Canadian Armed Forces, the United Nations, and FEMA. Eric is responsible for training, deployments, and the daily operations of CANTF1. Eric has taught fire departments across Canada, and has instructed for Dynamic Rescue Systems and the JIBC. Eric was the lead instructor for the JIBC's technical rescue program and was responsible for curriculum development and accreditation. Eric is a primary committee member on the NFPA 1670, 1402 and 1403 standards. Eric is the director of Progressive Fire Solutions Ltd, which provides training and consulting in the various fields of special operations including trench, structural collapse, and urban search and rescue.

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## **1714 & 1807 – Rope Based Rescue & Fall Protection – Dynamic Rescue**

### **Dates & Times:**

Tuesday, May 17 @ 13:00-16:30

Wednesday, May 18 @ 08:30-12:00

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## **1715 & 1804 – Resilient Minds – Canadian Mental Health**

### **Dates & Times:**

Tuesday, May 17 @ 13:00-16:30

Wednesday, May 18 @ 08:30-12:00

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## **1801 & 1904 – Control From the Cab - Flashpoint**

### **Dates & Times:**

Wednesday, May 18 @ 0930-1200

Thursday, May 19 @ 08:30-12:00

### **Bio for Kyle Doerksen:**

Proud to Captain Engine 1 crew out of Town Centre Station as part of Coquitlam Fire/Rescue. Contributed to the JIBC for 18 years as fire starter, instructor, curriculum developer and subject matter expert. Lectured internationally, privately around BC and as part of the annual BCFTOA conference on fire behaviour, reading smoke, size-up, line-of-duty deaths, roof

operations and near-miss investigations. Love the job, but equally passionate about riding bikes, playing music, outdoor adventure, food, family & friends.

**Course Description:**

Recent experiences have enlightened me to the value of establishing an incident command post inside the cab of a vehicle during fire operations. This concept is not new, but new to some. If you've ever thought about taking command in the cab and/or are considering such a concept for your team, then this presentation is for you. We'll discuss why, what, when, how and where to take command in the cab. This class will be comprised of 2 one-hour parts with a single break in the middle.

6. Would you be willing to share your presentation with students

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**1802 – Rail Car 101 - Transcaer**

**Dates & Times:**

Wednesday, May 18 @ 08:30-12:00

**Title of Presentation:** Railway Safety 101 and Introduction to CERFLIT (description below)

**Rail Safety 101** – Safety awareness for First Responders related to responding to rail incidents and working safely around railways.

**Introductory Awareness to Canadian Emergency Response to Flammable Liquid Incidents in Transport (CERFLIT)** with the goal to assist Canadian firefighters attain the competencies outlined in Transport Canada's [Competency Guidelines for Responders to Incidents of Flammable Liquids in Transport, High-Hazard Flammable Trains](#)

**Bio: Curtis Myson, Railway Association of Canada**

As the Railway Association of Canada's Transportation of Dangerous Goods Specialist in Western Canada, Curtis combines nearly four decades of experience as a first responder and railroader to make Canadian rail even safer.

The role takes him across Canada and North America as he works with employees of RAC's member railways and first responders to promote safe transportation of dangerous goods, training, and incident response.

Mr. Myson is a Tank Car Specialist and Highway Emergency Response Specialist. He has NFPA 472 Accreditation from Awareness to Technician, Specialist, and Incident Command. He is an NFPA 1041 Level II Fire Services Instructor and has other NFPA accreditations including: NFPA 1001: Firefighter, NFPA 1002: Apparatus Operator, NFPA 1003: Airport Firefighter, NFPA 1051 Wildland Firefighter, NFPA 1081 Industrial Firefighter and some NFPA 1021 Officer Courses (Incident Command and Major Emergency Planning).

Mr. Myson is an active TRANSCAER Committee member for Prairie and BC Regions. He is currently active on the Safety Training Tank Car Committee which is currently developing a new safety training tank car for Canada. Curtis has been recognized with a National Service Award and Merit Award for his work with TRANSCAER.

Mr. Myson is actively engaged on working groups creating Canadian Emergency Response for Flammable Liquids Incidents in Transportation (CERFLIT) as well as instructing Awareness, Level II and III training.

**Bio: Douglas Kittle B.SC, BC Regional TRANSCAER Coordinator; President of Practical Preparedness Services**

Doug's career in oil and chemical spill preparedness and response started with Environment Canada in 1977 and continued with Transport Canada as a Remedial Measures Specialist and Dangerous Goods Inspector until 2010. He continues to work as a Dangerous Goods Specialist with his own company helping to prepare companies responding to spills and dangerous goods compliance.

He has received a variety training on emergency response issues. He is a certified tank truck and tank car specialist with experience in responding to a range of dangerous goods accidents from asbestos to zinc concentrate. Including pipeline, marine, road and rail emergencies.

Doug also was responsible for the development and implementation of the Emergency Response Assistance Plan program for Transport Canada. This is aimed at providing first responders with access to resources and expertise to help in transportation emergencies in their community.

He was the Manager of Transport Canada's dangerous goods and rail preparations for the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. Being embedded with the Integrated Security Unit he provided the risk model and control measures for the safety of dangerous goods during the event.

Currently he is the BC Regional TRANSCAER Coordinator (Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response) promoting access to free training for first responders along transportation corridors. Since leaving Transport Canada he has volunteered to assist with that training in various communities around BC.

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### **1803 & 1813 – UL-Live Fire Research – JIBC**

#### **Dates & Times:**

Wednesday, May 18 @ 08:30-12:00

Wednesday, May 18 @ 13:00-16:30

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### **1805 & 1906 – Fire in Underground Vaults & Substations – BC Hydro**

#### **Dates & Times:**

Wednesday, May 18 @ 08:30-12:00

Thursday, May 19 @ 08:30-12:00

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### **1806 & 1903 – Cultivating Leadership in Turbulent Times - JIBC**

#### **Dates & Times:**

Wednesday, May 18 @ 08:30-12:00

Thursday, May 19 @ 08:30-12:00

#### **Course Description:**

The JIBC is excited to offer a very informative and interactive session with several experienced Chief Officers discussing about their leadership challenges and how they manage during turbulent times. The Chief Officers are representatives from different sized/make-up fire departments. We are extremely pleased to confirm that the following Chief Officers will be sharing their leadership experiences:

- *Small volunteer-Fire Chief Dan Golob- Chetwynd Volunteer Fire Department*
- *Medium composite-Deputy Chief Brad Gaudette- Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service*
- *Large urban-Deputy Chief John Lehmann- Surrey Fire Service.*

## **1811 & 1901– Fentanyl/Clandestine Drug Labs – Mike McNab, RCMP**

### **Dates & Times:**

Wednesday, May 18 @ 13:00-16:30

Thursday, May 19 @ 08:30-12:00

Topics that we will be covering Clandestine Drug Labs Awareness, Extraction Labs, Current Trends, Fentanyl Labs

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## **1815 & 1905– The IC and ISO – Fireworks**

### **Dates & Times:**

Wednesday, May 18 @ 13:00-16:30

Thursday, May 19 @ 08:30-12:00

### **Firefighter Safety – the Role of the ISO and the IC.**

#### **What to know/understand, what to look for, and how to address safety concerns/issues.**

As you're well aware, the primary concern in the fire service is that of the safety of responders, both on the fire ground, or at other emergency incidents. Having said that, and in an effort to ensure that our firefighter's safety is always first and foremost on the fire ground, one of the key areas of discussion and understanding for our Training Officers, Company Officers, and Chief Officers, is a thorough understanding of the application of the Incident Command System (ICS), and more importantly the role of Command function – the IC.

One of the primary responsibilities of this role is that of firefighter safety, thus the Command Staff position of Incident Safety Officer – the ISO.

To ensure the safety of our firefighters, it is important that we understand this critical relationship between the IC and the ISO. How should their roles work together on the fire ground? What is the role of the ISO in terms of the Command function and the ultimate safety of responders?

This presentation will involve a detailed discussion about the Role of the ISO and their relationship with the IC in terms of the responsibility for ensuring the safety of our responders.

Why does the NFPA 1521 Standard require FO-I qualification as a prerequisite for the role of the ISO? What does WorkSafeBC (WCB) say about FF safety, about Rapid Intervention?

When an ISO, how well do your members know/understand risk analysis/management, your resource capabilities, strategic and tactical decision making, and personnel accountability?

Let's challenge these thoughts with some healthy discussion and keep our firefighters safer.

### **Bio: Wayne Humphrey**

Wayne is a 44-year veteran of the fire service, retired from the Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services after a 31-year career serving in fire suppression as Lieutenant, Captain, and Battalion Chief. He also worked extensively with Vancouver Fire's training division as an Instructor, Training Officer, and Division Chief.

Based on his work in both roles he has extensive experience in fire rescue emergency operations, specialty teams, training and development, facilitation, and project creation and management.

He is passionate about building superior expertise amongst the fire service as a whole and fire officers/command officers in particular; a hands-on fire and rescue practitioner, an experienced trainer and facilitator, he pursues his goals with energy and determination.

Wayne has worked very actively developing in-house Firefighter and Fire Officer Development seminars and programs for various career and volunteer/POC fire departments throughout the province, enhancing the skills of officers and firefighters in municipal and rural areas with customized, locally delivered training and education. These seminars and programs are designed to meet the requirements of the BC Structural Firefighters Training Standards (Playbook) as well as those of other associated NFPA Standards required for ProBoard accreditation processes.

The focus of these programs is on the understanding and application of the ICS as an effective incident management process, it's various functions/roles, along with the integration of risk management and appropriate strategic & tactical knowledge and decision-making for effective tactical operations; as well as the implementation of the key Command Staff role of ISO in ensuring responder safety.

In addition to the many career and paid-on-call departments throughout BC, Wayne and his team of a dozen experienced fire officers have also developed and delivered emergency incident management and strategies & tactics training to the Calgary Fire Department in Alberta, and the Winnipeg Fire Department in Manitoba.

**Bio: Randy Hebenton**

A 44-year veteran of the fire service, Randy retired from the Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services (VFRS) following a 35-year career serving as a Battalion Chief after many years as a Lieutenant, Captain, and Training Officer.

He worked extensively with training for the department in the New Recruit program, Company Officer, and Battalion Chief training programs as well as other specialty disciplines. Randy is a lead instructor for the FireWorks Consulting Inc. training team in their Fire Officer Development, ICS, Strategies & Tactics, Live Fire, ISO, and RIT programs, as well as having been an adjunct instructor with the Justice Institute of BC.

Randy also served on the VFR&S recruitment panel conducting interviews for career applicants, as well as instructing for many or fire departments throughout British Columbia, Alberta, and Manitoba.

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**1816 – New Training Officer Introduction - BCFTOA**

**Dates & Times:**

Wednesday, May 18 @ 13:00-16:30

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**1817 & 1902 – Timber Construction Systems “Past, Present, Future” – Sukh Johal, Canadian Wood Council**

**Dates & Times:**

Wednesday, May 18 @ 13:00-16:30

Thursday, May 19 @ 08:30-12:00

**Bio: Sukh Johal**

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Sukh Johal is a double graduate from the British Columbia Institute of Technology holding Diplomas in both Structural Engineering and Business Administration. He also holds a Masters of Business Administration degree in International Business from the Asia Pacific Institute, Graduate School of Management.

For the seventeen years before joining up with WoodWORKS! BC/Canadian Wood Council, Sukh provided value-engineering, design and material supply services to the North American wood-frame multi-family, institutional and commercial market segments.

These days, in addition to being a Senior technical manager for the Canadian Wood Council, he has the additional role of being their Midrise and Tall Wood Technical Lead. Sukh has been with the Canadian Wood Council since 2007 making this year his 15<sup>th</sup> year with the organization.

Wood **WORKS!** is a program of the Canadian Wood Council, whose mandate is to increase the use of wood in construction, through education, training and awareness.

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