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First Aid Certification With or Without Exams

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Attendants...”**

The First Aid Section of the WCB has started examining a new type of re-certification for Level 2 and 3 Attendants. Beginning in Cranbrook October 17th and concluding in Abbotsford December 13th, thirteen meetings are being held throughout the province to gather the opinions of “stakeholders”.

The Board is considering reallocating First Aid Officer resources to more field activities and less certification time, by proposing training and evaluations of experienced First Aid Attendants be conducted outside the WCB. The possibility that this approach may be more costly to Attendants is evident when one considers that at present the First Aid Section covers some of these costs in its budget; and the change would have outside agencies teach and evaluate Attendants on a fee-for-service basis, and the

Board would not be providing assistance to defray these new costs.

The History

The WCB held two series of Occupational First Aid Task Analysis sessions with “stakeholders” in the early 1990’s, at which interest was shown in an alternative type of re-certification for experienceD OFA Attendants. Suggestions included: industry specific courses, core skills with optional courses, more and different “extras” for experienced Attendants, reducing the stress of re-certification, and reducing the retraining and related costs.

In the early ‘90’s the WCB was also redrafting the First Aid Regulations, and some of this discussion overlapped.

The WCB refers to “stakeholders” as those

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**Plan to
Attend
the AGM
January
25, 2001**



**Members who attended the Extra-Ordinary
meeting for nominations Nov.23,2000**