



The CEO's Report



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**CEO Report
Training Bulletin Required
Reading**

This update is the main communication from EMP Canada to you. It announces important training standards and procedures changes and clarifies those that are established. It is a requirement of your membership commitment that you keep abreast of standards by reviewing the information contained in these quarterly updates. Implementation and standards mailing dates vary for members served in different provinces

2007 commenced with a whirlwind of activity which centres around the EMP Canada Version 6 materials. We have received accolades from coast to coast regarding the Version 6 DVDs and the multi-colour student materials. It seems that our customers are very happy with these materials which in turn is extrapolating into more business.

All of the EMP Canada training programs have been upgraded to the new ILCOR 2005 standards with the exception of Pediatrics. We expect that the Pediatric program will be available on or a little before June 30, 2007. In the meantime, all of the following courses have been upgraded and approved by Health Canada, Labour Canada and each of the provincial WCB/OH&S offices across Canada, in particular WCB/BC - Alberta Human Resource Workplace Health and Safety and WSIB Ontario.

- Version 6 Emergency/Basic
- Version 6 Standard/Basic Plus
- Version 6 24-Hour Advanced

- Version 6 Workplace Level One
- Version 6 Transportation Endorsement
- Version 6 Workplace Level Two
- Version 6 76-Hour Advanced Workplace Level Three
- Version 6 Emergency Medical Responder

The specialty programs (get specific) are all upgraded to Version 6 2005 ILCOR standards and the Version 6 DVDs for the following programs will be available on or before May 30, 2007.

- Oxygen Supplement
- Infant and Child
- Bloodborne Pathogen

Once again, we have received recognition from the federal and provincial governments coast to coast in Canada acknowledging the new Version 6 materials. If you have a need for copies of the rulings that we have received, we will be delighted to make them available to you. Simply contact us by email, fax or phone and we will forward copies to you.

NO CHARGE

Renewal of your EMP Teaching Status and Current Membership

If you have not already done so it is time to renew your Instructor Teaching Status to continue teaching the MEDIC FIRST AID® System. To assist you we are attaching your 2007 Membership Renewal Application form. Remember, re-registration must be completed every year and presently applies to those whose memberships expired on December 31, 2006. The **fee is no charge** for those who have completed their Version 6 update. The application needs to be completed and sent to EMP Canada without delay to ensure your teaching status is in place for 2007.

Update training will continue to occur periodically and is dictated by revisions to consensus guidelines made by medical authorities. This ensures that MFA Facilitators are renewed and kept updated which is vital for both you, our membership and EMP Canada. Once we receive your renewal application the EMP Registry will forward your teaching status decals. Please fix the decals to the back of your present card. If you include a photo a new certification card will be sent to you.

Completion of the Version 6 update can be used as credit against your Instructor Renewal fee for 2007. All you need to do is complete and sign the attached Instructor Renewal Form and return it to us with proof of your Version 6 update completion.

If you have questions or concerns in this regard contact EMP Canada at (250) 656-1468 or by email empcanada@shaw.ca

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New Standards and New Materials

So let's begin with the first two items which from EMP Canada's point of view, are interlocked. Generally speaking, there is a grace period within which to implement the new standards and that went through to January 2007. However, our MFA Version 6 materials are already in place and have received approval from Human Resource Development Health Canada, Labour Canada as well as Alberta Human Resource Workplace Health and Safety. Also we have received approval from WSIB Ontario and WCB/BC. So Version 6 is now coast to coast in Canada

How do we update?

For the most part, the EMP Canada instructor membership is using the home-study method to update to Version 6. The cost is just under \$100 which includes the complete home-study update package.

- update pack identifying the old standard – the new standard and the rationale for the change
- instructor Emergency and Standard Version 6 guides
- student training Version 6 DVD or VHS

The regular price of this material is \$500 BUT the introductory sale price which has been extended through until June 30, 2007 is \$99.85. This provides the instructor with all she or he needs to conduct their student training. Without a question, these materials are the best teaching media/aids presently available in the MEDIC FIRST AID® industry.

The Update Process

The self-study method can be completed in about three to four hours, at the end of which, there is an exam to complete. At this point, the Version 6 instructor application form, along with the academic exam, needs to be shipped to EMP Canada for registration purposes. On review of the exam, a letter will be sent confirming your instructor status in Version 6. This will also act as a renewal of your teaching status for 2007 (free of charge).

More information on this subject can be found in this CEO Report Membership 2007 Renewal.

Instructor Training

During July and August 2007, we will be conducting instructor programs for both MEDIC FIRST AID® and industrial safety training programs that we market across Canada. The location of the training will be in Sidney, British Columbia which gives you an opportunity to combine education with vacation. Vancouver Island is one of the most beautiful vacation spots in the world to upgrade your education while you're enjoying a vacation.

Enclosed with this CEO Report, you will find a course schedule outlining the programs that will be available during July and August and those programs include all of the courses that are listed previously in this CEO Report.

Take the time now to make sure that you are ready for the increased training opportunities that will be ours starting in the Fall and Winter of 2007. As an added point of interest, know that the course fees for the instructor training is tax deductible.

More Information On Content - of home study update to Version 6

Both the instructor and the student materials incorporate AED (Automated External Defibrillation) training skills. These same skills are included on the DVD and VHS presentations but for the time being, must be taught separate to the Emergency and Standard courses. To further explain, none of the Occupational First Aid provincial governing WCB/OH&S offices have accepted AED training at the Emergency and/or Standard levels. For the moment, it is only included in their Advanced training programs except, when it is taught to the general community, i.e. other than Occupational First Aid purposes.

What about the costs of the update and the costs of the DVD/VHS student training systems?

We are offering an introductory price as follows:

Version 6 DVD/VHS Introductory Offer

- DVD or VHS student training systems – price \$39.95
- Version 6 Instructor Guide complete with Emergency and Standard guides – price \$39.95
- Version 6 Update Package – price \$19.95

Regular price of this complete system \$500.00 sale price \$99.85

Offer expires June 30, 2007

Training Centre and Trainer Information Concerning Instructor Certification

The following is a reminder of the paper trail that is needed to be provided along with instructor application forms. The first important item is to ensure confirmation is enclosed concerning the applicant's medical background.

- Copy of EMR/EMT-A paramedic certification card
- Instructor status with another recognized national/international agency (copy of certification card)
- Copies of skill evaluation sheets and academic exams, in particular the CCIRG exam and the 100 question academic exam.
- Ensure instructor application form is completed in full and signed. The instructor agreement forms need also to be signed and attached with the application.
- The instructor monitoring form that is completed as the applicant teaches an actual segment of the program to a group of students. It gauges the applicant's performance as to whether it is satisfactory.
- Proof of liability and errors & omissions insurance

The need to forward all of the above documentation with each of the instructor applications that are mailed to EMP Canada is readily apparent. In order for us to certify the instructor to teach, we must review the above documentation. We hope this will assist all of our trainers and Training Centres which in turn will speed up the turn around of instructor applications.

2005 Guidelines (ILCOR) – A Brief Overview

This overview will provide our membership with a brief summary of the changes that are integrated into MEDIC FIRST AID® training program materials. These changes are based on information from the 2005 International Consensus on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care Science with Treatment Recommendations (COSTAR) Conference.

Not all changes are listed in this overview. A complete list of updated CPR and first aid guidelines, including the rationale for change, will be covered in the instructor update lessons. The new guidelines will improve the way that people perform CPR, but they in no way indicate that the 2000 Guidelines for CPR are ineffective or harmful. The improved techniques outlined in the new guidelines are based on scientific evidence and should make it easier to learn CPR and other emergency care skills.

The new "simpler is better" approach supported by research and scientific experts reinforces the methodology MEDIC FIRST AID® has been teaching for years. By creating a student-centred, low-stress learning environment with ample hands-on practice and an outcome-based evaluation, people will be better prepared for actual emergencies.

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Important Notice re Evaluation/Monitoring Forms

Instructor certification in the MFA Version 6 System requires that the Version 6 Update be completed either Self Study or Trainer led class room sessions. In either case, the knowledge Review exam is required to be completed and returned to EMP Canada along with the Instructor Application and the Instructor Evaluation/Monitoring forms. It is important to understand that the Instructor Evaluation/Monitoring forms are required by the Provincial OH&S and to be submitted every 12 months. With this in mind the Version 6 application and or the Instructor 2007 Teaching Status Renewal **can be accompanied by either Version 5 or Version 6 Instructor Evaluation/Monitoring forms**. The forms evaluate the instructors general performance not the specific version of MFA material.

Revised Update Process for Version 6.0

In order to ensure that your MEDIC FIRST AID® training courses provide your students with the latest medical guidelines, it is in your best interest to update to Version 6.0 program materials **as soon as possible**. The update consists of three modules and a series of knowledge review questions.

The modules will include the following:

- 2005 CPR and first aid guidelines, including the **new guidelines, old guidelines** and **rationale for the change**
- how the new guidelines effect MEDIC FIRST AID® training program

Overview of MEDIC FIRST AID® Instructional Design

- to update, instructors will have two options to choose from - the paper (hard copy) update - - and the physical hands-on seminar

Paper Update Packet

- Should you not wish to, or are not able to complete the hands-on trainer led update; you will need to order an update packet from EMP Canada. The update packet includes the three update modules, a written knowledge review, an answer sheet and an update application. Once the update packet has been received, review the modules, and complete the written knowledge review using the included answer sheet. To finalize the update process, you will need to return the complete answer sheet and update application to EMP Canada in Sidney, BC. Your answers will be graded – you must answer 80% correctly to pass and confirmation of your successful completion will be forwarded to you immediately.

Instructor Update – Good for all Programs

- The Version 6.0 instructor update gives instructors the knowledge necessary to teach using the new 2005 Guidelines and updated MEDIC FIRST AID® instructional design. As long as you are currently an EMP Canada Version 5 instructor, the process of updating is quite simple. You will need only to secure a Version 6.0 instructor guide **not the instructor registry handbook** but the instructor guide only. **The instructor guides along with the VHS training videos/DVDs are available at greatly discounted prices to make the cross-over process simple and economically viable.**

New Instructor Cards

- New instructor cards will not be sent out upon completion of the Version 6.0 update. Because the instructor cards are not version-specific, the instructor card you currently hold is good through the renewal date indicated on the card. However, in order to renew your instructor training status for 2007, **it will be necessary that you substantiate that the Version 6.0 update has been completed.** Additional data on this is included in this CEO Report.

What about the costs of the DVD/VHS student training systems?

We are offering an introductory price as follows for home study update to Version 6

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First Aid Videos Get Specific VHS

Have you ever had a request for more detailed first aid training for heart attacks, strokes or allergic reactions? Do you train in areas where workers are at higher than normal risk for hypothermia, snake bites or specific types of injuries such as amputations or burns? With the release of the MEDIC FIRST AID® **Specific First Aid Topic Series**, you will have no problem meeting those requests.

Divided into two topic categories – **Illness and Injury** – the new series of 21 supplementary video programs easily integrate into the MEDIC FIRST AID® Basic Version 5 training system. To use, simply the videos within the managing specific first aid topic segment in each program.

Instructors have the option of selecting topics specific to their needs. For example, clients in cold weather locations might benefit from the “**Exposure to Cold**” program, which details basic treatment options for hypothermia and frostbite. The **Injury Programs** – which include topics on **Amputation and Impalements** – are an ideal fit for industrial work sites where heavy machinery increases the risks of those types of injuries.

The videos run under ten minutes, and follow a fairly uniform structure. We have timed scenarios on multiple topic vignettes setting numerous industrial, office and site specific locations are followed by bulleted instructions on how to conduct a patient history and assessment. As more titles become available, I will mention them in coming CEO Reports. For the time being, the following are those that are now on hand in our Sidney, BC office.

- Physical Assessment and Patient History
- Responding to Allergic Reactions
- Responding to Asthma
- Responding to Bites and Stings
- Responding to Seizures
- Responding to Strokes
- Responding to Heart Attacks
- Responding to Poisoning
- Exposure to Cold

It is important to recognize that the Get Specific videos can be used in conjunction with the Version 6 DVD or VHS. Due to the nature of the specific subjects they are acceptable under the present consensus standards

Please see the attached flyers for a special sale price relating to these Version 5 Get Specific Topic videos and take advantage of the great buys that are now available for the Summer season.

Administrative Notes EMP Canada Rules and Regulations

RECORDS OF ALL MFA TRAINING MUST BE MAINTAINED

A copy of all rosters (written or electronically generated) Class Evaluations, Statement of Understanding, and Instructor or Trainer applications must be submitted to EMP Canada and second copy kept in a training file maintained by the Authorized Instructor, Trainer, or Master.

Effective January 1, 2003 all rosters and class evaluations are to be received by EMP Canada no later than 30 days after course completion date.

EMP Canada staff review all of the rosters and class evaluations as they arrive from our members across the nation. This function is an integral component of the Quality Assurance process that helps us to maintain the credibility of the EMP Programs. Unfortunately, over a period of time some of us have fallen into the habit of grouping the rosters and evaluations. That is sending in rosters and evaluations for classes conducted over a period of several months.

To correct this situation, **Effective January 1, 2003 all rosters and class evaluations are required to be received by EMP Canada no later than 30 days after course completion date.**

Please ensure that ROSTERS include the following information

- Course Description**
- Date Course Completed**
- Instructor Name and Number Clearly Printed**
- Student Names Legibly written**

This helps our certification department to input the information into our computer registry

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Version 6 Instructor Student Certification good for 3 Years

Due to increasing external pressures from those who are seeking harmonization of MEDIC FIRST AID® Certification expiry time frames. Version 6 has new Instructor and Student Standards

Version 6 Instructor and Student Certifications are issued for a period not to exceed 3 years. These standards took effect as Version 6 commenced to be taught in Canada approximately October 1, 2006. It will only apply to Version 6 courses and will not effect any of the Mark III, Mark IV, or Version 5.0 Certifications

This change in certification standards will only apply where Provincial standards permit. Check with EMP Canada if you are unsure of your Provincial legislation.

*** **extract from Version 6 Instructor Guide** ***

Instructor Requirements

Instructor status indicates the Instructors current standing and ability to instruct the MEDIC FIRST AID® Basic Emergency Training Program. If Instructors do not meet re-certification obligations or have documented violations of administrative guidelines, a change in Instructor Status may occur.

- **Instructor Certification is issued for 3 years.**
- To validate teaching status for an initial instructor certification, instructors must provide EMP Canada **with proof of insurance**. To remain in current Teaching Status proof of insurance is required with the renewal application each year.
- To remain current, an application for renewal of Teaching Status and EMP Membership is completed and signed each year.
- Instructors must have a **program monitored by an EMP Trainer each year** to remain in current Teaching Status.
- **Instructor Re-certification is completed every 3 years by one of the following methods:**
 - Self-Study program that includes administrative and emergency care knowledge written evaluation, Practical skills evaluation is conducted by an EMP Canada certified Trainer in current teaching status.
 - Formal Re-Certification program that includes administrative and emergency care knowledge written evaluation, Practical skills evaluation is conducted by an EMP Canada certified Trainer in current teaching status.

Automated External Defibrillators

New Defibrillator from Philips

The FDA has approved the new Philips HeartStart FRX Defibrillator for sale. This new Defibrillator is designed to be easy to use, rugged and reliable. The FRX contains most of the features HeartStart OnSite Defibrillator and is easy to use. In addition, the FRX incorporates many of the characteristics of the HeartSafe FR2+ which has been a standard of durability over the years. The FRX can withstand jetting water, crushing weights of 500 pounds, and a one-metre drop onto concrete. This new Defibrillator saves critical time in an emergency with pre-connected pads that can be used on both **adults and children**.

This device features an infant/child key that allows for use of standard pads on children by reducing the shock energy level and providing special CPR instructions for pediatric use. This feature reduces the overall cost of owning the device because only one type of pad is necessary.

The FRX uses an infrared data port to transfer information to a personal computer or a PDA using the Palm OS platform to provide a mobile, wireless solution for data management. As with all HeartStart Defibrillators, the FRX uses **SMART biphasic technology** to deliver a highly effective shock. Using **SMART** analysis to assess the heart rhythm, the FRX will deliver a shock only when appropriate. What's more, **SMART** pads enable the FRX to keep pace with the Responders by automatically adjusting to their actions. Contact EMP Canada for additional information or pricing

Industrial Safety Training Programs

Synonymous with the upgrading of all of our MEDIC FIRST AID® courses, we have also updated our industrial safety training programs. In particular, the following programs have been or will be completely updated on or before June 30, 2007.

Confined Space Entrant Attendant	Forklift/ Manlift
Confined Space Supervisor	Respiratory Awareness
Fall Restraint / Fall Arrest	High Angle Rescue
WHMIS	Transportation of Dangerous Goods
Fire Defence and Extinguisher Training	Incident Command
ATV Operator Employee Training	Accident Investigation

Having updated all of these programs, both MEDIC FIRST AID® and industrial safety, we believe that we are now ready for the Fall season of 2007. Clearly, there will be an onslaught of activity, not only in the oil and gas industries but also the forestry, mining and the pipelines endeavours will accelerate during the Fall of 2007.

I am confident that we are on the brink of an economic expansion in Canada that will parallel what occurred in the oil and gas industry in the late 70's and we are ready to provide the service to meet the needs that will generate.

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