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New scholarship program supports emergency preparedness in BC communities BCTC contributes \$5000 towards municipal scholarships

VANCOUVER – BC Transmission Corporation (BCTC) has contributed \$5,000 towards emergency management training scholarships offered by the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC). The funding will enable five community representatives from across the province to attend JIBC's 400-level Incident Command System (ICS) training to support emergency preparedness.

Over the past year, BC communities have faced a variety of emergency situations including floods, wildfires, windstorms, transportation incidents and hazardous material spills. Incident Command System training is a critical step for municipalities looking to develop the ability to respond to such emergencies and catastrophic events.

"Safety is a top priority at BCTC and we are proud to be partnering with the JIBC to promote emergency preparedness across our province," said Jane Peverett, BCTC President and CEO. "We are confident that this training will help communities build the capacity to respond to situations that require an organized effort."

According to Murray Day, JIBC Director, Emergency Management, "Our municipal partners are often called upon to manage incidents that threaten the safety of their communities and citizens. ICS training provides a foundation for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of their response to all types of emergencies."

The ICS course includes simulation of a critical incident, re-created in a realistic environment. The simulation allows participants to experience the decision-making process required when complex issues arise. Participants train within a safe but challenging setting where best practices can be identified and shared. Municipal employees can find more information and apply through the Justice Institute's website: <http://www.jibc.ca/emergency>

The Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) is a provincial post-secondary educational institution with a mandate to deliver justice and public safety training and education.

BC Transmission Corporation is the Crown corporation that plans, operates and maintains the province's publicly owned electrical transmission system.

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