

Chu Chua First Responder Program UPDATE

Chu Chua Volunteer Fire Department First Responder (FR) program began in August of 1994. There were six individuals who stepped forward and successfully complete the First Responder Provider Program—Level 3 and received a certificate from Justice Institute of BC. Since 1994 the community has depended upon 6-11 members for support during times of urgent/critical medical care while waiting for BC Ambulance arrival.

During the first year of Covid19 and going into the second, it was recommended not to go out on medical calls due to the possibility of contracting Covid19. (so much was unknown)

As of early **March 2022**, all of our current First Responders, **licence have expired** and were no longer able to practice as a emergency medical assistant in BC. Only three individuals have expressed the **COMMITMENT** to continue as a First Responder for the community. This is not enough to run a course. The FR program need dedicated and committed individuals; if you can put time into training and be available to the community—give me call for more information.

I reached out to First Nations Emergency Services Society (FNESS) to inquire about training. FNESS can offer the training at no cost to the community. Since it has changed to a licensed program, it has become difficult to get a license and maintain the license under EMA Licensing Board.

FNESS has offered to do a **COMMUNITY FIRST AID COURSE** to teach basic first aid to individuals who are wanting to learn how to support their family members. Please let me know if you are interested in taking this course, *see attached sheet for more information.*

Deadline: Friday, April 22, 2022

Course: set up mid to late May 2022

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