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NEWS RELEASE

Cariboo College Acting Principal Leo Perra, announced today that the Post Secondary Department of the Ministry of Education is not prepared to approve the college's proposed Fire Prevention and Suppression Training Program.

In a letter from Duncan MacRae, Director, College and Institute Programs, Program Services Division, the college was informed of the decision of the Ministry of Education.

"Naturally, this news is a disappointment for the college," Perra stated, "since we have been working to develop a fire prevention and suppression program to meet the needs of our region based on the information we have received from our local advisory committee."

Discussions are currently taking place between the Ministry of the Attorney General, the Fire Marshal's Office and the Ministry of Education about the future role in fire suppression and prevention programs of the new Justice Institute.

The new Fire Commissioner's Office has yet to play it's role in coordinating provincial training needs in the fire prevention and suppression field, a field in which municipal fire departments currently operate on their own.

The college was informed that at present many municipal fire departments do not recognize or accommodate pre-employment training programs of the type proposed by Cariboo College.

In addition, MacRae informed the college that "it is the desire of the Fire Commissioner's Office that training programs will receive the necessary endorsement and support from employers on a province wide basis."

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