

Re: MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTORS EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR  
 MCMASTER UNIVERSITY, HAMILTON, ONTARIO  
 1978 MAY 08 - 10 INCLUSIVE

Following is a report from the Director of Fire Services regarding a proposal to have the Fire Department's Chief Training Officer attend a seminar in Hamilton, Ontario in May.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT approval be granted for Chief Training Officer H. McDonald to attend the Municipal Fire Department's Instructors Educational Seminar at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario from 1978 May 08 to 10 inclusive.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

**TO:** MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
**FROM:** DIRECTOR-FIRE SERVICES  
**RE:** MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTORS EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR,  
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Background

With the provision of an Assistant Training Officer in 1976, Mr. H. McDonald, Chief Training Officer, has devoted considerable time reviewing our present and future training requirements to provide for continued development of the Burnaby Fire Department.

Accordingly and in the light of discussions held by the Board of Administration at their recent meeting, the Board members requested approval be obtained for Chief H. McDonald to attend the Municipal Fire Departments Instructors Educational Seminar to be held at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, 1978 May 08-10 inclusive.

Attendance by Chief McDonald at this seminar is predicated on certain factors, e.g., course content, the need to discuss with Training Officers from major Canadian cities their current thinking in this vital field, exposure to which will allow for a continuous flow of information through affiliation with the Association and its membership.

Sponsors: Municipal Fire Departments Instructors Association

Course dates: 1978 May 08-10 inclusive

Candidate: Chief Training Officer, H. McDonald

Cost: \$515.00

Breakdown:

Course fee including meals and accomodation

\$ 90.00

Transportation

425.00

Total

\$515.00

### Course Content

The course content is most opportune insofar as it is devoted in large measure to areas which the Board of Administration has, at present, under active review and may be cited as follows:

Metric conversion in the Fire Service; (American National Fire Academy which is presently in its formative stages and may well provide information on how British Columbia should proceed in the establishment of a Provincial Fire College);

Fire protection standards, Bell Telephone Canada (we have its equivalent in Burnaby, B.C. Tel);

New concepts in breathing apparatus (e.g., 4.5 cubic feet Scott Air Paks of which we have just recently purchased six (6));

Factors to be considered when purchasing operational and training equipment in terms of maximum return for the tax dollar;

Rescue and safety procedures (a review and demonstration of current Ontario procedures);

Fire fighters role at railway derailments (a constant threat in Burnaby due to our geographical location to Vancouver City);

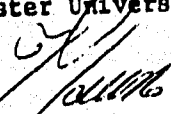
The importance of being able to communicate in terms of training and administration.

### Departmental Benefits

Benefits obtained from participating in this seminar will be of immediate and long range value. Immediate benefits will provide our training division with the opportunity to introduce current thinking on recently developed operational procedures in the Canadian Fire Services, with its attendant time and cost savings, while the long term benefits will be reflected in Burnaby Fire Department's preparedness in handling new technological hazards which invariably accompany industrial developments in a modern day society.

### RECOMMENDATION

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DIRECTOR-FIRE SERVICES

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