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Re: Firestar Services Inc. welcomes Mark Urquhart to the team

The Ontario Ministry of Labour recently required a 5% reduction in operational budgets for all Provincial Safe Work Associations working directly under their umbrella. This meant a reduction in some services to municipal, private and public entities including fire departments and emergency medical services. The 5% reduction required for Public Services Health & Safety Association (prior to amalgamation in 2011 – Municipal Health & Safety Association - MHSA) was implemented and affected the Public Services Health & Safety Association (PSHSA) - Provincial Emergency Services Unit. The impact was a loss of the following practical programs offered to First Responders Provincially since 1993.

As of April 1, 2015 Emergency Services across Ontario will no longer receive hands on training/certification from a PSHSA in the following topics:

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- Trench Rescue Programs
- Rope Rescue Programs
- Structural Collapse Rescue Programs
- Heavy Machinery/Agricultural Machinery Rescue
- Hydrocarbon Awareness and Suppression Program (Level 1 & 2)
- Carbon Monoxide Program

This termination of hands on training/certification has produced a void within emergency services across Ontario leaving each fire department to obtain training providers as needed for their technical rescue training and re-certification needs.

Firestar Services Inc. (Firestar) is proud to announce that we will be able to fill this void by offering this type of training to your First Responders just as you received when MHSA / PSHSA conducted it. Under the leadership and instruction of Mark Urquhart, these courses will be offered and conducted with a high level of safety and professionalism as previously recognized. Your certification instead will come from Firestar and also from National ProBoard, if desired.

Courses can be scheduled so that your training needs for the remaining part of the year can be met with full satisfaction and professionalism - contact us today to schedule your class or to discuss how we can assist you in your department's-organization's professional development.

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Firestar has been in existence since 2006 and have provided services for many municipalities and private corporations across Canada and the United States. Please check out our web site to see more details about our company.

Thank you

Firestar Services Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark van der Feyst', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Per: Mark van der Feyst, President

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