

FR Steering Committee

The FR Steering Committee met in Medicine Hat on 19 Sep 2011. It provided an opportunity for Blair Winger and me to do a hand over as I was appointed the NE OPI for the FR Steering Committee. It also gave me an opportunity to meet the members on the committee. In attendance were Blair Winger, Don Martin (NS), Serge Desbiens (ON), Bob Desbiens (PQ), Jeff Schwartzenberger (BC), Jason Elder (AB/North), Mike Mymko(MB/SK) and Brendalee Blaney(Staff Resource). Brother John McLennan was also in attendance. We also invited John Hall. We have contracted John Hall to write the new Standards for the FR's. We talked about work descriptions being rewritten and tied in with the new standard. There was some good discussion around the table. There was also some discussion around a pay study. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2012.

FR Wellness Committee

The joint CF/DND FR Wellness Committee has a meeting scheduled for 18 January 2012. One of the agenda items will be the Terms of Reference. Also at this meeting coming up, Pierre Voisine will be giving an up date on the progress on the talks with the employer on coverage for presumptive cancers. At the present time, DND employees are not covered for this but the Municipal and Volunteer Firefighters are. Covered varies with each province. I know that is an important topic for all FR's.

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