2016 MANDATORY UPDATE FOR LIFESAVING SOCIETY FIRST AID AND RESUSCITATION
Lifesaving Society Programs and Content

Lifesaving Society programs undergo a regular review and update process

The Lifesaving Society can change program content anytime

Bronze Star Item 6 – 2014 revised item
Lifesaving Society Programs and Content

Feedback is important to the Lifesaving Society

The Lifesaving Society completes data analysis of feedback and research

The Lifesaving Society is responsive to feedback and research

The Lifesaving Society makes the decision for our programs
2016 First Aid and Resuscitation

October 2015 – New research was released and analyzed

February 2016 – Canadian Consensus Guidelines on First Aid and CPR released

May 2016 – Government of Alberta communicated required changes to content in workplace approved first aid training programs
National Program Impact

Lifesaving Society Canada reviewed National Program content and literature; changes identified in:

- National Lifeguard
- Bronze Medals
Branch Program Impact

Lifesaving Society Alberta and Northwest Territories Branch reviewed Branch Program content and literature; changes identified in:

• Emergency First Aid (EFA)
• Standard First Aid (SFA)
• Aquatic Emergency Care (AEC)

Note: EFA, SFA, and AEC are Government of Alberta workplace approved
Branch Program Impact

Lifesaving Society Alberta and Northwest Territories Branch reviewed Branch Program content and literature; changes identified in:

- CPR
- CPR-Health Care Provider (HCP)
- Oxygen Administration
Program Alignment

Content in Lifesaving Society Branch programs align to Lifesaving Society National programs

Example: CPR content in Bronze Medals is the same as CPR content in Branch CPR programs
Resource and Program Literature Impact

All National and Branch literature and program materials have been updated

Affiliates should continue to use existing inventory of literature and program materials
Government of Alberta and Government of Northwest Territories
Workplace First Aid

As an agency delivering workplace first aid training programs the Lifesaving Society has an Agreement and Quality Management Plan with the Government of Alberta
Workplace First Aid

The Government of Alberta has Quality Management Plan requirements which all approved agencies must meet.

Lifesaving Society Affiliate Delivery Partners and First Aid Instructors must meet the Quality Management requirement and Lifesaving Society Policies and Procedures.
Workplace First Aid

Government of Alberta expectations for workplace first aid have been updated.

The Lifesaving Society is required to implement policy changes to meet changing expectations.

- Communique sent – October 26, 2016
Workplace First Aid

What’s Coming:

• In 2017 Lifesaving Instructors will have a process to be certified as Emergency First Aid Instructors, eligible to teach and evaluate Government of Alberta workplace approved Emergency First Aid
Mandatory Updates

Mandatory Updates occur when there are changes to Lifesaving Society program content, there are changes to program delivery, and/or changes to policies.

Completion of Mandatory Updates is a prerequisite to be able to recertify at the Instructor / Instructor Trainer level.
Mandatory Updates

Mandatory Updates make sure that consistent key messages and changes are communicated to Affiliate Delivery Partners and affected leadership volunteers (Instructors, Coaches, and Instructor Trainers)
2016 Mandatory Update

Communique was sent October 27

A Mandatory Update Guide is on the website to guide Affiliate Delivery Partners, Instructor Trainers, and Instructors through the process
2016 Mandatory Update

Individuals complete a distance process

Affiliates encouraged to schedule an in-service during which staff complete the mandatory update.

- A PowerPoint Presentation has been provided for this in-service
Implementation Time Frame

November 1, 2016 - Instructor (original and recertification) courses/clinics delivered by updated Instructor Trainer using updated materials

January 1, 2017 or sooner – Lifesaving Society Emergency First Aid, Standard First Aid, Aquatic Emergency Care, CPR, CPR-HCP, Oxygen Administration, and National Lifeguard delivered by updated instructor using updated materials
Implementation Time Frame

May 1, 2017 or sooner – Bronze Medals delivered by updated instructor using updated materials

Example of updated materials – lesson plans
Further Information

For further information see the Communiques at www.lifesaving.org, or contact the Lifesaving Society

Email: experts@lifesaving.org
Phone: 780-415-1755