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JIBC Launches Canada's First Bachelor of Emergency and Security Management Studies Degree

New online degree to meet the demand for leadership positions in the growing fields of emergency management and security

NEW WESTMINSTER, BC - The Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) announces the launch of Canada's first bachelor's degree to integrate emergency management and security studies, with a solid foundation in business fundamentals and leadership. The new Bachelor of Emergency and Security Management Studies (BESMS), offered completely online, will be accessible to current and aspiring emergency management and security professionals anywhere across Canada, or internationally.

"In Canada, the number of emergencies affecting communities has significantly increased over the last decade. At the same time, Canada has raised its profile on the world stage by hosting high security events such as the 2010 Winter Olympics and the G8 and G20 summits," comments Murray Day, Director of the JIBC Emergency Management Division. "As a result, there is a real demand for professionals with qualifications in both emergency management and security. We are pleased to meet this demand through Canada's first degree that will prepare leaders to enter both of these exciting and growing fields."

In addition to providing students with fundamental skills in both emergency management and security, the new BESMS will offer a solid foundation in business administration and leadership.

"Employers don't just need qualified emergency management and security professionals, but qualified leaders who bring to the table core business administration and management skills," comments Colleen Vaughan, Program Director for the BESMS. "We're excited that the JIBC Bachelor of Emergency and Security Management Studies will be the first of its kind to prepare Canada's next leaders in emergency management and security."

The degree is offered completely online and students will have the opportunity to collaborate and share best practices. Designed in a laddered format, students have the opportunity to graduate with a diploma after the first two years of study. A full cohort of students will begin the first intake in September 2010 and applications are being accepted for the next intake in September 2011. Admission requirements are posted online at www.jibc.ca/emergency.

Graduates can expect to apply for emergency management and security positions with local, regional, provincial and federal emergency programs as well as health organizations, educational institutions, crown corporations, transportation authorities, utilities, natural resource companies, private security agencies, property management firms, and other private businesses.

The JIBC Emergency Management Division (EMD), part of the School of Public Safety and Security, has been training emergency management and public safety professionals across Canada and internationally for more than 20 years. EMD launched Canada's first Emergency Management Certificate in 2003, followed by an Emergency Management Exercise Design Certificate in 2009.



For more information on the BESMS, visit www.jibc.ca/emergency or contact Sarah Wareing at 604-528-5794 or swareing@jibc.ca.

Every day, residents of British Columbia, across Canada and the world benefit from the graduates of the JIBC who keep communities, businesses and homes safe. The JIBC, Canada's leading public safety educator, is a dynamic, post-secondary institution recognized nationally and internationally for continuous improvement and innovative education in the areas of justice and public safety. Each year, 32,000 students enroll in JIBC applied and academic programs that span the spectrum of safety, from prevention to response and recovery.

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