



The Lifesaving Society is excited to announce that our equivalency pilot course for Occupational First Aid Level 1 went very well resulting in WorkSafeBC's approval of our program as equivalent.

What this means for you:

- Our new Emergency First Aid, Standard First Aid and Aquatic Emergency Care programs are all recognized by WorkSafeBC as equivalent to Occupational First Aid Level 1.
- Lifesaving First Aid Instructors, once updated, will be able to teach first aid programs that are recognized by WorkSafeBC.
- Lifesaving First Aid Instructors will be able to teach first aid to individuals in all municipal departments and members of the public requiring WorkSafeBC OFA Level 1 for their job.
- All lifeguards on deck who take an updated Lifesaving Society EFA, SFA or AEC course or recert will be able to operate as an Occupational First Aid Attendant in their workplace.

Our next steps forward are:

- Determine a launch date and roll-out strategy for OFA Level 1 program implementation.
- Update First Aid Instructors with new program materials and issue Occupational First Aid Instructor certifications.

Thank you for your support and encouragement along this journey. Your patience has paid off and we are eager to continue working with you to implement the new program.

We are grateful to the City of Surrey and EP Industries for the generous donation of their facilities for pilot execution and instructional resource development. We could not have done this without their support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Brooke Cherfils, Education Director, at 604.299.5450 or email brookec@lifesaving.bc.ca.

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