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Life Long Learning

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Canadian Fire Alarm Technicians / Education update

Professional Training

Changes, changes, changes. Ongoing training is now a part of the CFAA (Canadian Fire Alarm Association) training program.

It is tragic that every year we lose people and property to the ravages of fire. On a going forward basis hundreds of people spend thousands of hours each year with one goal in mind. Minimize this type of loss.

To minimize loss; codes are created and updated that reflect the best practices that we all can use to help people everywhere.

Once upon a time Fire Alarm Technician was trained and then they started working on the systems that protect our families. The reality is that to keep up with the codes our technicians need ongoing education.

Everyone from Property Managers, Fire Inspectors, Employers and Supervisors are counting on the ability of Fire Alarm Technicians to keep people safe. That's right. The Fire Alarm Technician is the key.

A New Program Requirement

Starting in January 2016 the CFAA program for training Fire Alarm technicians has been updated. The program will provide a more consistently trained technician. The updated program has two final exams, one theory and a practical exam.

Ongoing training

To help technicians catchup on code changes and new technologies the industry has committed to regular training of 8 hours each year.

Registration Renewal

During the registration renewal process Technicians must provide proof that they have met the education requirement.

The Investment Costs !

When we combine the cost of training and the cost of reduced invoice time this industry has committed 3 million dollars per year. We believe that this dramatic increase will go a long way to increase the protection of life and property.

Other industry Training

Starting in 2015 the CFAA created training to help fire prevention officers and building inspectors to evaluate the various codes and responsibilities in an effort to increase understanding and consistent enforcement.

Over the 2016 year, additional training has been provided for building owners and managers. This training will help to increase the understanding among all industry stake holders.

We are all invested in the safety of people who live in the buildings that we take care of. Now updated programs and training will increase our understanding of the best practices. Fire Safety really is everyone's business.

If you are a manager and you would like to know more then contact us at 905 212-9110. For other newsletters and useful information visit our website at www.macl.ca.

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