

## FIRE AND SAFETY

### OBJECTIVES:

To ensure compliance to Workers' Compensation Board and Fire Prevention rules, to reduce accidents and prevent fires.

Initiated in February 1984, this section established the Corporate statement and policy along with the Occupational Health, Safety and Loss Prevention Program. The Program is a contractual requirement for those doing business on the EXPO 86 site. The Fire and Safety Section which administers this program, was expanded in the summer of 1984 to include three Fire Safety Supervisors who routinely inspect and demand compliance in regard to the applicable codes and regulations.

During the planning and design phase of the EXPO, attention was paid to fire prevention considerations such as fire routes, hydrant locations, emergency entrance and exits. All steps were taken to prevent fires as well as facilitate a prompt response should a fire occur.

A site wide alarm system has been installed whereby smoke and heat sensors initiate building alarms as well as alert the central control centre. The on site fire personnel are dispatched at the same time the Vancouver City Fire Department are alerted. The on site personnel will attend first and advise the true nature of the alarm. If a significant fire exists City resources will be escorted to the site.

September of 1985 saw the installation of two Rapid Response vehicles and crew members. Currently working from 1500 hrs to 0700 hrs, 7 days a week, the Rapid Response crews are involved in an on-going fire prevention and hazard identification process, response to fire alarms, auxiliary First Aid as required and security. March 1, 1986 will see this operations providing 24 hour coverage.

With regard to safety matters, during the EXPO Safety Supervisors will investigate all injury accidents on the site to identify any remedial action necessary. Also these staff will report such incidents for insurance and legal follow up action.

During the staff training period Fire and Safety personnel will participate in the orientation of all site staff in Safety and Emergency procedures. Also a fire and Evacuation plan exists for each facility, which building staff must be competent to activate.