
**NATIONAL UPDATE 2011-09
As of December 22, 2011**

At a recent NCJC Allowances committee meeting (of which the Local is a member), it was recommended that Port Hardy, BC and Smithers, BC will be added to the list of FSS sites as defined in the Isolated Post Program. Approval from the NCJC Executive Committee and Joint Council means that our members assigned to these sites are now eligible for subsidization for their isolation, medical, dental and vacation expenses as dictated by the NCJC Programs. The Local would like to thank Charli Price, a dedicated union member assigned to Port Hardy, for all of her work, help and research in this matter.

Due to the fiscal and economic prudence of the trustees, of which a member of L2245 sits, and plan management of the NCBA Retiree Health Care Plan, retirees under this plan now have the added benefit of a drug card.

The program to replace the FWGS systems continues to roll on. OSR personnel will be seeking additional input from field sites in late January 2012. Members of the TWG will be given access to the equipment soon after that input has been integrated into the new system. Beta testing in the field will be conducted during late February or early March. Full certification is planned for the Spring of 2012.

Just as a reminder, as per MANOPS, members shall not use cell phones or smart-phones while you are responsible for an operational position. This includes texting.

I would like to wish a safe and Happy Holidays and Season's Greetings to all the members of Local 2245.

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