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## Community Services Newsletter

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## Happy New Year!

Welcome to the first edition of the SJA Alberta Council Community Services Newsletter. The new, province wide volunteer newsletter will be published quarterly and available to SJA members on line from our website. See below for the link.

Readers will be kept informed about community service programs, new initiatives, news and information about volunteering for St. John Ambulance in Alberta.

Also, there will be contests and give aways throughout the year.

**First Contest: Name This Newsletter!** See next page for details.

## What's going on in St. John

Provincial First Aid Competitions are set for Saturday, April 17th in Edmonton at the Mayfield Inn and Trade Centre.

Get a team of four together, start practicing and enter the Competition. Registration package and more information is on the SJA website at [www.sja.ca/ab](http://www.sja.ca/ab) or contact your local Community Service Coordinator.

Check out the new Community Service volunteer programs for 2010 on the next page.....

## Child Safety Seat Program

**S**t. John will be offering child safety seat information sessions free of charge to parents/caregivers through community services trained volunteer facilitators.

The program will be phased in at selected SJA Centres throughout 2010. All selected volunteers will be trained to the CRS Technician level (2 1/2 day course).

Further information and Centre roll-out dates will be provided in the next edition of this newsletter.

## Volunteer Leadership Development

**E**ffective leadership is essential to the success and growth of organizations and individuals.

The new 9 hour St. John Ambulance Volunteer Leadership Development Program is designed to help participants explore key elements of personal and group leadership and to increase their confidence in their leadership skills. Sign up at your Centre today!

**E**very day is a good day to learn something new!

## General Volunteer Orientation

**V**olunteer orientation has occurred in a variety of ways across the province. St. John Ambulance Alberta Council has developed a standard format that ensures each volunteer receives the same essential information.

Current SJA volunteers have the option to attend a group session at their Centre, receive the orientation documents via e-mail, or by regular mail.

New volunteers will attend a scheduled group orientation session at their Centre.

Please see your local Community Service Coordinator for the details about this and other programs.

## Radio Communications

**H**ave fun, meet new people and learn how to use the St. John Ambulance radio equipment in a professional and competent manner in this short 2 1/2 hour course. Please see your local Community Service Coordinator for more information.

## Contest

Feb 1, 2010  
Deadline.

Name This Newsletter!

Send in your creative, interesting, funny and clever suggestions for the new name of the Community Service Newsletter to your local Community Service Coordinator by February 1, 2010.

The winner will be announced in the April edition and will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Chapters.

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## Coming up in the April 2010 Edition...

New name for the SJA newsletter

Volunteer Appreciation Week  
April 18th - 24, 2010

New web-based volunteer event sign up process

And more.....

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