

October 19, 2011

TO: Locals - NRCAN
National Executive
National and Regional E.O. Representatives

RE: **NRCAN NPCHS Meeting**

The NRCAN National Policy Committee on Health & Safety met on October 14, 2011. Brother Chuck Davis, Regional Vice-President, Ontario Region, and Sister Manon Desormeaux, Service Officer, attended. The following issue was addressed at the meeting noted above. Those issues not addressed at this meeting of the NRCAN National Policy Committee on Health & Safety will be addressed at the November 21, 2011 meeting.

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

UEW advised that a resolution was adopted at the UEW Triennial National Convention held in August 2011 which mandated UEW to initiate further discussions with respect to AEDs. UEW requested that the Department revisit the 5-minute response time which it views as too short.

UEW further noted that every first aid course now has an AED element attached to it. Further, some Departmental training also includes an AED element.

The Committee agreed with UEW's request to review the process. The issue will be tabled at the February 2012 meeting to provide enough time for the Committee to review the existing information.

Should you have any comments or concerns regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to communicate with the national office.

Yours fraternally,

Todd Panas,
National President,
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