



# Annual Report

1971

April 1972

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SASKATCHEWAN SAFETY COUNCIL, VAGABOND MOTOR  
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Attorney General  
Province of Saskatchewan

Presentation: Mr. Christian Smith  
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While war and contagion in modern times still claim thousands of human lives, these killers have been surpassed by greater ones -- called accidents.

The number of deaths by accidents in the home, on the street, in the factory, on the farm, in the mine, on the water and on the highway, and in other settings, has taken on appalling proportions. Notwithstanding all our attempts to educate people in observing safety rules, notwithstanding the tireless efforts of safety oriented people like yourselves and other similar groups, to help reduce and prevent accidents, more and more people each year, particularly on the highways are killed or disabled -- in many cases permanently, as you are only too well aware.

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Respectively submitted,

J. Walter Erb,  
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## TREASURER'S REPORT

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This report is presented in a more modified form than that done by the Provincial Auditor to reflect what actually happened during 1971. Programs offered by the Council during 1971 brought in greater revenue reflecting the increased promotion and public acceptance. Costs of providing the programs have been maintained so that the revenue to the Council has been maintained.

A surplus in operating funds in the amount of \$9,800.00 was achieved due to the Executive Director taking leave of absence for a portion of the year and some planned expenditures for purchase of films and books not being made.

We appreciate the support of the agencies of government who have made it possible for the Council to continue to operate and for the audit that was performed. Copies of the Provincial Auditor's statement are available at this meeting and at the Council office.

Membership remains a nebulous factor in Safety Council support and efforts to increase revenue from this source will be expanded in 1972.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. McLeod  
Treasurer

SASKATCHEWAN SAFETY COUNCIL

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the balance sheet of the Saskatchewan Safety Council as at December 31, 1971 and the statements of revenue and expenditure for the year then ended. My examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis whereas the financial statements for the previous year reflected only the cash receipts and payments that occurred during that year. Balance of Surplus as at January 1, 1971 of \$1,977.04 represents - cash in bank of \$1,877.04 and an accountable advance in the account of \$100.00 as at December 31, 1970.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Saskatchewan Safety Council as at December 31, 1971 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

"Signed"

W. G. Lutz, C.A.,  
A/Provincial Auditor

Regina, Saskatchewan  
February 9, 1972

SASKATCHEWAN SAFETY COUNCIL - STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS -  
FOR A TWELVE MONTH PERIOD - ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1971

<u>General Account</u>	<u>December '71</u>	<u>Yr. to Date '71</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Government of Saskatchewan		7,000.00
Saskatchewan Government Insurance Office		12,225.00
Workmen's Compensation Board		5,000.00
Associations and Companies	55.00	4,109.00
Insurance Companies		2,225.00
Cities, towns and villages	20.00	1,130.00
Rural Municipalities	5.00	887.50
Individual Memberships	2.00	163.00
Bank Interest		329.16
Miscellaneous		35.00
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	82.00	33,103.66
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Salaries and Pension	3,127.61	21,416.63
Advertising and Publicity		979.59
Bank Charges	1.37	15.12
Insurance		133.01
Meetings - General		132.33
Meetings - Annual		140.08
Memberships		164.12
Office Maintenance	10.08	141.37
Office Equipment		1,292.61
Postage and Express	112.35	851.24
Publications and films	11.95	296.33
Rent	157.00	1,884.00
Stationery and Printing	152.98	711.84
Telephone	49.29	477.81
Travel	145.78	924.52
Miscellaneous	5.80	75.49
Equipment Service		205.72
Western Rural Safety Conference		25.51
Child Safety Week		2.14
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	3,774.22	29,869.46
<u>Self Supporting Programs</u>		
Bike License Program		705.44
Defensive Driving Course	628.35	3,101.61
Elmer	95.48 dr	32.52
Baby Sitters	183.20	764.79
Mile Swim	5.00	147.99
Pedal Pusher		593.45
School Poster Program	285.50 dr	388.58
Defensive Driving League	1.00	5.00 dr
Safe Bike Course		93.00 dr
College and School Projects		15.00
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	436.57	5,651.38
Cash on hand - December 31, 1971	9,025.97	

## TRAFFIC DIVISION

### ANNUAL REPORT

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Following the Annual Meeting held in Regina, on April 29th and 30th, 1971, the Traffic Division held general meetings at Melville, June 17, 1971, Saskatoon, September 16, 1971 and at Weyburn January 20, 1972.

Attendance at the meetings was most encouraging with representation from most areas of the Province.

Management Committee Meetings were held prior to the General Meetings.

The objectives of the Saskatchewan Safety Council were the theme for the meetings. The participation of the membership indicated interest and enthusiasm, resulting in many valuable resolutions to be presented to the proper authorities or organizations.

One of the highlights of the past year was the inauguration of "Snowmobile Safety Week" throughout the Province, January 9-15, 1972. The response from the news media, business firms, snowmobile clubs and the general public was most gratifying. The program has been approved by the Division for a repeat performance in January 1973.

Saskatchewan fatalities for 1971 show an increase of seven over 1970. However, this figure is still an improvement over the years 1969, 1968 and 1967.

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214	207	240	268	292

The 1970 Annual Report stated that D.D.C. course enrollment for the year 1971 should increase with the promotional support of the Insurance Adjusters Association of Saskatchewan. Unfortunately this promotional program did not commence until the latter part of 1971. The expected increase of student participation did not materialize. It is hoped there will be a significant increase for 1972.

Chairman W. G. McInnis and members of the Defensive Driving Board have continued their efforts and support in the development of the Course. The records are as follows:

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>
Number of Courses	105	119	71
Number of Instructor Trainees	29	73	14
Number of Graduates	2,026	2,448	1,971

I would urge all members who have devoted their time and support of the Division in the past to continue their enthusiasm and activities in the pursuit of Traffic Safety.

On behalf of the Division I extend appreciation to the Executive, Directors and the Council staff for their assistance and support in our endeavours during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. K. Gilbert, Chairman  
Traffic Division

## FARM DIVISION

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During the year the Farm Division has continued to work toward improved rural safety in general and farm safety in particular. Our efforts seem to be channelled in three directions:

- (a) Improvement of mechanical safety devices on farm machinery.
- (b) Regulations pertaining to farm and rural safety activities.
- (c) Extension and education directed towards the farmer and his family.

The Farm Division played a significant part in the 1971 Western Rural Safety Conference held in conjunction with the 1971 Canada Safety Council Conference at Saskatoon. Several members of the Division participated in the 1972 Western Rural Safety Conference held recently in Brandon.

A delegation from the Farm Division attended the Annual Meeting of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Extension Advisory Committee where they initiated a discussion of ways and means of involving farmers and farm leaders in farm safety work.

One Division meeting was held at the Regina Agribition in an endeavour to obtain the participation of farmers - The Safety Council supported us by featuring farm safety in the Safety Council display booth.

Several questions relating to farm safety were developed by the Farm Division for inclusion in the Saskatchewan Safety Council Community Survey.

The Farm Division is happy to report that the Farm Safety Film presently being produced by the Canada Safety Council will be ready this fall. The results of a study presently being undertaken by Dr. Dennis of the Occupational Health, Department of Public Health is expected to help the Farm Division in future programs.

In 1972 the Farm Division proposes to:

- (a) Explore ways and means of more effectively reaching farm families with the safety message.

- (b) Continue pressing for methods of improving operator protective equipment on tractors and grain augers.
- (c) Explore means of promoting the safe handling of chemicals on the farm.
- (d) Explore the feasibility of initiating the use of a farm safety consultant as a pilot project in one Agricultural District.

As Chairman of the Farm Division I want to thank all members of the Division for their help and co-operation, not only in carrying out the work of the Division but also for the many worthwhile suggestions and ideas to make the Division more effective.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Pope, Chairman  
Farm Division

HOME DIVISION

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Major emphasis of the Home Division continues to be geared toward the Baby Sitter's Training Course. During the year 1162 students graduated in 45 courses, conducted by sponsoring groups and organizations throughout the province. We are pleased to report that we have been able to offer the course in 20 Indian Schools in the province in cooperation with the Department of National Health and Welfare.

"Child Safety Week" 1971 was observed with a display at the Northgate Mall. The theme of the display was "Poison Prevention". We contacted approximately 350 families on an individual basis. A high proportion of these were parents or grandparents of very young children so that we were able to point out the importance of recognizing the hazardous products symbols.

Plans are underway for a display at the Eaton Dominion Mall during "Child Safety Week" on May 5th and 6th, 1972, featuring child safety restraints.

The Home Division manned the Saskatchewan Safety Council display at Agribition in Regina on November 30th to December 3rd, 1971. Reports indicate that approximately 50,000 people attended the event.

A film entitled "Behind The Closed Door" featuring the hazards of abandoned refrigerators will be available for showing this fall, courtesy of the Refrigeration Service Engineers Society.

I am very pleased to make this report as Chairman of the Home Division and extend my thanks to the members for their assistance and support throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. Chapman  
Chairman, Home Division

## RECREATION DIVISION

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The major thrust of the Recreational Divisions activity over the past year has been directed toward the snowmobile, evaluating its impact in the environmental legal and social contexts.

The spiralling increase in ownership and use of snowmobiles has created new regulatory problems, particularly where their use conflicts with the more traditional forms of transportation or renders conservation and game control legislation inadequate.

During the year, divisional committees were established to deal with these and other aspects of snowmobiling. Primary emphasis was placed on organizing enthusiasts of the sport into clubs and on supplying educational materials and programs designed to encourage voluntary restraint without restrictive legislation. So far, results have been very encouraging. We have the full cooperation of the snowmobile industry in our efforts. Major dealers in Saskatchewan have pooled their resources to give financial and practical assistance to Snowmobile Clubs, and a Saskatchewan Snow Vehicle Association is already a reality. The enthusiastic response of individual clubs and snowmobile owners has also proved very encouraging, and we hope to channel this enthusiasm into more practical and extensive educational programming in the coming year.

Snowmobile Safety Week, sponsored by the Division in cooperation with other interested agencies, was a tremendous success. The press, radio, and television networks supported and supplemented our efforts with additional coverage throughout the province and I would like to extend a personal note of thanks to them for their cooperation.

Snowmobile Clinics, developed by the Division have also proved very popular. During the snowmobile season, visual aid kits of films and scripts were booked over fifty times for Safety Clinics in various parts of the province. In addition, Bob Peltier of Carlings Brewery, conducted another 40 to 50 courses many of which were referred to him through the Saskatchewan Safety Council office due to overbooking of our own equipment.

The success of this preliminary project has exceeded our most optimistic predictions and with the experience of the past season behind us we hope to review and improve our material to make it even better next year.

In cooperation with other divisions of the Council, a provincial opinion survey was launched on various aspects of safety activity. Financed principally through a Federal Government Local Initiatives Grant, ten persons were employed over a sixteen week period in selected areas of the province, to obtain first hand opinions on snowmobiles, boating, cycling, farm, home and traffic safety. This project has also been a resounding success and should provide a great deal of useful information in planning program priorities. A final report on the survey is being prepared and should be available towards the end of May.

In any review of the past years activities, I would be remiss as Chairman, if I did not recognize the tremendous assistance we have received both from our membership and from outside agencies interested in our work. It is this cooperation and support which has made the past year a success.

I would also like to thank the office staff for the valuable assistance and cooperation they have given us. Their dedicated effort is one of the major reasons we have made significant progress in controlling recreational accidents.

Respectfully submitted

R. Beanlands,  
Chairman, Recreation Division

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### COLLEGE AND SCHOOL DIVISION

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Programming a dynamic schedule of activities for the College and School Division is a chronic problem due to the large number of agencies engaged in related or similar fields.

Because of this condition the College and School Division has generally acted as a coordinating facility advising interested groups and individuals where information or advice might be obtained.

A departure from this practice has been our resuscitation program developed some years ago, and continuing to be in demand by various school groups, particularly at the elementary level. Five hundred student kits were distributed during the year.

We have also initiated a School Safety Poster program in cooperation with the Ontario Safety League. One hundred and eighty seven schools receive posters monthly including 20 on Indian reservations.

Another new outreach project presently under consideration is a School Bus Supervisors Conference. Many school units have similar problems in the scheduling and maintenance of school buses and the College and School Division hopes a professional organization such as that proposed will provide a forum for school bus supervisors discussion of common problems. We hope to have final approval for this project by June 23, 1972.

The Division is also cooperating with Optimist Clubs throughout Saskatchewan in a comprehensive Bicycle Safety program developed by the Canada Safety Council and introduced late in 1971. This project was launched with a proclamation by the Provincial Government. "Safe Bicycle Week" from April 16 to 22, 1972 has been given enthusiastic support by both the general public and the school authorities.

In conclusion I would urge all other Divisions of the Council to make use of the College and School Division contacts and facilities in programs directed towards the younger generation in schools and universities. We have the facilities and the desire to lend whatever assistance we can in getting the safety message across to our young people.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Shockey,  
Chairman,  
College and School Division

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The Sask. Safety Directors Association have joined the Occupation Division of the Sask. Safety Council as predicted by the 1970 Chairman, Mr. Ralph Houseman, in his annual report. This group have since changed their name to the Sask. Industrial Accident Prevention Society, or (SIAPS), as they are now referred to. The reasoning in the change of name is that there are many people in industry who are responsible for safety but have titles other than Safety Directors and who would be welcomed in the (SIAPS) Society.

At meetings in September (1971) and January (1972), SIAPS members continued to express an interest in an "Industrial Safety Seminar".

A suggestion was made that the Sask. Safety Council become the Seminar sponsor to act as a central clearing house, staff for correspondence, publicity and promotion. I am pleased to announce that such a Seminar has been prepared with much help from the Safety Council staff, and which I hope will be enjoyed by all participants.

As Chairman, I have started a Gold Hat Award to industries or individuals in industry for outstanding safety achievement which I hope will become an annual presentation.

I have proposed to the Division a new executive group make-up which would include a Past Chairman, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and two Directors who would be available for Division planning and programming.

A new program feature which it is hoped will become an annual presentation, is a report from the Sask. Department of Labour, Occupational Health and Safety sections.

It is hoped that new achievements of the Division will be aids to industry, from the collective knowledge and know-how of industries with successful safety programs.

One group to which I would like to express thanks for this Division being able to sponsor the Industry Safety Seminar, is the Sask. Oil & Gas Safety Council which has given financial support to this endeavour and whose members gave me their complete backing.

We are pleased to report that this program has been presented without cost to the Sask. Safety Council.

Individual commendation must be given to Mr. Earl Swinton of the Saskatchewan Petroleum Association who was the original promoter of an Industry Seminar in Saskatchewan.

While this year's program may not have filled all needs, it is my hope the participants may depart with ideas of a bright future for the Occupational Division.

Respectfully Submitted

Allan P. McDonald,  
Chairman, Occupation Division