



2005

Saskatchewan Safety Council



ANNUAL REPORT TO THE
COMMUNITY

*Working together to achieve a
Safe Saskatchewan.*

Overview of the Saskatchewan Safety Council

The Saskatchewan Safety Council is a non-government, non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to the prevention of injuries and fatalities in Saskatchewan.

It all began on November 15, 1955, when a group of individuals involved in the safety industry met to discuss common issues. This led to the creation of the Saskatchewan Highway Safety Council. It eventually evolved into other areas of safety and became the central agency in the province for all safety related matters.

Developed primarily to reduce road deaths and injuries, its mandate now includes four divisions: Traffic; Occupation; Farm; and Home and Community.

Today, supported by both the public and private sectors, the Council fulfils its pledge to injury prevention through education; technical programs and services; and public safety awareness activities.

The Saskatchewan Safety Council is financed by membership contributions, corporate and government sponsorship, grants, contributions and the distribution of safety programs and materials. Funds are used to research, promote and sponsor safety programs. Council policies are set by the Board of Directors and administered by a permanent staff in Regina.

Startling statistics: Unintentional injuries are a major financial, personal and medical burden. Saskatchewan's stats are among the worst in Canada:

- Injuries occur at the rate of 158,000 per year, one every 3.5 minutes. Deaths from injuries total 329 a year.
- Hospitalizations from injury total 9,800 a year, more than 800 a month, 26 every day, or twice the national average.
- The number of persons permanently disabled each year is 3,500 – one every 2.5 hours.
- Preventable injuries drain more than \$1 billion from the Saskatchewan economy.
- The provincial death rate from unintentional injuries is 1.4 times the national average, 40% higher than the rest of Canada.

The Saskatchewan Safety Council fosters the belief that an informed person is a safer person – at work, at home, on the road, in every facet of living.

We gather information and statistics on preventable deaths, injuries and illnesses, placing special emphasis on why they happen and how to prevent them. Most importantly, we convert information into action through training, educational programs and materials, consulting and leadership.

For further information about the Council and its programs, please call 306-757-3197, visit our website at www.sasksafety.org <<http://www.sasksafety.org>> , mail or visit 448 Hoffer Drive, Regina, SK S4N 6E2, or fax 306-569-1907.

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Traffic Division Report

Traffic safety, both on and off the job, is something that many businesses are recognizing as an important component of their occupational safety programs.

This increased awareness is translating into increased demand for traffic safety courses at the Saskatchewan Safety Council.

A strategic direction for the Traffic Division has been developed. Over a series of meetings the members of the division debated a direction for the activities of the division. The result was a decision to make people understand that traffic safety is a personal responsibility and that each person has to make a conscious effort to do everything possible to make our roadways a safer place for everyone.

Defensive Driving Course (DDC)

The DDC program continues to be an extremely popular at the Saskatchewan Safety Council. The introduction of Graduated Licensing in Saskatchewan has led to an increased number of DDC classes at the Safety Council as well as in communities around the province. Also, the number of courses requested by companies has been steadily rising in the past few years. We're hoping this trend continues.

The Saskatchewan Motorcycle Training Program

2006 marks the 30th anniversary of our offering motorcycle training in Saskatchewan. The previous 30 years have seen the Saskatchewan Safety Council train thousands of people to ride safer and has contributed to a safer riding environment all over Saskatchewan.

The Motorcycle Training Program is in transition for 2006. Our direct management of the Saskatoon program has not been without its challenges. We encountered a lot of resistance from the instructional group when we began to implement our policies and procedures. This culminated in October of 2006 when a majority of the instructors decided to offer their own program outside of the Gearing Up Program that the Saskatchewan Safety Council offers.

This has meant, that with the assistance of the Regina Chief and Seniors Instructors, we have begun the process of recruiting and training new instructors and we will be offering classes in 2006.

Despite all the problems currently facing us, the Saskatchewan Motorcycle Training Program is planning to go ahead with a new course in Regina for 2006. Introduction to Motorcycling is designed for people that have no experience with riding a motorcycle. The course will provide the



basics of riding and give the participants an opportunity to experience riding a motorcycle in a class that is smaller, has more instructors per student and is generally slower paced.

We are hoping that through this course, we will introduce new people to the sport of motorcycling and they, in turn, will recommend either the Introduction to Motorcycling or Gearing Up courses to friends, family members or co-workers.

Snowmobile Safety Training Program

In 2005 we held 53 courses throughout the province and trained 740 students, a 10% increase over 2004.

The new regulations state that: All people born on or after January 1, 1989 are required to take a safety training course prior to operating a snowmobile. This means that over time all snowmobile operators will be safety trained. As this fact becomes better known course numbers should continue to increase.

Safety trained riders make better riders-less injuries and fatalities will ensue.

Skid Smart

To meet the growing demand for the Skid Smart course we initially scheduled 19 courses for 2006, an increase of nearly 50 per cent from 2005. However, the warmest winter on record allowed us to complete only 11 of those courses. Courses scheduled for Saskatoon and Prince Albert had to be cancelled due to insufficient ice thickness.

We are hoping to offer additional courses in November and December of 2006 as well as our 2007 course offerings.



Driver Audits

Our In-Vehicle Driver Audits continue to be a popular program, particularly with summer students. Many companies such as Syngenta, Enbridge and Bayer Crop Science use this program to evaluate the driving competence of new and existing employees.

55 Alive Refresher Courses

Our aging population in Saskatchewan will be placing an increased importance on developing a strategy for older drivers to drive longer and to drive safer.

Our 55 Alive program continues to be a tool that older drivers can use to update and refresh their driving skills. With the generous support of CAA Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Safety Council has been offering the program in Saskatoon and Regina as well as smaller communities such as Cabri, Kelvington, Sifton, Pelly and Quill Lake.

Community Traffic Safety Program

Traffic Safety Presentations

Close to 4200 students in 34 schools across the province received a Traffic Safety Presentation on behalf of the Saskatchewan Safety Council. Three presenters traveled the province to talk to students about bicycle, pedestrian, school bus, and seat belt and airbag safety. We received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the students and teachers, all who showed an appreciation for the program and a need to have the safety messages brought to their communities.

Child Passenger Safety

The Child Passenger Safety program grew substantially in 2005. Now there are approximately 230 certified Child Restraint Systems Technicians in the province working hard to ensure our little passengers are travelling safely. From Stony Rapids to Coronach to Lloydminster to Moosomin, our technicians come from numerous agencies from all corners of the province.

Community Involvement

In addition to school presentations and car seat clinics, we also provided education to communities in other ways. The community traffic safety administrator provided information and education at the following events:

- 5 Welcome Wagon Baby Showers (Regina, Moose Jaw and Swift Current)
- Immigrant Women's Day
- Toys R Us Baby Fest
- ESL Mom's group, Regina Literacy Unit
- Holy Rosary Community School Parents Group
- London Drugs Mom & Baby Days
- Safe Kids Week (Bike Rodeo)
- Regina Teddy Bear Bash
- Capital Pontiac Car Care Clinic
- SGI Play it Safe Day
- Punnichy Health Fair
- School Bus Safety Week

One of the biggest highlights was a Bike Rodeo at MacNeill Elementary School during Safe Kids Week, a national education campaign presented by Safe Kids Canada. This year the theme was summer safety. The Saskatchewan Safety Council teamed up with Acquired Brain Injury Partnership Project (ABI) to host an exceptional Bike

Rodeo. Students were able to practice their riding skills, learn how to properly fit their bike helmet, gain knowledge of the rules of the road, and find out about bicycle maintenance. Thanks to Safe Saskatchewan, the SGI Safety Squad and Western Cycle Source for Sports for their assistance and expertise.



The Community Traffic Safety Administrator continues to be involved in various committees in the province. The Administrator chairs the Saskatchewan Interagency Committee on Child Passenger Safety, which met twice this year to discuss child passenger safety in the province. The Administrator also acts as a resource on the Regina School Pedestrian Traffic Safety Committee and the Saskatchewan Bicycle Coalition, offering assistance where needed and participating in discussions. The "ICR Insider", which keeps people informed about child passenger safety, was distributed to approximately 500 people who work or volunteer at child restraint clinics in Saskatchewan.

The Saskatchewan Safety Council thanks SGI for its continued sponsorship of the Community Traffic Safety Program.

Occupation Division Report

Industrial Safety Seminar

The 32nd Annual event, held in Regina, set a new attendance record with 701 registered delegates and 63 display booths making this one of the largest safety events in western Canada.

New Staff Member

Rick Schwartz will assume responsibilities, mainly in the Occupation Division, as a full time safety instructor.

Program Delivery

The number of programs delivered in 2005 was up over 15 per cent in the number of courses delivered and 35 per cent in the number of participants. In total, 249 courses were offered to 1909 participants.

The following is a listing of course statistics:

Course	# of Courses	# of Participants
Work Zone Traffic Accommodation Supervisor	18	331
WHMIS Instructor	1	5
WHMIS	21	227
TDG	9	54
First Aid/CPR	12	90
Fire Fighting with Hand Portables	7	119
Introduction to Fire Extinguishers	0	0
Forklift Instructor	2	9
Forklift Operator (in house)	104	337
Forklift Operator (direct)	41	162
Sask Energy Training Alliance	65	574
2005 Total	284	1909
2004 Total	249	1412

Program Development

SaskEnergy Training Partnership

There was a significant amount of time spent on developing future training for the SaskEnergy Training Partnership. Two new programs were introduced in 2005, Hearing & Respiratory Protection and Confined Space/H2S Awareness.

2005 marks the first year that the courses were advertised and opened up to smaller companies. The number of smaller companies accessing the training is expected to grow as the system expands. This will make training in more remote areas of the province more viable and allow us to reach many of the smaller organizations that we cannot currently reach.

Floor Warden Training Program

The new Floor Warden Training program and the associated fire extinguisher courses continues to grow. The pilot courses went well and training is expected to do well in 2006.

Additional Activities

- The Council took an active role in the promotion of North American Occupational Health and Safety Week. About 300 delegates attended the launch. Guest speaker Candace Carnahan, also spoke to two high schools while she was in Regina.
- The Council again participated in the Provincial Mine Rescue Competition.

- Council staff assisted at the Industrial Fire Fighters Competition again in 2005.
- Several meetings of the Saskatchewan Process Industry Training Network were attended in 2005. It is hoped that this relationship will develop further in the future.
- Meetings were held with SIAST and several Regional Colleges in an attempt to develop training partnerships. Negotiations will continue in the future.
- The Saskatchewan Safety Council's relationship with the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering continues to be strong. The CSSE's monthly meetings are often hosted by the Council and projects such as the Ed Amaolo Memorial Award (Safety Professional of the Year) and NAOSH Week are ongoing.

Farm Division Report

The Farm Division continued to promote safety to Saskatchewan farmers and their families. Everyday farmers are exposed to a variety of healthy and safety risks that make farming one of the most hazardous occupations in the industrialized world. Our goal is to help farmers reduce hazards and build a safer working and living environment.

This year we actively promoted farm safety through agricultural fairs and other community events. We participated in Canadian Western Agribition and the Western Canada Farm Progress Show, which are two of the largest farm events in Western Canada.

We provided a variety of farm safety messages through the media during the past year. These were well received and we will continue to provide positive messages to help farmers and their families reduce their risk of injury. We also promoted Canadian Agricultural Safety Week, which is a national public awareness campaign focusing on safe farming.

Power Pac Program

The Power Pac Program continues to be a part of school classrooms throughout Saskatchewan. Our presenters are busy visiting many parts of the province, meeting with children and teachers and showing children how to be safe everyday. The annual Power Pac training workshop was held in Saskatoon on January 14-16 with 28 students participating. The workshop allowed students to learn about safety, focusing on areas and situations on the farm that are risky to children.

In April, SaskPower initiated a commercial featuring Power Pac team member, Carri-Ann Smith. It showed a day in the life of a Power Pac team member and how we visit schools to promote safety. It was filmed in Abbey, Carri-Ann's hometown, and featured her school and the students who attend it. The commercial was aired across Saskatchewan in May and June.

We were pleased to present our new "Farm Safe in Saskatchewan" video at the Annual General Meeting. This is used as part of our farm safety presentations and focuses on dangers to children including tractors, machinery, livestock, electricity, water and emergencies. This video was narrated by Power Pac presenter Jessica Schmidt and was filmed on the family farm in Earl Grey.

In the spring we were able to travel and visit northern schools with our urban program, as well as Yorkton, Moose Jaw, Swift Current, Weyburn, North Battleford and Prince Albert.

A children's drawing booklet based on the injury prevention messages we teach in our urban Power Pac presentations was developed. The winning pictures from a province wide drawing contest were incorporated into the booklet, along with safety messages. Safety subjects included electricity, water, falls, burns and sports. It is being distributed to students who participate in our urban presentations.

In October, we celebrated our success at Dr. Hannah School in Regina with a media announcement highlighting the partnership between the Safety Council and SaskPower, and that Power Pac presenters have reached over 200,000 children.

Our fall recruitment program was successful with 21 new students being accepted into the program. The workshop weekend was held December 2-4 in Regina with 32 students. This was a busy weekend with new students beginning training on Friday evening and continuing through Sunday afternoon.

Throughout the year we advertise to schools, and work very hard to book presentations promptly and visit schools and speak to children about safety in educationally sound, effective and creative ways. Over the course of the 2004-2005 school year, we reached over 50,000 children in both our urban and rural programs. Since our partnership with SaskPower began in 1998, we have reached over 200,000 children with our safety messages! The Saskatchewan Safety Council thanks SaskPower for its continued sponsorship of the Power Pac Program.

Safe Saskatchewan Report

Safe Saskatchewan is a unique legacy project targeted at building public awareness for the need for safety at work, at home, at play, on our farms and on our road system. It was initiated by the Saskatchewan Safety Council in 2004 and is led and funded by a coalition of eight business, community, non-profit, government and non-government organizations.

Saskatchewan has one of the highest unintentional injury rates in all of Canada. Every year approximately 160,000 reported injuries cost the provincial economy close to \$1 billion. The off-the-job injury rate is double that of workplace injuries and these injuries often have a greater impact on the individuals and the workplace than work related injuries. The vast majority of these injuries are predictable and preventable.

The number of organizations endorsing Safe Saskatchewan grew to 27 in 2005. These include government, non-government organizations, non-profit and industry trade associations. They assist in building awareness of safety issues in Saskatchewan and the need for injury prevention.

Safe Saskatchewan delivered nearly 70 safety and injury prevention awareness presentations to more than 2000 people - employers, industry groups and community groups around the province - in 2005.

Safe Saskatchewan developed partnerships with radio and print media to deliver injury prevention messages.

A CORE Injury prevention team was established. It includes representatives from a number of organizations involved in injury prevention. The team will advise Safe Saskatchewan on injury

prevention issues emerging at the community level and will assist Safe Saskatchewan in coordinating injury prevention activities throughout the province.

Safe Saskatchewan will continue to: expand its community networks; work to coordinate and support injury prevention across the province; and build public awareness of the need for safety and injury prevention in 2006 and beyond.

By acting on the Safe Saskatchewan mission of working together to eliminate unintentional injuries in Saskatchewan, the lives of Saskatchewan people will be improved, the economic environment for business will be enhanced and millions of dollars in health and social costs will be saved!

Home and Community Division Report

2005 was a busy and productive year for this division. On our own, and in partnership with others we participated in several public awareness campaigns. These included Play it Safe Day; Safe Kids Week; School Bus Safety Week; and National Senior Safety Week.

In 2004 our division began to expand into the area of fall prevention among seniors. We continued this direction in 2005 with representation on the Canadian Red Cross Senior Fall Prevention Committee. With assistance from Safe Saskatchewan we produced and distributed a poster and brochure across the province. In November, we supported National Senior Safety Week by sending out a news release on falls and home safety.



The babysitting program continues to be popular. Other ongoing programs included Block Parent, Boat Safe, Buckle up Baby and Home Safety for Seniors.

Memorial Trust Fund Report

The Memorial Trust Fund was founded in the 1970s after a farm accident led to a tragic fatality in Saskatchewan. The community rallied to raise money for the Council, which led to the formation of the Trust Fund. The goal of the fund was to provide funding for safety education and programs aimed at raising public awareness. Every year donations, fundraising activities and interest income help support the Trust Fund.

This year the fund has made an ongoing commitment to support an occupational safety scholarship. This scholarship is called the Les Donnelly Occupational Safety Scholarship. The scholarship, worth up to \$2000, is named after the Trust Fund's founder – Leslie R. Donnelly, a former Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Safety Council from 1970-82.

Donnelly is credited with implementing several successful activities and programs, including the Council's Occupational Safety Division and several industrial safety training programs. His efforts have resulted in safety improvements in workplaces across Saskatchewan, and many of his programs remain active to this day.

The Les Donnelly Occupational Safety Scholarship will be annually awarded to a Saskatchewan resident who is enrolled in either a college or university level safety program.

*Saskatchewan Safety Council
Summarized Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005*

Management's Report on Summarized Financial Statements

Management of the Saskatchewan Safety Council is responsible for the integrity of the financial data reported for the Council and for determining the nature and extent of the information reflected in the summarized financial statements. The following summarized financial statements have been derived from the complete audited financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as set out by The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.



Mr. Steve Wallace
PRESIDENT



Mr. Harley Toupin
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

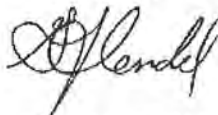
Auditor's Report on Summarized Financial Statements

To the Members of the Saskatchewan Safety Council

The accompanying summarized statement of financial position and summarized statements of operations and changes in fund balance and cash flows are derived from the complete financial statements of Saskatchewan Safety Council as at December 31, 2005 and for the year then ended on which I expressed an opinion without reservation in my report dated March 7, 2006. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of the Council's management. My responsibility, in accordance with the applicable Assurance Guideline of The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report on the summarized financial statements.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements fairly summarize, in all material respects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with the criteria described in the Guideline referred to above.

These summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes. For more information on the Council's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.



Regina, Saskatchewan
March 7, 2006

Fred Wendel, CMA, CA
Provincial Auditor

STATEMENT 1

Saskatchewan Safety Council
Summarized Statement of Financial Position

	2005	As at December 31 2004
Assets		
Current assets	\$ 724,231	\$ 655,396
Long-term investments	336,238	335,292
Capital assets	90,525	81,842
	<u>\$ 1,150,994</u>	<u>\$ 1,072,530</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance		
Current liabilities	313,231	340,040
Fund balance		
Appropriated	401,148	294,817
Unappropriated	436,615	437,673
	<u>837,763</u>	<u>732,490</u>
	<u>\$ 1,150,994</u>	<u>\$ 1,072,530</u>

STATEMENT 2

Saskatchewan Safety Council
**Summarized Statement of Operations and
Changes in Fund Balance**

	Operating Budget 2005	Operating Fund 2005	Safe Saskatchewan 2005	Other Appropriated Funds 2005	Total 2005	Total 2004
Revenue:						
Safety programs	\$ 762,920	\$ 777,572	\$ 275,000	\$ —	\$ 1,052,572	\$ 714,890
Grants	392,700	396,389	—	—	396,389	352,732
Memberships, donations and other	101,350	119,087	7,070	10,932	137,089	153,266
Total Revenue	<u>1,256,970</u>	<u>1,293,048</u>	<u>282,070</u>	<u>10,932</u>	<u>1,586,050</u>	<u>1,220,888</u>
Expenses	<u>1,256,383</u>	<u>1,294,106</u>	<u>183,971</u>	<u>2,700</u>	<u>1,480,777</u>	<u>1,170,070</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses (expenses over revenue)	<u>\$ 587</u>	<u>(1,058)</u>	<u>98,099</u>	<u>8,232</u>	<u>105,273</u>	<u>50,818</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year		<u>437,673</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>294,817</u>	<u>732,490</u>	<u>681,672</u>
Fund balance, end of year		<u>\$ 436,615</u>	<u>\$ 98,099</u>	<u>\$ 303,049</u>	<u>\$ 837,763</u>	<u>\$ 732,490</u>

Copies of the full audited financial statements and notes are available by calling the Council Office at (306) 757-3197.

STATEMENT 3

Saskatchewan Safety Council
Summarized Statement of Cash Flows

	2005	Year Ended December 31 2004
Cash flows from:		
Operating activities	\$ 100,492	\$ 162,287
Investing activities	<u>59,902</u>	<u>(101,981)</u>
Net increase in cash position	\$ 160,394	\$ 60,306
Cash, beginning of year	<u>197,580</u>	<u>137,274</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 357,974</u>	<u>\$ 197,580</u>

Saskatchewan Safety Council
Summarized Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2005

NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

Revenues and expenses related to program delivery, membership, and administration activities are reported in the operating fund. Revenues and expenses related to restricted donations, special research, and safety programs are reported in the appropriated funds. Revenue and expenses related to the Safe Saskatchewan campaign activities are separately reported in the Safe Saskatchewan Fund. Safe Saskatchewan is a private sector, public sector coalition with the objective of increasing healthy and safe lifestyle choices by increasing the awareness of injuries and changing attitudes towards injury prevention.

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