



2006 *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-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 fulfills its pledge to injury prevention through education; technical programs and services; and public safety awareness activities.

The Saskatchewan Safety Council is funded by membership contributions, corporate and government sponsorships, 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 statistics are among the worst in Canada:

- Injuries occur at the rate of 158,000 per year, or one every 3.5 minutes. Deaths from injuries total over 300 per year.
- Hospitalizations from injuries total 9,800 a year, which is more than 800 a month, 26 every day, and is 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, or 40%, higher than the national average.

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

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 or visit our website at www.sasksafety.org, mail or visit 445 Hoffer Drive, Regina, SK S4N 6E2, or fax (306) 569-1907.

The Executive Committee

PRESIDENT:	<i>Steve Wallace</i>
PAST PRESIDENT:	<i>Wayne Summach</i>
1ST VICE PRESIDENT:	<i>Shannon Ell</i>
2ND VICE PRESIDENT:	<i>Warren Bobbee</i>
TREASURER:	<i>Dennis Harrison</i>
MEMBERS AT LARGE:	<i>Jon Wyatt</i> <i>Joseph Chan</i>
SECRETARY:	<i>Harley Toupin</i>

Board of Directors

Dr. Ronald Ailsby	Dr. Barry Heath
Glenda Barton	Craig Sluser
Lorraine Bucsis	Brenda Lucki
Charlie Cairns	Garry Rowe
Jeff Clark	Cleveland Vann
Sarina Clarke	Joanne Hader
Gail Kruger	

Council Staff

Executive Director:	Harley Toupin
Director of Operations:	Dianne Wolbaum
Accounts Manager:	Dianne Molnar
Manager, Occupational Safety and Training:	Will Putz
Manager, Traffic Safety and Training:	Patrick Kurtz
Community Traffic Safety:	Shauntel McCall
Power Pac Program:	Judy George
Snowmobile Safety Program:	Peter Huebner
Safety Instructor/Program Assistant:	Rick Schwartz
Administrative Assistant:	Lynn Evans
Administrative Assistant:	Lynda Carlson
Secretary/Receptionist:	Raylene Reid

Traffic Division Annual Report

Defensive Driving Course (DDC)

The Defensive Driving program continues to be extremely popular. With the implementation of Graduated Licensing in Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Safety Council has experienced a large increase in the number of people that are taking the DDC course. We have averaged three classes per month in Regina, one to two classes in Saskatoon and several classes in Swift Current and Yorkton.

Skid Smart (Collision Avoidance)

The demand for the Skid Smart program continues to grow. We delivered the largest number of courses in our organization's history in 2006, and the demand for courses in 2007 is already outpacing the number of courses we offered in 2006.

In an attempt to meet the demand, we are planning to develop a course that can be held during the spring, summer and fall. Our goal is to incorporate the key concepts of the winter course, which will allow us to offer the course during the summer and fall.

Motorcycle Training Program

The Motorcycle Training Program experienced a number of changes and challenges over the past few years. These changes have made the program stronger, and 2006 was an extremely good year for the program as we offered courses in Regina, Saskatoon and Estevan.

We also introduced a new course in 2006 – Introduction to Motorcycling – which is designed for people who have no experience with motorcycles. Reaction to the course was great, and we are planning to increase the number of courses in 2007.

Mature Driver Refresher Course

The Mature Driver Refresher Course will undergo a significant expansion in 2007. In December of 2006, we entered into an agreement with SGI to expand the program across Saskatchewan. The goal is to offer the course on a regular basis in select communities. We also plan to hold the course in as many other locations as time will permit.

New Courses

The Traffic Division introduced three new courses in 2006 – the 15-Passenger Van Course, a safe Trailing Course, and the Air Brake Refresher Course. The 15-Passenger Van Course is geared towards organizations that use vans to transport their employees to and from job sites. The course is intended to provide operators with background information on control issues and strategies for operating the vehicle safely.

The safe Trailing course has two components – an in-classroom and a practical session. The in-classroom section provides participants with an overview of hook up and unhook procedures, the legal requirements for hauling a trailer and defensive driving techniques. The practical session allows participants to apply the classroom learning techniques by practicing hooks up and unhooks, driving situations, circle checks and backing up a trailer.

Meanwhile, the Air Brake Refresher course is designed to provide drivers with a refresher on the operation, maintenance and adjustment of air brake systems

Snowmobile Safety Training Program

From 2006-07, we trained approximately 500 people through 35 courses. Participant numbers were down slightly from previous years due to an unseasonably warm March that caused 11 courses to be cancelled. Recent regulation changes now require all individuals born either on or after January 1, 1989 to take a safety training course prior to operating a snowmobile. Over time all snowmobile operators will receive proper safety training.



Community Traffic Safety Program

Traffic Safety Presentations

In 2006, over 2,300 students in 18 communities across Saskatchewan received a Traffic Safety Presentation from the Saskatchewan Safety Council. Qualified presenters addressed students on bicycle, pedestrian, school bus, seat belt and air bag safety. We received overwhelming positive feedback from the students and teachers, who all appreciated the program and felt there was a need to have the safety messages brought to their communities.

Child Passenger Safety

The Child Passenger Safety program continues to grow. During 129 clinics in 64 communities in 2006, a total of 2,799 car seats were checked by technicians across the province. In addition to these clinics, car seats were checked by a variety of agencies across Saskatchewan.

Since 2003, the Saskatchewan Safety Council, Regina EMS, and Population and Public Health Services have partnered to offer monthly car seat safety clinics. In 2006, 223 seats were checked through the monthly clinics. In addition to the clinics, the Community Traffic Safety Administrator either organized or helped out at 16 other clinics in Saskatchewan.



Community Involvement

The Community Traffic Safety Administrator continues to be involved in various committees in Saskatchewan. 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 and offers assistance where needed for the Regina School Pedestrian Traffic Safety Committee, the Saskatchewan Bicycle Safety Coalition, and the Safe Saskatchewan Core Committee.

The “ICR Insider,” which keeps volunteers informed about Child Passenger Safety, was distributed to approximately 500 people who either work or volunteer at Child Restraint Clinics across Saskatchewan.



With the financial support of a SGI/ABI Community Grant, a short-term car seat loaner program was implemented in 2006. The goal was to rent out car seats for two to four week terms to individuals who either have family and friends flying in for a visit or who require a car seat for a short period of time. A total of 37 car seats were rented out in 2006.

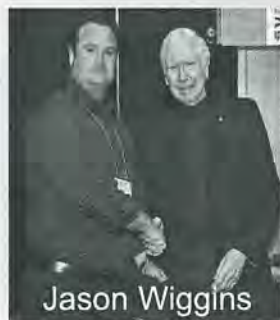
The Saskatchewan Safety Council thanks SGI for its continued sponsorship of the Community Traffic Safety Program.

Les Donnelly Occupational Safety Scholarship

The Les Donnelly Occupational Safety Scholarship is awarded annually to a Saskatchewan resident that is currently enrolled in either a college or university level safety program. Recipients can collect up to \$2,000 in assistance for their education and living expenses through the award.

The scholarship is funded through the Safety Council's Memorial Trust Fund. The Fund was established by Les Donnelly in the 1970s to fund safety education and public awareness programs throughout the province. The scholarship is now named in his honour.

The recipients of the 2006 Les Donnelly Scholarship Award were Sherrie Glistler, Troy Corbett, Jason Wiggins and Beryl Ludwig.



2006 Power Pac Report

The financial support from SaskPower has allowed the Saskatchewan Safety Council to achieve a number of milestones with the Power Pac Program over the years, and the 2005-2006 school year was no exception. Children continue to take part in both the urban and rural programs in classrooms across the province. We are very proud of the efforts we have made to help keep Saskatchewan children safe.

In the 2005-2006 school year, we booked Power Pac sessions at 387 schools and events, delivered over 1,800 presentations, and reached more than 49,000 students. We logged over 66,000 kilometers traveling throughout the province to deliver the program. An important milestone was also reached as we delivered our safety messages to over a quarter of a million children in rural and urban schools since our partnership with SaskPower began!

The Power Pac Program continues to grow despite lower school enrolments, school closures and the amalgamation of school divisions. The program continues to be successful because we target injury prevention in an effort to stop injuries and fatalities before they happen. Every year preventable injuries cost the people of Saskatchewan one billion dollars – that is \$1,000 for every resident in the province. Every day 434 people are injured, amounting to 158,000 injuries every year in Saskatchewan. It is important to remember that preventable injuries cost us as a society. That is why the partnership between SaskPower and the Saskatchewan Safety Council to create the Power Pac Program is such a great investment; we're "Working together to Achieve a Safe Saskatchewan."

Power Pac Program 2005-2006 School Year			
<u>Visits:</u>	<u># of Schools:</u>	<u># of Presentations:</u>	<u># of Schools:</u>
Urban	201	1,058	30,081
Rural	186	784	19,121
Total	387	1,842	49,202



Occupation Division Report

Industrial Safety Seminar

As in previous years, the major activity of the Occupation Division was the Industrial Safety Seminar, which was held in Saskatoon at TCU Place on February 6-8, 2006. A total of 676 delegates registered for the event.

Educational sessions were again the major component of the seminar. Twenty-five sessions were offered on a variety of topics. The Trade Show was also a success, with 51 organizations displaying their products and services, making the show one of the largest of its kind in Western Canada.

Program Delivery

The top program performers for the Occupation Division in 2006 were the SaskEnergy Project, Workzone Traffic Accommodation, Forklift and Fire Extinguisher Training. Forklift experienced significant growth, largely because of the addition of a full-time instructor, while the fire program was supplemented with the lease of a Pyrosoft® Fire Extinguisher Simulator.

A total of 362 courses were offered with a total of 2,612 participants. These figures represent an overall increase of 28% in the total number of training courses held and an overall increase of 37% in course participants.

Committee, program development will continue in 2007.



Additional Activities

The Saskatchewan Safety Council took an active role in the promotion of the North American Occupational Health & Safety (NAOSH) Week by hosting the provincial kick-off for the event.

The Saskatchewan Safety Council is now represented as an associate member on the Joint Industry Committee, which consists of representatives from the industry-funded safety associations. The groups are working towards a standardized safety program and audit format as well as a Certificate of Recognition program.

The Saskatchewan Safety Council continued its strong relationship with the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE) in 2006. The CSSE's monthly meetings are often hosted by the Saskatchewan Safety Council, and projects such as the Ed Amaolo Memorial Award (Safety Professional of the Year) and NAOSH Week are ongoing.

The Saskatchewan Safety Council's Safety Program and Safety Manual continued to evolve. With the introduction of the program format by the Joint Industry



Safe Saskatchewan Report

The Saskatchewan Safety Council was instrumental to the launch of the Safe Saskatchewan initiative in 2004. Safe Saskatchewan, which is led by a consortium of public and private sector founders who are dedicated to injury prevention, is designed to reduce the impact of unintentional injuries in the province. Safe Saskatchewan encompasses a vision of an injury-free Saskatchewan where safe lifestyles influence how we live, work and play.

This past year, Safe Saskatchewan developed a three-year social marketing and communications strategy. The strategy was built on research that included an online and telephone survey, interviews with all of the founding members, and a series of focus groups aimed at Safe Saskatchewan's target audiences. Based on this research, Safe Saskatchewan's strategy was developed and is in the process of being implemented. Safe Saskatchewan is more active than ever both in and around the province. The website, www.safesask.com, was researched and developed in 2006. Meanwhile, Gord Moker, Safe Saskatchewan's Program Coordinator, held over 50 Safe Saskatchewan presentations for more than 2,000 people across the province.

The first Seniors' Falls Strategic Planning Day was hosted by Safe Saskatchewan in Regina. Invitees from across the province and a variety of sectors – including health, industry and government – attended the event. The purpose was to open communication and provide the foundation to develop a provincial strategy to reduce the number of seniors' falls as these accidents account for 80 per cent of the total cost of treating Saskatchewan's elderly people every year.

As a member of the Saskatchewan Alliance for Safety and Health in Agriculture (SASHA), Safe Saskatchewan lends support towards the development of a provincial agriculture injury prevention strategy. Recently, SASHA hosted a Communications Day to obtain input from key stakeholders involved in farm and ranch safety. This input will provide the basis for the development of the injury prevention strategy.

The results of Safe Saskatchewan's campaign have been entirely positive. The mission of working together to eliminate unintentional injuries in Saskatchewan is being demonstrated everyday, leading participants and partners of the vision of an injury-free Saskatchewan to realize that the unintentional injury epidemic in this province can and will be quelled.

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, 2006 and for the year then ended on which I expressed an opinion without reservation in my report dated April 12, 2007. 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
April 12, 2007

Fred Wendel, CMA, CA
Provincial Auditor

STATEMENT 1

Saskatchewan Safety Council
Summarized Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31

<i>Assets</i>	2006	2005
Current Assets	\$ 969,371	\$ 724,231
Long-term investments	443,130	336,238
Capital Assets	80,963	90,525
	<u>\$ 1,493,464</u>	<u>\$ 1,150,994</u>
<i>Liabilities and Fund Balance</i>		
Current Liabilities	304,849	313,231
Fund Balance		
Appropriated	605,556	401,148
Unappropriated	583,059	436,615
	<u>1,188,615</u>	<u>837,763</u>
	<u>\$ 1,493,464</u>	<u>\$ 1,150,994</u>

STATEMENT 2

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

Year Ended December 31

	Operating Budget 2006	Operating Fund 2006	Safe Saskatchewan 2006	Other Appropriated Funds 2006	Total 2006	Total 2005
Revenue:						
Safety programs	\$ 836,869	\$ 918,600	\$ 225,000	\$ ---	\$ 1,143,600	\$ 1,052,572
Grants	401,500	396,755	---	---	396,755	396,389
Memberships, donations and other	121,900	143,474	9,519	12,217	165,210	137,089
Total Revenue	1,360,269	1,458,829	234,519	12,217	1,705,565	1,586,050
Expenses	1,358,317	1,312,385	39,928	2,400	1,354,713	1,480,777
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 1,952	146,444	194,591	9,817	350,852	105,273
Fund balance, beginning of year		436,615	98,099	303,049	837,763	732,490
Fund balance, end of year		\$ 583,059	\$ 292,690	\$ 312,866	\$ 1,188,615	\$ 837,763

(See accompanying summarized notes to the financial statements)

Saskatchewan Safety Council
Summarized Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended December 31

	2006	2005
Cash flows from:		
Operating activities	\$ 371,466	\$ 100,492
Investing activities	(140,374)	59,902
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Net increase in cash position	231,092	160,394
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Cash, beginning of year	357,974	197,580
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Cash, end of year	\$ 589,066	\$ 357,974
	<hr/>	<hr/>

Saskatchewan Safety Council
Summarized Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2006

NOTE 1. INCORPORATION OF SASKATCHEWAN SAFETY COUNCIL

The Saskatchewan Safety Council is incorporated pursuant to *The Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995*. The Council is a registered charity dedicated to preventing injuries and fatalities in the Province.

NOTE 2. 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.

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



A Special Thanks to all our Sponsors...



SaskTel



SaskPower

SaskEnergy



**Saskatchewan
Highways and
Transportation**



SGI
Take care out there.





**445 Hoffer Drive
Regina, SK S4N 6E2
Tel: (306) 757-3197 Fax: (306) 569-1907
Web: www.sasksafety.org**