

Saskatchewan Safety Council
Annual Report to the Community

2008



*Working together to achieve
a Safe Saskatchewan*

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This past year was one of the most successful years to date for the Saskatchewan Safety Council. The Safety Council experienced record breaking income levels and broke attendance records at the 35th Annual Industrial Safety Seminar. Our programs and services also received greater public awareness and visibility thanks to a number of successful media conferences and initiatives. Overall, the entire organization should be proud of its accomplishments.

The Provincial Government formally recognized the Safety Council for its efforts and excellent customer service this year, and the Better Business Bureau of Saskatchewan presented the Council with the 2009 Torch Award for Outstanding Ethics and Integrity in Business for a Non-profit Organization.

The Safety Council continued to strengthen its partnerships with safety organizations both in and outside of the province. We hosted a successful conference for Canadian Safety Associations in Regina. The Council also worked with the Safety Councils in Manitoba, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland to develop a new motorcycle safety training course, which was approved for use in Saskatchewan by SGI.

In July, the Safety Council partnered with nine safety organizations – including St. John Ambulance, the RCMP, the Lifesaving Society and Regina Police Services – to host the 2nd Annual No Fatalities Weekend event. Attendance was up from last year, and nearly all of the media in Regina covered the event. We also retained a strong partnership with Safe Saskatchewan and are proud to report that they had another successful year promoting public safety awareness in the province.

This year the Safety Council welcomed several new staff members to the organization (Misty Walker and Darren Maruska), reorganized its Program Department (Will Putz is now the Special Projects Manager and Debbie Oliver is the new Program Manager), and unfortunately, said goodbye to a couple of individuals who have had a tremendous impact on the Council. Patrick Kurtz accepted a new position in Calgary and Board Member Don Ross passed away. They are both sadly missed.

In an effort to improve communications between the Board of Directors, staff, management, volunteers and members, the Safety Council implemented additional aspects of the communications strategy that was developed in 2007. A new website was





created and our staff continued to work with the Board of Directors to set the Council's future direction, goals and objectives.

As I come to the end of my term as President, I must express my gratitude to the Board of Directors, staff and members of the Safety Council for giving me the opportunity to represent them as President. I now have a far greater understanding and awareness of how many people and organizations we impact and support through our programs and services, as well as how many groups we partner with to further our goal of reducing injuries and fatalities in the province.

I also have a stronger appreciation for the number of hours that the Safety Council's staff, management and volunteers put in to developing our numerous safety training programs. They are all dedicated individuals who believe in what they are doing and are always looking for new and innovative ways to improve the services at the Safety Council.

I wish each and every one of you great success in the future, and I look forward to working with the new President and Board Members as they strive to "Work together to achieve a safe Saskatchewan."

Warren Bobbee

Warren Bobbee
President

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.

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

The 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 promote and sponsor safety programs. The Saskatchewan Safety Council's 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 are the leading cause of death for Canadians younger than 45 years old.
- The number of people who die from unintentional injuries in Saskatchewan is 40 per cent higher than the national average.
- More preventable injuries and deaths occur off-the-job than in the workplace in Saskatchewan - our off-the-job death rate is five times higher than our workplace death rate.
- On average, 21 people are killed and more than 300 are hospitalized in Saskatchewan due to preventable farm and ranch injuries. Children are involved in nearly one-quarter of all preventable farm and ranch injuries.
- Nearly 3,000 seniors are hospitalized every year in Saskatchewan due to unintentional injuries from falls.
- *The total cost of unintentional injuries on Saskatchewan's economy is more than \$1 billion.*

The Safety Council believes that an informed person is a safer person at work, at home, on the road, and in every aspect of life. We gather information and statistics on preventable deaths, injuries and illnesses, placing specific 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 more information about the Saskatchewan Safety Council and its programs, call (306) 757-3197, visit, www.sasksafety.org, mail or visit 445 Hoffer Drive, Regina, SK S4N 6E2, or fax (306) 569-1907.



Saskatchewan Safety Council Staff

Executive Director:	Harley Toupin
Director of Operations:	Dianne Wolbaum
Accounts Manager:	Dianne Molnar
Manager, Special Projects:	Will Putz
Program Manager:	Debbie Oliver
Community Traffic Safety Administrator:	Shauntel Lemon
Power Pac Program:	Judy George Krista Huber
Snowmobile Safety Program	Peter Huebner
Safety Instructor/Program Assistant:	Rick Schwartz
Safety Instructor/Program Assistant:	Darren Maruska
Administrative Assistant:	Lynn Evans
Administrative Assistant:	Lynda Carlson
Secretary/Receptionist:	Misty Walker

Executive Committee

President:	Warren Bobbee
Past President:	Steve Wallace
1 st Vice President:	Joseph Chan
2 nd Vice President:	Jon Wyatt
Treasurer:	Dennis Harrison
Executive:	Shannon Ell Charlie Cairns
Secretary:	Harley Toupin

Board of Directors

Dr. Ronald Ailsby	Dr. Barry Heath
Glenda Barton	Gail Kruger
Lorraine Bucsis	Kelly Manzuk
Charlie Cairns	Garry Rowe
Sarina Clarke	Craig Sluser
Kerry Cooper	Cleveland Vann

DIVISION STRUCTURE

In early 2008, the Saskatchewan Safety Council's Occupation and Traffic Divisions underwent a major re-structuring. This re-structuring was required for two main reasons – the recent completion of the major program evaluation and the divisions were becoming somewhat inactive.

In previous years, the divisions operated fairly independently, with some significant differences in program delivery and pricing structure. However, the Safety Council decided to standardize the two divisions and streamline program delivery. As a result, Patrick Kurtz from the Traffic Division took on the role of Director of Programs and Will Putz from the Occupation Division took on the role of Special Projects Manager. In March 2008, Patrick Kurtz left the Safety Council, which presented some program delivery challenges. In June 2008, Debbie Oliver (one of the Safety Council's contract instructors) accepted the position of Program Manager.

A significant amount of time was spent streamlining and further developing the overall program delivery system to make it more customer-friendly and to capitalize on efficiencies wherever possible. By the end of the year, the delivery system was standardized throughout the Traffic and Occupation Divisions and a more consistent pricing structure was implemented.

In spite of the changes to the structure and staffing shortages, as well as the time spent standardizing the systems, the two divisions experienced an overall net increase in revenue of approximately 25 per cent from 2007. Due to the previous differences in tracking and statistics, it is difficult to do an exact comparison, but the highlights on the following pages are notable.



PROGRAMS

Defensive Driving

The Defensive Driving Course continued to be a popular program for the Safety Council. The program's success was partly due to the continued promotion of traffic safety both on- and off-the-job. Traffic fatalities were still the number one cause of on-the-job fatalities, and companies responded by offering training to their staff. SGI also utilized the course in its Driver Improvement Program.



Skid Smart Collision

Avoidance & Driver Audits

Demand for more advanced levels of driver training continued to grow. Both the Skid Smart Course and Driver Audits gained in popularity and companies were going above and beyond the DDC level to participate in more advanced training level programs.

Motorcycle Training

The Motorcycle Training Program (MTP) continued to be a strong program for the Safety Council in 2008. We anticipate that with the current level of interest in the sport and the possibility of mandatory training, the program will remain strong well into the future.



Mature Driver Refresher Course

The Mature Driver Refresher Course was a popular course with mature drivers in the province. Thanks to funding from SGI and CAA, the course will continue to be promoted in the province in upcoming years.

Industrial Safety Seminar

The Industrial Safety Seminar continued to be one of the largest and highest profile projects for the Safety Council. The 35th Annual event in Saskatoon was the largest to date with 751 registered delegates, and it featured one of the largest displays of safety products and services in Western Canada.



Work Zone Traffic Accommodation Supervisor Training & Sign Audits

This course, delivered primarily to Saskatchewan Highways and Infrastructure crews and road contractors, remained strong in 2008. The requirements for training are increasing in 2009, so we expect that training and audits will remain high for the Safety Council in the future.

Forklift & Forklift Instructor

With the recent changes to the Occupational Health & Safety Regulations, training requirements for operators of Powered Mobile Equipment (including forklifts) have significantly impacted our training numbers. Both operator and instructor (for people wishing to train their own staff) registrations have nearly doubled from previous years. However, these large numbers will likely decrease as the current rush of operators receive their training.

The new training requirements will affect almost all powered mobile equipment operators (i.e. snowmobiles, ATVs etc.), so expansions in other areas will likely be required in the future. Commercial snowmobile courses have already increased significantly in the past year.

Fire Extinguisher Training

After experiencing significant increases in input costs for the Fire Extinguisher Training program in recent years, the Safety Council was forced to raise the cost of the program in 2008. As expected, there was a notable decrease in registrations.

Training Projects

The Safety Council gained two major training contracts with SaskEnergy and SAHO in 2008. Although the SaskEnergy project was smaller than in previous years, both projects represented significant training commitments for the Council.

Other Activities

In addition to the activities mentioned above, the Safety Council took part in a number of projects in 2008, including the Provincial Mine Rescue Competition, participation in the planning committee for the North American Occupational Safety & Health Week, cooperation with the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering on local projects and awards, participation in the program committee of Safety Services Canada, and involvement in Safe Saskatchewan's Steering Committee.

The Safety Council will continue to be an associate member of the Joint Industry Committee in 2009. We will also continue to negotiate with the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board to secure stable funding as an Industry Safety Association, representing companies who do not have access to an industry funded safety association.





The Community Traffic Safety Program continued its strong presence in Saskatchewan in 2008 by attending a number of community events to promote Traffic Safety awareness. Among the events were three Welcome Wagon Baby Showers, the Regina Baby Expo, Saskatoon Child and Family Expo, Brain Awareness Week, STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) in Kindersley and Regina, the SGI Play it Safe Day, Safe Kids Week, Wal-Mart Safety Month, Capital Pontiac Kids Day, the No Fatalities Weekend Safety Fair and the Auto Value Charity Cars Campaign.

More than 2,200 car seats were checked throughout the province in 2008 through 101 clinics in 62 communities and numerous appointment-based checks by car seat technicians. The Car Seat loaner program also served individuals living in the Regina and surrounding area; 45 seats were rented out last year.

Child passenger safety awareness continued to grow in 2008. Shauntel Lemon, the Community Traffic Safety Administrator, provided presentations on Child Passenger Safety to a variety of interested groups and individuals, including the EGAD Centre in Saskatoon, the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region Rural Public Health Nurses and nursing students, and Mobile Crisis in Regina.

Lemon also coordinated monthly clinics in Regina and organized and assisted at several other clinics in the province. In total, she attended 28 clinics in 2008.

Lemon chaired the Saskatchewan Interagency Committee on Child Passenger Safety, which met three times in 2008. She also acted as a resource and offered assistance when necessary to the Regina School Pedestrian Traffic Safety Committee, the Saskatchewan Coalition on Bicycle Safety and the Brain Awareness Week Committee.



Lemon attended the National Lifesavers Conference on Highway Traffic Safety Priorities in Portland, Oregon, preceded by a Child Passenger Safety certified Instructors Course on building teaching, presentation and interview proficiency. She also attended a Level 2 Collision Investigation Course offered by the Saskatoon City Police Service.

The Saskatchewan Safety Council would like to thank SGI for their continued sponsorship of the Community Traffic Safety Program.

The Power Pac Program remained a popular approach for delivering unique, age specific safety presentations to students in schools across the province. In 2008, our safety messages reached over 45,000 children thanks to 30 dedicated urban and rural presenters. Both the urban and rural programs continued to gain interest in schools around the province.

The last quarter of the school year is always a busy time for the program, and 2008 was no exception. We concentrated our efforts on booking as many requests as we could for students who were able to work full-time in late April, May and June. Fortunately, four dedicated university students were willing to take on as much work as possible, which allowed us to deliver presentations to all of the requested schools.

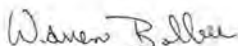
For the first time, we delivered our urban program in Swift Current, where it was well received. We also visited schools in Regina and area, Saskatoon and area, Meadow Lake and area, Prince Albert, Lloydminster, Weyburn, Estevan, Moose Jaw, Melville, Yorkton, North Battleford and La Ronge. Our rural visits reached every corner of the province, from Lashburn in the Northwest to Nipawin in the Northeast to many areas near Val Marie and over to Kipling.

The Power Pac Program continued to grow, expand and develop to suit the needs of both teachers and students. Our safety messages were delivered to children across the province throughout the school year thanks to the outstanding partnership between SaskPower and the Safety Council. In 2008, the Power Pac Program once again served as a unique safety event in provincial classrooms, while helping our young people develop the skills they need to become excellent safety ambassadors in the future.



Management's Report on the Summarized Financial Statements

Management of the Saskatchewan Safety Council is responsible for the integrity of the financial data reported for the Safety 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. Warren Bobbee
President



Mr. Harley Toupin
Executive Director

Auditor's Report on the 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 the Saskatchewan Safety Council as at December 31, 2008 and for the year then ended on which I expressed an opinion without reservation in my report dated February 27, 2009. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of the Safety 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 Safety Council's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.



Regina, Saskatchewan
February 27, 2009

Fred Wendel, CMA, CA
Provincial Auditor

STATEMENT 1

Saskatchewan Safety Council
Summarized Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31

Assets	2008	2007
Current Assets	\$ 868,517	\$ 753,327
Long-term Investments	721,017	588,930
Capital Assets	66,467	60,402
	<u>\$ 1,656,001</u>	<u>\$ 1,402,659</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance		
Current Liabilities	308,744	352,577
Fund Balance		
Unappropriated	1,016,075	727,820
Appropriated	331,182	322,262
	<u>1,347,257</u>	<u>1,050,082</u>
	<u>\$ 1,656,001</u>	<u>\$ 1,402,659</u>

STATEMENT 2

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

Year Ended December 31

	<i>Budget 2008</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>
Revenue			
Safety Programs	\$ 893,435	\$ 1,093,448	\$ 940,184
Grants	398,150	451,975	409,259
Memberships, Donations, Other	124,800	249,017	142,860
Total Revenue	<u>1,416,385</u>	<u>1,794,440</u>	<u>1,492,303</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,415,361</u>	<u>1,497,265</u>	<u>1,630,836</u>
Net Income (loss)	<u>\$ 1,024</u>	297,175	(138,533)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		1,050,082	1,188,615
Fund Balance, End of Year		<u>\$ 1,347,257</u>	<u>\$ 1,050,082</u>

(See accompanying summarized notes to the financial statements)

Saskatchewan Safety Council
Summarized Statement of Cash Flows
 Year Ended December 31

	2008	2007
Cash flows provided by (used in):		
Operating Activities	\$ 194,859	\$ (59,032)
Investing Activities	(356,541)	(251,191)
Net increase (decrease) in cash position	(161,682)	(310,223)
Cash, Beginning of Year	278,843	589,066
Cash, End of Year	\$ 117,161	\$ 278,843

Saskatchewan Safety Council
Summarized Notes to the Financial Statements
 December 31, 2008

NOTE 1. INCORPORATION

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

NOTE 2. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Effective January 1, 2008, the Safety Council adopted CICA handbook section 3031, which establishes new standards for the measurement and disclosure of inventories. It prescribes that inventories be measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value and provides guidance on the determination of cost. The implementation of these standards had no impact on the Safety Council's financial statements.

NOTE 3. FUND BALANCE

The unappropriated fund balance of \$1,016,075 consists of the accumulated balance of the Operating Fund, which has not been designated for specific purposes by resolution of the Board of Directors.

The appropriated fund balance consists of the accumulated balances of the Contingency Reserve of \$247,673 and the Memorial and Other Donated Funds of \$83,509. The Contingency Reserve is for unforeseeable expenses. The objective of the reserve is to maintain a balance of at least \$200,000. Memorial and Other Donated Funds must be used for special research and safety programs in injury prevention. Certain Council board members are appointed as trustees to administer these funds.

*Copies of the full audited financial statements and notes are available
 by calling the Safety Council's office at (306) 757-3197.*



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