



Annual Re-
to the Community



Working Together to Achieve a Safe Saskatchewan



Message from the President

The Saskatchewan Safety Council continued to have a strong presence across the province of Saskatchewan in 2011. Through programs, courses and public awareness events the Council educated residents about incorporating safety into their practices at both work and home.

Like many organizations across Saskatchewan, the Council was challenged with finding qualified replacements for retiring Baby Boomers, as well as retaining staff in an abundant job market. Through the challenging months of 2011, the management and staff of the Council exhibited exemplary work ethic and dedication, and continued to provide customers and clients with the quality services and products that they have come to know and expect from the Council.

In 2011, the Council embraced many opportunities to work with organizations across the province on key programs and initiatives that focused on keeping Saskatchewan residents safe and injury-free. New partnerships were formed with Mosaic Belle Plaine and the RCMP Depot Division that will continue well into 2012.



I welcome the new opportunities that 2012 will bring to help the Council grow and expand further in its injury prevention programs and initiatives. Working together with like-minded businesses and individuals will continue to drive the Council forward towards creating safer workplaces and homes for every resident in Saskatchewan.

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Glenda Barton
President

Community Partners



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Educating for Change

Providing quality, up-to-date safety education programming continued to be a focus for the Council in 2011. Over 7,000 participants were trained in traffic and occupation-related safety courses throughout the year in both the commercial and public sectors.

Across the province, the demand for traffic-related courses continued to be high with the Defensive Driving Course remaining a popular choice. Many companies are also starting to select the Professional Driver Improvement Course as a necessary tool in training employees who are required to travel as part of their job.

Occupation-related training continued to be in high demand in the commercial sector. A new Powered Mobile Equipment



course was offered in 2011. The customized Agricultural Tractor Operator Training Course was developed and delivered by Saskatchewan Safety Council staff for employees of SaskEnergy.

In 2011, the Council developed a close partnership with the RCMP Depot Division which allowed the Motorcycle Training Program to be offered on-site at the Regina Depot. Motorcycle instructors took part in extensive background checks and were given permission to house all equipment and classrooms in designated areas of the Depot, as well as utilize a portion of the training track to instruct the Council's Motorcycle Training Program. 2011 courses ran in Regina, Assiniboia, Moose Jaw, Swift Current and Yorkton with satellite courses offered in Saskatoon and Estevan.

After much anticipation from the motorcycle community, SGI introduced the new Motorcycle Graduated Drivers License (MGDL) in 2011. Since it is still not mandatory to complete a certified motorcycle training course before obtaining the M1 endorsement, many of the Council's Motorcycle Training Program Courses were cancelled due to a decrease in participant registrations and interest.

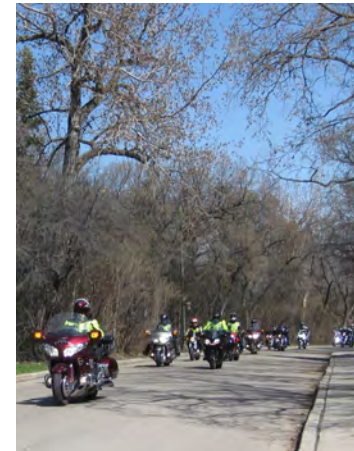
October of 2011 also marked the beginning of a new initiative for the Council with Mosaic Belle Plaine. Saskatchewan Safety Council Coordinators have been working with Mosaic Belle Plaine staff to implement the 5S Program. The program, which is based on the methodology for creating clean and organized workspaces, has been adopted by Mosaic Belle Plaine. Council Coordinators set targets and goals for the program that were in line with Mosaic's Continuous Improvement Objectives and at the end of 2011 had met and exceeded those objectives. Future opportunity exists in 2012 for Saskatchewan Safety Council 5S Coordinators to continue the program at the Mosaic Belle Plaine site, as well as to expand the program further to the Mosaic Esterhazy site.

Influencing Communities

The Saskatchewan Safety Council takes pride in knowing that we reach thousands of people each year. In 2011, we worked hard to build relationships and strengthen communities throughout Saskatchewan.

The Council worked closely with the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering and the Joint Industry Committee on projects including North American Occupational Safety and Health Week and the Provincial Mine Rescue Competition.

In 2011, the Council hosted the 38th Annual Industrial Safety Seminar at the Queensbury Convention Centre in Regina, Saskatchewan. The event brought in over 650 delegates who took in educational safety sessions on topics including creating a zero injury culture, generational differences, safety on the international scene and risk vs. hazard. The Seminar



tradeshow area was expanded in 2011 to include a live demonstration area, and included demos on fall protection, as well as a lively distracted driving demo put on by the Saskatchewan Safety Council.

Two joint awards were presented by the Saskatchewan Safety Council and the two local Canadian Society of Safety Engineering chapters which recognized individuals in Saskatchewan who have made a significant contribution to the field of health and safety in the province. The 2011 Safety Professional of the Year Award was presented to Kevin Mooney, and the 2011 inductees into the Saskatchewan Safety Hall of Fame were Morley Nelson, Victor Kowalski and Steve Wallace.

Honouring the significant impact Les Donnelly, former Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Safety Council, had on safety in the province, the Saskatchewan Safety Council once again recognized three young people for their dedication to injury prevention in their own communities. Katherine Cotter, Alyssa Wagner and Kirsten Gordon were awarded the 2011 Les Donnelly Scholarship.

The Council started off the motorcycle season with the Kick Off to Motorcycle Safety Week which once again included a ride starting at the Legislative Building. Motorcycle enthusiasts enjoyed a barbeque and were issued passports with directions to supporting motorcycle dealers around Regina where they had the opportunity to take advantage of sales and promotions in support of Motorcycle Safety Week.

2011 marked a change for a long-time Council program. The Power Pac Program has been delivered successfully to students across the province for over 10 years with generous support from SaskPower. 2011 brought with it many challenges and tough decisions that had an impact on the continuation of the program. To date, the Power Pac Program has reached close to 400,000 children, visited over 300 schools and delivered over 1500 presentations on safety and injury prevention.

Looking Ahead

The Saskatchewan Safety Council will continue to strive towards changing attitudes and beliefs about safety and injury prevention for Saskatchewan residents throughout 2012. Through programs, courses and public awareness events, the Council will continue to educate one community at a time.

2012 will bring many new opportunities and experiences to the Saskatchewan Safety Council. New relationships that were formed with the RCMP Depot Division and Mosaic Belle Plaine in 2011 will continue throughout the upcoming year, and will help the Council in its pursuit of creating change through education.

With distracted driving becoming an everyday concern for each and every driver on Saskatchewan roads, the Council plans to focus on new initiatives that will help to educate drivers of all ages about the risks of distracted driving.

As a member of the Saskatchewan Joint Industry Committee, the Saskatchewan Safety Council will be launching safety program certification through the Certificate of Recognition program in the fourth quarter of 2012.

Working together with like-minded organizations will continue to be part of each new endeavor for the Council throughout the next year. Forming strong partnerships with businesses and individuals is a significant part of what makes the Council succeed in creating a safer Saskatchewan for everyone.

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