



Working Together to Achieve a Safe Saskatchewan

Message from the President

For the past two years I have had the honor of being the president of the Saskatchewan Safety Council. During this time, I have witnessed remarkable achievements that allowed the organization to continue confidently towards our mission of a Safe Saskatchewan. From our acquisition of the Early Safety Training Program to the continued growth of the Industrial Safety Seminar, our safety message is saving lives every day and bringing thousands home to their families safely. There is no doubt in my mind that we will continue to grow positively and spread our safety message throughout the province.

Of course this could not have been possible without the incredible amount of hard work put forth by the staff every single day both in the office and on the road. We are privileged as an organization to have people who believe in our message and work tirelessly to promote it. I know that this commitment will serve the Council well and I look forward to seeing the milestones that we will reach in the years to come.

I would like to thank the board members for the support and knowledge they have provided to the council during my term. It has been a distinct pleasure to work with all of you. The diversity of education and experience of the board is a strength that allows our decision making process to produce exceptional results. I know this trend will continue on.

To the person who takes my place as President, I say this to you: you are in a winning position with a winning team. Continue towards the goals set out by the Council 58 years ago and understand that the road to safety does not end until every single person in this province is positively affected by our message. I am confident that my successor will see what I have seen over the years - that safety is in good hands.



Once again, thank you for allowing me the privilege and honour to serve as your president. I wish you continued success in all of your endeavors.

Glenda Barton
President



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Successes and Achievements

It was another exciting year for programs at the Saskatchewan Safety Council. The demand for training has continued to increase alongside the booming provincial economy. Record high attendance was seen at many of our programs such as Defensive Driving, Professional Driver Improvement, Powered Mobile Equipment, Fire Control and Work Zone Traffic Accommodation. In total, approximately 10582 students during 2012 participated in safety training and education with the Saskatchewan Safety Council. This is a remarkable increase from the approximately 8000 people trained in 2011!

The year started off with some challenging weather for our Skidsmart Collision Avoidance course as we witnessed +15C temperatures in January. Great effort was put in by our instructors and partners at the City of Regina to ensure we maintained our ice pad for the courses and allow us to improve participant's winter driving skills.

The 39th Annual Industrial Safety Seminar was held February 6th, 7th, and 8th, in Saskatoon with great success. A record number of 808 delegates registered for the event from across Saskatchewan and Canada which featured 24 total presentations including 4 keynote sessions. The keynotes included presentations by Corrie Pitzer, Sylvia Yaeger, Dr. Brian Little and a live Distracted Driving demonstration by the Saskatchewan Safety Council which was featured on the front page of the Star Phoenix.





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The Motorcycle and Scooter training gained great reviews from the over 200 participants that took part in the program. Our program was featured frequently on Rawlco Radio and in *Canadian Biker*, a national wide magazine. With the new course track available to us in partnership with the RCMP Depot Division, each

student averaged an astounding 81km of hands on experience per course!

The 5S program launched in 2011 and it grew to exceed expectations in 2012. Our two staff oversaw 190 projects with 130 of them completed while 60 of them remain in progress, exceeding our schedule by 300%. Going forward it is expected that the program will transition to other Mosaic locations across the province and possibly other clients interested in the program.

Rick Schwartz was promoted from Safety Instructor/Program Assistant to Program Coordinator, filling a vital role at the office while Reagan Coppicus was hired as a new full time instructor to help keep up with growing demand.

Internally, our 5S project was started to help maximize the efficiency of our existing office space. Starting with our storage room, we changed the type of shelving and gained 150cm of extra capacity. The team also completed work on the storage sea cans, mailroom, labeling practices and six workstations, all while continuing to perform their regular duties.



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To help our provinces needs, eight new courses were added to our catalog through our involvement with the Canadian Association of Provincial Safety Councils (CAPSC). These include Emergency Preparedness, Hazard Recognition, Evaluation and Control, Incident Investigation, Inspections, Job Task Analysis, Lockout, Preventing Workplace Violence, and Safety and the Supervisor.

Partnerships with provincial groups remained strong with Saskatchewan Safety Council staff playing a key role in organizing the promotion of North American Occupational Health and Safety (NAOSH) week in the province. The provincial launch was held May 7th in Regina and May 8th in Saskatoon featuring Paul Pascoe with a total audience of 397 people.

The two joint awards presented by the Saskatchewan Safety Council and the two local Canadian Society of Safety Engineering chapters recognize individuals in Saskatchewan who have made a significant contribution to the field of Health and Safety in the province. The Safety Professional of the Year (Ed Amaolo Memorial Award) for 2012 was Craig McAuley (presented in 2013) and the Saskatchewan Safety Hall of Fame inducted Morley Nelson, Victor Kowalski, and Steve Wallace in 2012.



This year's Les Donnelly Scholarship award recipients were Kirsten Gordon, Alyssa Wagner, and Katherine Cotter. These women were recognized for their contribution to safety and injury prevention in their communities. We are continuing to find ways to reach as many students



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as we can across the province to give them a chance at some assistance in their post-secondary education and to reward their commitment to safety.

Work on the Safety Program Certification system was completed in 2012 so it can be offered to clients starting in 2013. As a member of the Saskatchewan Joint Industry Committee, the Saskatchewan Safety Council can now assist organizations in evaluating the essential elements of their health and safety program against a recognized standard and issue a Certificate of Recognition to successful organizations.



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The Continuing Road to Safety

As Kent McElhattan, keynote speaker at the 40th Annual Industrial Safety Seminar, said: safety excellence is not a destination, but an ongoing journey. We have always believed in this mantra and will continue to prove our commitment in the upcoming year.

An increased focus on safety advocacy and brand awareness will be a top priority in 2013. As part of brand awareness, we will be implementing a strategy that will better promote our unique strengths and organizational mission. Much of this will be achieved by adding the use of new and diverse communication channels, such as those in the online and social media space, to our current marketing efforts.

We are also going to focus on showcasing our instructors as Champions of the organization. Our instructors have years of experience in the safety industry and are very diversified in their knowledge which makes them some of the best experts in the country! Highlighting their credentials will instill greater confidence in the safety training people receive and add value to our programs.

In order to accommodate the addition of new programs and the increased amount of traffic we will see from it, we are working to introduce a new database structure that will allow us to streamline our course registration process on the front end for our clients as well as significantly increase efficiency for our staff on the back end. The most exciting benefit from the database will be our ability to accept online registration and payment. The database is scheduled to roll out with the start of the motorcycle basic rider training program and continue to other programs from there.



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As the Saskatchewan Safety Council works towards its 60th year of operation, it is important to ensure that the rich history of the organization is preserved for future generations. That is why this year we will begin to implement a strategy that will allow the history of the SSC to be displayed and catalogued for current and future staff, members, and board members. We will be digging up photos, stories, and events that helped shape the Council to what it is today.

2013 will be a year where we connect with a broader demographic. These connections will ensure that we continue to find new people to deliver our safety message to and understand more about the safety needs of the province. This will be initiated by new and modern communication messaging that directly speaks to a wider demographics.

Foundation work was completed on two new programs that will be launching in 2013. The Early Safety Training program is a youth safety education strategy originally founded in southeastern Saskatchewan in 1996 by a volunteer group, which will now be lead province wide by the Saskatchewan Safety Council in partnership with WorkSafe Saskatchewan. It is designed to assist youth in accessing cost effective basic safety training prior to entering the workforce.

2013 is going be an exciting year because the Saskatchewan Safety Council is set up to succeed! We have new tools developing, and already in place, to better deliver our safety message to the province. We look forward to this time next year where we can reflect on and celebrate our amazing accomplishments.



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