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The board and staff of AMHSA wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday season

WINTER DRIVING TIPS FROM THINKING DRIVER

- Accept your responsibility to do all in your power to drive without incident. Do not blame weather. Be prepared to meet any situation.
- Adjust your speed to conditions.
- Get the "feel" of the road. If away from traffic, find out just how slippery the road is by trying the brakes occasionally while driving slowly.
- Keep the windshield clear of snow, ice, and fog.
- Use snow tires, tire chains, or studded tires on snow and ice.
- Gently apply your brakes to slow down or stop.
- Understand and use ABS correctly.
- Follow at a safe distance.
- Do not use cruise control when roads might be slick.
- Remember condensation on the pavement of bridges and overpasses will freeze before the rest of the roadway.

Questions or comments?
Email tara.lau@thinkingdriver.com.

MUNICIPAL NEWS

The Town of Peace River and Northern Sunrise County have jointly developed an Intermunicipal Cooperation Initiative based on the principle of mutual benefit and the concept of identifiable regional assets, programs, and services.

The purpose of the initiative is to better serve and provide quality of life to the residents of Northern Sunrise County and the Town of Peace River. The agreements lay the groundwork for a long-term stable relationship between the Town and County and are sufficiently flexible to allow for other regional municipalities to join.

WCB PREMIUM RATES ANNOUNCED

The Workers' Compensation Board has posted the premium rates for 2010 – see www.wcb.ab.ca/pdfs/employers/2010_comparison_sector_rate_group_industry.pdf.

Municipal rates will be $1.32 for Villages and Towns (industry codes 95100 and 95101) and $1.31 for Cities (industry code 95104), and Municipal Districts and Counties will be $1.25 (industry code 95102). This is an increase over last year's rates of 3.94% for Villages and Towns, an increase of 3.97% for Cities, and a decrease of 11.97% for Counties and Municipal Districts.

CRSP NEWS

The Board of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals has awarded Certification Maintenance Points (CMPs) for AMHSA courses! Courses for which maintenance points are available include Health and Safety Management Systems; Audit; Leadership for Safety Excellence; SECOR; Prime Contractor; Auditor Recertification; Flag Person and WHMIS Train-the-Trainer; Workplace Violence Prevention; Defensive Driving; the Operator Safety courses; and Ground Disturbance, Trenching, and Excavation.

AMHSA REMINDERS

In-House Training Process

Municipal members who have attended AMHSA's Flag Person and/or WHMIS Train-the-Trainer courses order AMHSA worker course materials and use our exams to conduct in-house training. Remember that our course materials, including participant manuals and exams, are copyrighted. Once courses are complete, the trainers submit roster sheets to the Association and we issue certificates of completion for the students.

External Audit Expenses

In AMHSA's peer system, the municipality receiving the audit is responsible for auditor expenses, including accommodations, meals, and travel (km, flights, taxi, etc). We recommend that the reimbursement of expenses be discussed and agreed upon before the audit takes place.

Audit Tool Troubleshooting

Having trouble with the drop-down scores in the AMHSA audit tool using MS Excel 2007? A guide to help has been posted on the website – see www.amhsa.net/downloads/documentloader.ashx?id=2636. If you have any questions, contact Krystal@amhsa.net.

Upcoming AMHSA Courses — Please see www.amhsa.net for full course listings.

COURSE	DATE		LOCATION	FEE
Confined Space Entry	Dec 18	a.m.	Didsbury	$40/ $50
Disability Management	Jan 14 Feb 2 Feb 4 March 24 Other dates also available		Edmonton Ft. McMurray Calgary Lethbridge	$0
Formal Workplace Inspections	Dec 9	a.m.	Thorhild	$40/ $50
Hazard Identification, Assessment and Control	Dec 8 April 20	p.m. a.m.	Thorhild Slave Lake	$40/ $50
Health & Safety Management Systems	May 11-12		Slave Lake	$90 / $145
Incident Investigation	Dec 9	p.m.	Thorhild	$40 / $50
Joint Health & Safety Committees	Dec 8	a.m.	Thorhild	$40 / $50
Leadership for Safety Excellence	Jan 14-15		Castor	$90 / $145
MSI Prevention (Physically Demanding)	April 20	p.m.	Slave Lake	$40 / $50
Supervisor's Role	Dec 15	a.m.	Thorhild	$40 / $50
Working Alone	Dec 18	p.m.	Didsbury	$40 / $50

To register, contact Lorraine.

To schedule an onsite course, contact Susanne.

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