# AMHSA

Alberta Municipal Health and Safety Association February 2012



#### AUDITOR RECERTIFICATION/UPDATE

If your AMHSA auditor certification number begins with 09 you must attend an Auditor Update/Recertification course in 2012. If it begins with 08, please contact the northern office to see if you qualify to attend the spring training (maximum is 6 months past expiry date). Upcoming offerings:

- February 28: Sturgeon County hosting in Morinville
- April 4: AMHSA office in Calgary
- April 26: AMHSA hosting in Sherwood Park (Strathcona County)

To register, email at <u>safety@amhsa.net</u>, call the southern office at 1 (877) 537-9063, or online at <u>www.amhsa.net/pages/Courses/CourseSearch.aspx?product=74</u>.

#### ON-SITE WHIMIS AND FLAG PERSON TRAINING

As of February 1st, contact Susanne L'Heureux (susanne@amhsa.net) to order materials and submit completed roster sheets for on-site WHMIS and Flag Person training.

### AMHSA TRAINING CERTIFICATIONS

Looking for occupational health and safety training recognition for yourself or your staff? AMHSA offers three certificates:

- Municipal Joint Health and Safety Committee Representative
- Municipal Supervisor in Health and Safety
- Recognized Municipal Health and Safety Advisor

See the website - www.amhsa.net/pages/Courses/CertificatePrograms.aspx - for required courses and other details. Contact the northern office to request certificates when all required courses have been completed

### UPCOMING AMHSA EVENTS

- Southern Alberta Safety Council
   March 28, 2012. Host: Town of High River. Details to follow. Contact Susanne L'Heureux to RSVP.
- AMHSA Annual General Meeting Tuesday, April 3, 2012. 10:00 a.m. in Leduc. Agenda will be distributed in early March. Contact Shannon Thomas to RSVP. Note that this meeting was originally scheduled for April 4th.
- Northern Alberta Safety Council April 19, 2012. Host: Flagstaff County (12435 TWP RD 442, Sedgewick). Contact Shannon Thomas to RSVP.
- Alberta Cities Safety Council May 2, 2012. Host: City of Edmonton, Edmonton Waste Manage Centre (Site 100, 13411 Meridian Street NE). Meeting will include a tour of the facility from 1 - 3:00 p.m. Contact Susanne L'Heureux to RSVP.

Information on Safety Council activities is available on the website at <a href="https://www.amhsa.net/pages/SafetyCouncils">www.amhsa.net/pages/SafetyCouncils</a>.

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#### 2011 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PENALTIES DOUBLE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

Alberta courts sent a strong message in 2011 that workplace health and safety must not be compromised. The penalty total of more than \$3.4 million is the second highest ever, doubling the \$1.7 million collected in 2010.

More than \$2.3 million of the \$3.4 million in penalties in 2011 was in creative sentences paid to third parties, such as post-secondary institutions, training programs, rescue societies and other organizations that advance workplace health and safety. Individual creative sentences in 2011 ranged from \$29,000 to \$355,000. In 2002, Occupational Health and Safety legislation was amended to allow for creative sentences. Since 2006, over \$10 million has been directed to organizations that promote workplace health and safety.

For a full list of OHS convictions and current charges before the courts, visit <a href="mailto:employment.alberta.ca/whs-prosecutions">employment.alberta.ca/whs-prosecutions</a>.

Source: Alberta Human Services – Safe and Fair Workplaces news release -http://alberta.ca/acn/201112/3173267B34EDE-C151-53DD-04C7CD42978E4B9F.html.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- LGAA (Local Government Administration Association)
   Conference & Trade Show Transparency in
   Government. March 14-16, 2012. Capri Hotel & Conference Centre (now Sheraton) Red Deer.
   www.lgaa.ab.ca
- AAMDC (Alberta Association of Municipal Districts
   Counties) Convention March 19-21, 2012. Shaw
   Conference Centre, Edmonton. <a href="https://www.aamdc.com">www.aamdc.com</a>
- 2012 Western Conference on Safety There's Safety in Numbers...Join the Crowd – April 23-24, 2012.
   Vancouver, BC. <a href="https://www.pacificsafetycenter.com">www.pacificsafetycenter.com</a>
- ASSE (American Society of Safety Engineers) Safety 2012 – June 3-5, 2012. Denver, Colorado. www.safety2012.org
- CSSE (Canadian Society of Safety Engineering)
   Professional Development Conference September
   9-12, 2012. Niagara Falls. <a href="https://www.csse.org/">www.csse.org/</a>

## Upcoming AMHSA Courses — Please see <u>www.amhsa.net</u> for full course listings.

COURSE	DATE	LOCATION	FEE
Auditor Recertification / Auditor Update	Feb. 28 April 4 April 26	Morinville AMHSA (Calgary) Sherwood Park	\$50 / \$75
Confined Space Entry	April 3	Morinville	
Defensive Driving	Feb. 28	Jarvie	\$65 / \$100
Health & Safety Management Systems	Feb. 21 - 22 March 27 - 28 April 17 - 18	Red Deer Sherwood Park AMHSA (Calgary)	\$90 / \$135
Health & Safety Management Systems — Audit	Feb. 23 - 24 March 29 - 30 April 23 - 24	Red Deer Sherwood Park AMHSA (Calgary)	\$90 / \$135
Joint Health & Safety Committees	Feb. 16 a.m.	Clairmont	\$40 / \$60
Leadership for Safety Excellence	Feb. 9 - 10 Feb. 13 - 14 March 13 - 14 March 20 - 21	Flagstaff County Clairmont Sherwood Park AMHSA (Calgary)	\$90 / \$135
MSI Prevention (Office Environment)	Feb. 15 a.m.	Sherwood Park	\$40 / \$60
MSI Prevention (Physically Demanding)	Feb. 15 p.m.	Sherwood Park	\$40 / \$60
Prime Contractor	Feb. 15 April 19	Clairmont Sherwood Park	\$50 / \$75
Supervisor's Role	Feb. 17 p.m.	Vulcan County	\$40 / \$60
WHMIS: Train-the-Trainer	March 6	Sherwood Park	\$50 / \$75
Workplace Violence Prevention	March 14 March 15 March 16	Clairmont Clairmont Clairmont	\$50 / \$75