

Day of Mourning

Each year April 28th is set aside to recognize workers who have died during the course of their work. Every year more than 100 Alberta workers die on the job. Hundreds more are permanently disabled, more than 50,000 are injured, and many others die of occupationally induced cancers and illness.

On April 28th, workers across Canada will be observing a National Day of Mourning in remembrance of workers who are killed or injured on the job every year. The day was first proclaimed by the Canadian Labour Congress in 1986. Canadian workers will also be joined by those in the United States, as the AFL-CIO has also adopted the Day of Mourning in its calendar.

April 28th has been recognized by the Canadian government as the Day of Mourning through Bill C-233, the Workers= Mourning Act, which became law on February 1, 1991.

Alberta Municipal Health and Safety Association

Annual General Meeting - April 19, 2000

Our AGM will be held on April 19, 2000 at 10:00 a.m., at the AMHSA Boardroom in Nisku. Our 1999 Annual report has been mailed to each municipality, with an invitation to the AGM. A special resolution - a request by the AUMA to be removed from the AMHSA Board of Directors - will be on the agenda of the meeting. Each municipality may have one voting delegate at the meeting; the authorization form to represent your municipality in the meeting is included in the mail-out of the annual report. Call us if you have any questions.

Auditor Recertification/Upgrade Training Reminder

This is a friendly reminder to all AMHSA certified peer auditors whose certification expires this year or who would like to upgrade to be able to use the new municipal audit tool that the scheduled training sessions are rapidly filling up. If the following dates and locations fill up we will be adding additional dates as required.

Calgary	April 12th, 2000
Red Deer	April 26th, 2000
Lethbridge	May 9th, 2000
Edmonton (Nisku)	May 17th, 2000
Grande Prairie	September 14th, 2000

There is no charge for this training. Contact our office if you wish to register.

Prize Draw Winners

Congratulations to the following who were winners in a prize draw at the 2000 Safety Expo on March

16th & 17th. Each individual received an AMHSA calculator.

Megan Boehr	Student
Mike Booth	Agriculture-Canada
Jim Doody	Student

Congratulations to the following who were winners in a prize draw at the LGA Trade Show on March 16th. Each individual received their choice of an AMHSA calculator or a free course registration.

Nona Housenga	Town of Picture Butte
Martin Taylor	Town of Bon Accord
Ruth Copeland- Brunelle	Village of Beiseker

Congratulations to the following who were winners in a prize draw at the AAMD&C Tradeshow on March 27th. Each individual received their choice of an AMHSA calculator or a free course registration.

Don Whittaker	County of Vermilion River
Shirley Ramsay	Lacombe County
Lenore Rockenbach	County of Warner
Milton Elliot	M.D. of Clearwater
Murray Brown	M.D. of Taber

AHeads Up@ Campaign

You may have noticed in the past few days that a renewed campaign focused at getting new workers to wear appropriate safety gear is under way. The promotion, a continuation of last year's "Heads Up@ campaign, includes two television commercials that will be aired across the province, four different posters that are available from AMHSA, and a pamphlet focused at employers and workers entitled "It's Not Safe Being Green". AMHSA is a sponsor of the campaign this year and believes that efforts focused on improving society's awareness of health and safety issues are important to all of us. If you would like a copy of the popular posters, contact our office and we will send them to you.

North American Occupational Safety and Health(NAOSH) Week

Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Week (COHSW) has been organized by the Canadian Society of Safety Engineers (CSSE) since 1987. The goal of this Week is to increase employees', employers' and the general public's understanding of the benefits of investing in occupational health and safety. In 1997

the CSSE=s efforts were rolled into a new initiative to have a North American-wide OHS Week involving Canada, USA and Mexico. The week is now called North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week.

This year's NAOSH Week is scheduled for May 15th-21st. It will provide an opportunity for municipalities to get the health and safety message out to the community and to show leadership in injury prevention. Some examples of activities that municipalities can undertake to promote NAOSH Week include:

- declaration of NAOSH Week by Mayor/Reeve
- health and safety display at shopping malls, the municipal office building, etc.
- employee recognition events (BBQ, luncheon, etc.)
- posters, newsletter articles, etc.