

Moving On

It is with mixed feelings that I announce to our membership that I am leaving my position as Executive Director of the Alberta Municipal Health and Safety Association. I have enjoyed the past five years that I have spent with the Association. It was a very rewarding experience and I have had the opportunity to work with a lot of really good people. I will miss those things.

I won't be going all that far away. I am moving over to take a position in health and safety with the City of Edmonton. I am looking forward to the new opportunity and the new challenges that come with the change.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members, and the many individuals and organizations I have dealt with while at AMHSA, for five remarkable years.

Partners in Injury Reduction (PIR) Program

Pays Off Big for Municipalities

Municipalities involved in the PIR program received significant benefits from their involvement last year. Not only did they work towards creating a more healthy and safe working environment for their employees but also about three-quarters of those registered will receive premium rebates from the WCB this year.

Of the 112 municipalities registered in the 2000 PIR program, 77 achieved or maintained their Certificates of Recognition (CoR) and earned total rebates of more than \$702,000. Over half of these received more than the basic 5% rebate associated with having a CoR and achieved up to 20% rebates by improving their performance or maintaining industry leadership. Congratulations.

In order to qualify for a rebate an employer must have a CoR. Of the thirty-five municipalities that did not have a CoR, sixteen earned a total of nearly \$31,000 in rebates that they can still receive if they obtain a CoR this year. This should provide an added incentive for those municipalities to work on achieving their CoRs.

Annual Fall Conference and Trade Show

Summer has barely arrived but plans are already underway for the 2001 Municipal Safety/Utility Workshops and Trade Show. This year's event will take place in Red Deer and once again provide municipal workers with an excellent health and safety training opportunity.

A sample of workshop topics include:

Working Alone	Dealing with Difficult People
Fatigue in the Workplace	Road Rage
Incident Investigations	Marketing H&S to Management

Discipline Programs Monitoring Air Quality

As always, the presenters are recognized as leaders in their respective fields and the trade show promises to be bigger and better than ever. Mark this event on your calendar and plan to attend.

New/Updated Bulletins From Alberta

Human Resources and Employment

Alberta Human Resources and Employment, Workplace Health and Safety are continuing their efforts to update their many information publications and make them available through the Internet. Many publications that were previously available as booklets are now available as bulletins that can be downloaded from Workplace Health and Safety's website at www.whs.gov.ab.ca and are easily reproduced. The following is a brief list of some of these update bulletins that may be of particular interest to municipalities.

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| · First Aid Records | Bulletin
FA009 |
| · Sewer Entry Guidelines | Bulletin
CH037 |
| · Medical Monitoring of Workers
Exposed to Sewage | Bulletin
MG012 |
| · Joint Work Site Health and Safety
Committee Member's Guide | Bulletin
LI003 |
| · Joint Work Site Health and Safety
Committee Handbook | Bulletin
LI004 |
| · The Occupational Health and Safety
Act: A Worker's Guide | Bulletin
LI008 |
| · The Occupational Health and Safety
Act: An Employer's Guide | Bulletin
LI009 |
| · Ten Questions to Ask Your
Employer | Bulletin
GH011 |
| · Update and Correction of Safety
Bulletin AL025 - Welding Gas
Explosion on Service Truck | Bulletin
AL026 |