

September 2003

Here it is - the September Municipal Safety News - a little bit late, but hopefully better late than never!

Fall Mini Conference

Fall is here already, which means that the last of our 3 regional mini conferences is fast approaching. We are inviting municipal managers and health and safety coordinators to come and talk about health and safety in the municipal sector. Plan to make your way to the MD of Greenview on October 16.

AMHSA, Workplace Health and Safety and the Workers' Compensation Board will all provide an overview of what is happening in their organizations. In addition the AAMD&C will provide a presentation on risk management. We can discuss the similarities and differences in risk management and health and safety programs. The City of Red Deer will also be present to talk about what has made their health and safety program so successful. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and pick up some tips to help with your program. Finally we will wrap up with some round table discussion about what is happening in your municipality.

The MD of Greenview has graciously offered to host this mini conference, and will provide refreshments and lunch. It will be held at the Valleyview Memorial Hall, 50th Street, Valleyview starting at 8:45. Although this mini conference is free of charge, you need to pre-register by October 7, so that catering can be arranged. To register call our office at 1-800-267-9764.

Fall Course Schedule Finalized

Last month we sent you the preliminary fall health and safety training schedule. Attached is the final version with all dates and locations confirmed. The schedule can also be viewed on our website. Go to our web site (www.amhsa.net), enter and click on "[course schedule](#)". Call Lorraine or drop her an e-mail if you would like to register for any of the courses. As always, if you would like us to come to you, that can be arranged also. Lorraine can be reached at: lorraine@amhsa.net or 1-800-267-9764.



Audit Season is Upon Us!

Fall traditionally is audit season in the municipal sector, and since we haven't seen a whole lot of audits or requests for audits yet, it appears many of you continuing this tradition and are planning on doing your audit later this fall. Municipal managers were sent a letter last spring advising them of their audit requirements for 2003. This is just a gentle reminder that all audits must be in to our office by the end of November. If you require an external audit call us; we don't arrange for auditors for you, until we know if you want that audit. If you don't know your audit requirements for this year, give Rose Ann a

call: 1-800-267-9764 or e-mail her at roseann@amhsa.net.

Health and Safety Publications Available

The *Alberta Workers' Compensation Board* and *Alberta Human Resources & Employment (Workplace Health and Safety)* have both developed several interesting publications.

Workers Compensation Board has the following publications on their website, at www.wcb.ab.ca. Click on "publications and forms" and then "resources"

- Working Safely Behind the Wheel
- Back to Basics Booklet
- Office Ergonomics - Remember the Basics

AHRE, Workplace Health and Safety has over a hundred publications on a wide variety of health and safety topics. Their publications can be found at: www.whs.gov.ab.ca. Go to "Publications, Videos and Statistics", and then "Booklets, Bulletins and Manuals". There you can scroll through all the titles available. A small sampling of some of these publications include:

- Sitting and Preventing Back Pain - ERG14(BU)
- Lifting and Your Back - Some Fresh Ideas - BCL004(BU)
- Do I Have a Workplace Mould Problem - BH018(BU)
- Chlorine Safety in Swimming Pools - CH030(BU)
- Guidelines for Workers Applying Insecticides - CH056(BU)
- Fatigue, Extended Work Hours, and Safety in the Workplace ERG015(BU)
- Working in the Cold MG021(BU) - I know no one wants to think about it, but winter is coming!
- Due Diligence LI015(BU)
- Occupational Health and Safety Act Amended in 2002 - Highlights - LI020(BU)
- Alberta's New Occupational Health and Safety Regulation - Highlights - LI021(BU)
- Medical Assessment of Workers for Fitness to do Strenuous Work - MG028(BU)

RUSA/ACSC/AMHSA Conference will soon be here!

The 30th annual conference is fast approaching! This year the conference will be held December 1 - 4 at the Red Deer Lodge, in Red Deer. Registration information, including the workshop schedule will be mailed out later this month. If you have any questions before then, contact:

- Rose Ann McGinty, AMHSA 1-800-267-9764
- Al Coker, RUSA 1-877-347-0324 (Al gets all the money questions!)
- Lionel Corrigan, City of Edmonton, ACSC, (780) 496-6661

Summer Time Safety Contest Winners

In August we held a "safety contest" in which we tested your knowledge of health and safety terms and your ability to unscramble words. Some of you were up to this challenge - the following talented individuals each won an AMHSA travel mug for their efforts:

Jayson Nelson	Mountain View County
Donna Galay	Sturgeon County
Linnet Henderson	Lakeland College
Mae Stewart	MD of Big Lakes
Chuck Leacock	City of Lloydminster

We will try to come up with new contest ideas every few months or so. Keep an eye out for the next one!