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our Intention"

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Zero incidents by choice through
Partnerships for Safety...

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6th Annual Safety Partnership FORUM

The Safety Partnership is pleased to announce the date for our 6th Annual February Forum. This Safety Event will be held at the Lambton Inn, (formerly the EuroCan Hotel) on London Road in Sarnia on Thursday February 16th starting at 7:30 AM.

More information is available on our website.

Danny Richard from People[N]Safety will help us reflect on and celebrate the many Safety Partnership achievements over the last 5 years.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this celebration and recognition of efforts by our unique partnership of Industry, Labour and Contractors.



Danny Richard – Keynote Speaker

We are pleased to have Danny Richard as our keynote speaker for our 6th Annual Safety Partnership Forum. Danny spoke at our inaugural event on February 14th 2001 and will help us look back, recognize and celebrate the many accomplishments of the Partnership over the last 5 years.

Danny Richard is Founder and President of People N Safety, Inc., a consulting practice which specializes in leadership, person based safety processes.

A provocative and energizing speaker, Danny partners with organizations to harness their unique power to achieve extraordinary performance in the areas of leadership and safety. He is a powerful storyteller with extensive experience leading change initiatives with world-class organizations.

Danny is personally committed to changing the industry to provide people with an injury free work environment by "Putting People into The Safety Process."

Can Your Initials Predict Your Future?

BUMs and RATs don't live as long as VIPs and GODs, according to a University of California study that examined twenty-seven years worth of men's death certificates. Dr. Nicholas Christenfeld categorized the names of 5 million deceased men according to their initials. He then assigned the words that the initials spelled with the qualities of "good," "bad," or "neutral."

The psychologist determined that people with good monograms like JOY, WOW and LOV lived more than 4.5 years longer than those in the neutral-monogram (WDW or JAY) category.

Men with "bad" initial combinations, the DUDs and ASSes, died an average of almost 3 years earlier than the more neutrally initialed. He also found that people in the bad group; the APEs and PIGs, were more apt to commit suicide or die in an accident.

Dr. Christenfeld asserts that having "bad initials" is a lifelong negative psychological factor. It's a negative to be called PIG but an ego boost to be recognized as ACE or WOW.

The doctor says if a person holds the notion that "accidents aren't really accidents, "then the lack of self-esteem may eventually lead to self-destructive behavior".

HE COULD BE DED RIGHT!

Source--*I'm Afraid Your Afraid* by Melinda Muse

2005 Contractor Stats
(7.2 Million Contractor Hours)
Total Recordable Injury Rate: 1.7

Lost Time Injury Rate: .08

WEBSITE of the MONTH

<http://ww2.heartandstroke.ca>

The Year 2005 in Review HIGHLIGHTS CANADA 2005

C-45 Fizzles: The biggest story in Canadian compliance is what didn't happen in 2005. The new C-45 bill, which took effect on March 31, 2004, was supposed to trigger a wave of criminal prosecutions against companies and corporate officials. It never happened. There was just one prosecution under C-45 all year. And the target wasn't a corporate bigwig but a 65-year-old Ontario construction supervisor. Mr. Fantini pleaded guilty to three OHS charges and the Crown dropped the C-45 charge. However the \$50,000 he was fined is a record amount for a Canadian supervisor.

Traditional OHS Enforcement Sizzles: It turns out the government didn't need C-45 to turn up the heat. Prosecutions and fines for OHS offences were up all over Canada. As might be expected, the leader was Ontario which added more than 200 new MOL inspectors.

Prosecution of Supervisors: Fines against supervisors aren't new in Canada. But never before have there been so many of them. Ontario now seems to be prosecuting supervisors every two weeks. And there were at least four five-figure fines against supervisors in 2005. These high dollar figures against a supervisor had been unheard of until recently.

Prosecutions of Safety Directors: For the first time, the Crown prosecuted a safety director in connection with a workplace fatality. The case, which is still pending, took place in Nova Scotia where the government has charged the safety director of a construction company for six OHS violations. The trial, which will be watched nationally, has been postponed to September 2006.

The Smoke-Free Workplace: All but three provinces have completely banned smoking in indoor public places, including workplaces. Ontario and Quebec, the two largest provinces, joined the bandwagon in 2005, enacting smoking bans that take effect on May 31, 2006. The only provinces not to completely ban workplace smoking are BC, NT and YT. Restricted smoking is also permitted in certain workplaces covered by the federal OHS law.