

"Prevention is
our Intention"

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Safety Partnership Group

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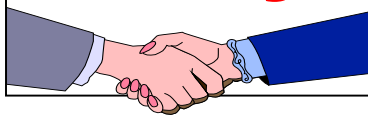
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Safety Partnership



Zero incidents by choice through
Partnerships for Safety...

SAFETY PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENTS

Safety Partnership Working Committees

Committees have been assigned to
four different subject areas.

- 1) Reducing Tolerance for Risk
- 2) Young/ New Worker Safety.
- 3) Internal Responsibility System
- 4) Progressive Discipline

Meetings are currently ongoing with
results expected over the next month
or two. We are appreciative of the
extra effort involved in taking on this
additional workload by our volunteers.

514 SUPERVISORS

As of June 30 2004, 514
supervisors have been trained in
the new IEC Supervisory Program.
More than 300 have attended the
CSAO 3-day Supervisory course.

JULY 24th 2004 NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION DAY

FACT: Next to traffic incidents,
drowning is the second most
common cause of accidental death
in Canada. Completely
preventable, drowning can happen
to anyone.

DANGER! MEN DROWNING?

83% of Canadian drowning victims
are male. All age groups are
represented, but particularly young
men and young children.

AGE? The highest drowning rate is
among 18-24 year-olds.

Recreational activities accounted
for 63%, which included swimming,
fishing and power boating.

Only 29% were non-swimmers.

HAPPY CANADA DAY!



Garden Hose Safety

**When I'm working in the yard,
is it safe to drink from the
garden hose?**

The answer is NO!

The water is safe, but a standard
vinyl garden hose has a substance
in it to keep it flexible. These
chemicals which may be absorbed
by the water as it passes through
the hose, are not good for you.
They are not good for animals or
pets, either. These hoses are made
for washing the car, watering the
lawn and other typical garden uses.
However, one type of hose on the
market is made with a "food-grade"
plastic that is approved by the US
Food and Drug Administration and
will not contaminate the water.
Campers with recreational vehicles
should use this type of hose when
hooking up to a drinking water tap
at a campsite. Check with a store
that sells accessories for
recreational vehicles. Let's have a
safe and happy summer!

322 TRAINED!

The IEC's Leadership & Workforce Development Programs have been up and running for six months. We would like to thank member companies and other organizations that are supporting our efforts to provide "world-class" training here in Sarnia-Lambton.

While the programs are offered by the IEC, they are by no means restricted to IEC members!

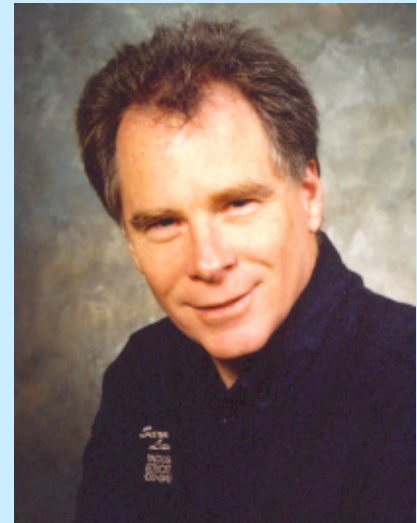
The line-up for September/October is:

- Working Through Conflict – September 15 (a few seats are left)
- Interaction Management Essentials – September 21; October 14
- Leading Change – September 23; October 28
- Interaction Skills for Success – October 5
- Supporting Leadership Development – October 20

For further information, or to register for any of these courses, please contact Jean Mather at 337-5935, e-mail jeanm@sarniasafety.com, or fax us at 383-1305.

Participation by Sector

IEC member companies	290	Self employed	3
Contractors	21	Health care	2
Non-Profit	6		



SUPERVISORY NEWS

I met a supervisor recently who had made a large change in his own safety behaviour. This foreman admitted that he changed from being the most reckless of workers to one who worked safely in every aspect of his life. I wanted to know how this was achieved. What motivated this man to change so drastically?

His answer was simple: His company had designated him as their safety-man on the job. He obeyed all safety rules because he was the "safety man". It was that simple.

He owned the responsibility and was driven to perform to the expectations placed on his shoulders. I wondered what it would take to motivate ALL workers to become their own "safety-man"? Isn't that our role in our company, our profession and our life? Can I not be the "safety-man" for my family?

If each of us took ownership of this responsibility, would it make a difference in how we worked every day?

Something to think about...

Peter Stock

Upgraded Safety Management Assessment

Element	Score
1) Health and Safety Policy and Targets	81.8 %
2) Roles & Responsibilities and Control	84.8 %
3) Documents, Procedures and Reports	83.7 %
4) Project/ Site Planning Documents	95.3 %
5) Health and Safety Training	89.9 %
6) Health & Safety Rep/ JH&SC	83.9 %
7) Hazard Recognition, Assessment and Control	85.3 %
8) Tools, Equipment and Vehicle Maintenance	89.4 %
9) Accident/ Incident Investigation & Reporting	82.4 %
10) First Aid Requirement	93.8 %
11) H&S Program Promotion & Communication	86.3 %
12) Proactive Safety (BBS, TASC, Near miss)	62.2 %
OVERALL SAFETY MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT	83 %

57 companies have completed the upgraded profile to date. IEC staff has been welcomed into participating companies across Lambton County and as far away as Toronto. Most companies say that the "profile" has served as an excellent template for them to improve their overall safety program.

It is rewarding for us to assist these companies in pursuing their vision of an injury-free workplace.

There is no charge for an annual review of your SMA. There will be a minimum charge for us to verify revisions to the SMA mid-way through the year. As of June 30th, companies that have not forwarded a completed profile to our office will have their names removed from our Website.

Please contact Peter Stock at 337-1716 or Charlotte Cooper at 337-7902 to arrange an appointment.