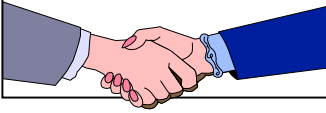


# Safety Partnership



Zero incidents by choice through  
Partnerships for Safety...

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## RIGHT HONOURABLE BRAD CLARK MINISTER OF LABOUR

The Safety Partnership Group hosted a luncheon for the new Minister of Labour, Brad Clark. This event was attended by nearly fifty local members of Labour, Contractors and Industry. Welcoming the Minister was Ray Curran representing the Sarnia Construction Association and Jim Bradshaw for the Sarnia Building and Trades. Andy Pilat, of the Sarnia Construction Association, introduced the Minister and Ross Tius, from local 663, thanked the Minister for taking the time and interest in visiting with the Safety Partnership. Warren Burton, representing Industry for the Safety Partnership Group outlined the significance of the Chemical Valley and the history of our Partnership. Peter Stock, from the Safety Partnership Steering Committee, described Programs that have been developed and implemented over the last eighteen months. Brad Clark responded by explaining his vision for the Ministry of Labour. He believes, as we do, that Zero Injuries is attainable. The following week, in the Ontario Legislature, Mr. Clark stood in the house and said: "*Sarnia has something to be very proud of. They have a safety partnership that is a cooperative of leaders of local industries, construction contractors and trade unions.*"

*...that's what they're trying to do in Sarnia, an incredible accomplishment, identifying and implementing best practices, motivating everyone to care about safety and establishing an active network to coordinate and sustain safety initiatives...and we're going to spread the message across Ontario".*

## BBS APPRECIATION at MAR-D CONSTRUCTION



MAR-D's Mario Dicocco receives an Award of Excellence for his leadership in the Behaviour Based Safety Program from Peter Stock, BBS Coordinator.

On Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup> the employees of Mar-D Construction at Nova Corunna received company jackets in appreciation for their efforts in reaching their target in Behaviour Based Safety. On hand to congratulate Mario Dicocco and his staff was Wayne Paiement, Nova Chemical Site Manager; Gord Turner, Site Service Team Leader; Ed Allison and Brian MacKenzie, Maintenance Coordinators; and Mario Martinez, Occupational Safety Specialist. Peter Stock presented an Award of Excellence to Mr. Dicocco on behalf of the Safety Partnership.

**HEALTH & SAFETY PROFILES**

As of October 1<sup>st</sup> five more companies have had their Health and Safety Profiles verified.

- 1) Alloy Fab
- 2) CAR-BER Testing
- 3) Curran Contractors
- 4) Feher Marine
- 5) TowerScan

In the last month, 14 new companies have submitted their Health and Safety Profile for verification.

- 1) AMEC
- 2) A&W Locksmith
- 3) CBM
- 4) Ecodyne Ltd.
- 5) Imperial Roofing
- 6) ITG
- 7) Markson Construction
- 8) Matrix Services
- 9) Overhead Crane
- 10) Robert Hume Construction
- 11) St. Clair Valve
- 12) Shelley Marine
- 13) Sterling Crane
- 14) Willer Engineering

Forty-nine companies to date, being proactive in their Safety Management Assessment. Companies that have taken a close look at their policies and mapping a plan for improvement in areas where there is a need. Congratulations on their efforts!



**Going Up?**

View Fall Arrest class schedule at: [www.sarniasafety.com](http://www.sarniasafety.com)



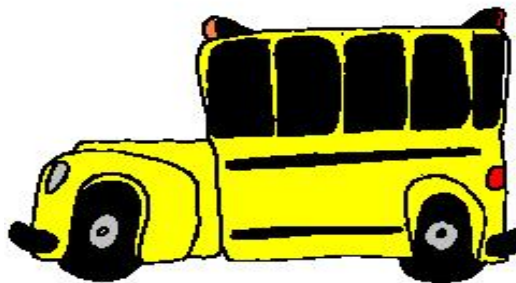
The number one "at risk" in the Personal Protective Equipment category remains:

**PPE is not being worn!**

**42 Recordables in the first Six months of 2002**

The majority of these injuries were cuts and fractures to fingers and hands. In a lot of cases, improper gloves or no gloves were being worn. A committee is looking at each recordable for trends and patterns in these incidents. We can use the Newsletter, the Web-site and Safety Bulletins to broadcast effective solutions for these incidents. Sharing of Incident Learning Reports and Root Cause Analysis is key in reversing this upward trend!

**NATIONAL SCHOOL SAFETY WEEK**



**October 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**National Healthy Workplace Week**  
October 22 to 26

**LOCAL UPDATE**

Total Recordable Injury Rate for our area goes down in July & August. After peaking in the quarter ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, the rate has improved slightly. Our sub-committee is looking at all reports to date for trends and patterns in these incidents. We are very appreciative to those companies for sharing their investigation reports with us.

**HRDC NEEDS ANALYSIS**

We are working in co-operation with Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) to complete a Workforce Training Needs Analysis of over 300 local companies focusing on soft skills needed by the local workforce.

- ✓ Identify common training needs in the community.
- ✓ Explore training opportunities for all business sectors based on a wide range of input.
- ✓ Raise the bar, making the community more competitive.

Effective soft skills training will assist staff, management and non-management in developing a positive attitude, setting realistic goals, building confidence and resolving barriers that could prevent an organization from achieving their cultural and business objectives.

Complete the Survey on the INTERNET at:  
<http://infopoll.net/live/surveys/s18813.htm>

**APOLLO ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS TRAINING**

Representatives from twenty-four local companies took part in a two-day Root Cause Analysis Program held last month at the Village Inn. The two-day course, sponsored by Suncor and organized by the Industrial Educational Cooperative, was a great success. This is another step toward establishing a standard for examining incidents and then sharing "effective solutions" with our member companies.

