



SAFETY AND HEALTH AWARDS



CANADIAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERING (CSSE) B.C. ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION AWARDS 2009 WINNERS

Organization with 51— 500 Employees: Wallace & Carey Inc.

A leader in the industry, Wallace & Carey continues to take health and safety to new levels. Through teamwork and innovation, the company's commitment to each other is to ensure safety in the workplace is practiced every shift, every day.

Safety in the workplace has required a team focus and team effort. This commitment is apparent in the cultural change in safety this past year. Employees are more positive as they become involved and training in best practices through certification, training videos, and supervision.

Employee ideas are implemented, as are engineered and administrative controls to reduce the risk of injury.

Health and safety extends beyond the workplace and reaches out to family and community. Kids are provided help through the Kids Help Phone, so they feel comfortable speaking up.

These consistent attitudes are applied to all aspects of job tasks. Safety has become their business. They made it that way.

Organizations with 500+ Employees: Capital Regional District

The Capital Regional District serves the entire southern part of Vancouver Island, and when it comes to a commitment to safety, they've got it. As a strong proponent for safety on the job, the CRD has made it a priority in the organization by developing strategic goals that are in-line with this commitment.

They have taken a proactive stance on safety programming, working to instil in their employees a sense of duty that safety starts with them. Through collaborative partnerships with employees and their respective unions, they have been successful in creating safety programs that ensure each employee goes home safely every day.

The CRD has actively participated in NAOSH Week since 2001 and each year their corporate commitment to safety grows. We'd like to recognize the CRD for their total corporate commitment to safety not only during Safety & Health Week, but for their commitment to safety throughout the year.



Mar Sherwood Bursary Award: Christine Mourner

Mar Sherwood was a CSSE member who spent many years working as a Safety Professional. He was the initiator of the BCIT Occupational Health and Safety program and served on the original advisory committee. This annual bursary, established following his death, is designed to recognize a combination of students' achievements and need in the BCIT OH&S program. In Mar's memory, the BC Lower Mainland Chapter of the CSSE provides bursaries to students.

This year we'd like to recognize Christine Merner for her outstanding efforts, including participation in the BC Lower Mainland Chapter of CSSE.

She will receive a cheque from the CSSE and an award certificate.

Special Project: LTS Solutions Ltd (Ledcor)

LTS Solutions is recognized for their work with their DriveSafe program.

Today's companies are facing economic, operational and global challenges. And Ledcor is no different. One of its challenges was to train a group of its workers, who experience the most windshield time and vehicle incident rates, to engage in a driving safety culture.

Ledcor internal partners started with the concept, knowing that safe driving behaviour involves a range of issues: driver selection, safe driving expectations, driver performance monitoring and assessment and training that support corporate safe driving expectations and safe driving concepts.

The DriveSafe Strategy has been designed to not only require drivers to drive more safely, but more importantly to choose to do so, willingly. DriveSafe is a brand and program, complete with a logo, a double-arrow design, promoting the main principle of driving safely and arriving safely, every time.

Though this strategy is still in early days of implementation, drivers clearly understand the main principle: "DriveSafe: It's your right, it's your responsibility" ---their right to a safe workplace and their responsibility to be a professional on the road.



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TruckSafe Excellence Award: Bob Ballance – McRae’s Environmental Services Ltd.

This award, sponsored by WorkSafeBC, recognizes an individual who, by his or her commitment and leadership has made an outstanding contribution to the promotion of workplace safety in the truck transportation industry.

This year’s recipient is Bob Ballance of McRae’s Environmental Services Ltd.

With his company vision for McRae’s to be recognized as the safest trucking company in the Hydro-Vac trucking industry, Bob “walks the talk” every day. He guides his workforce towards safety at every opportunity, and encourages workers and their families to think about safety at work, home and in the community. Bob’s focus this year included a safety week family BBQ, and participating in the New Westminster’s Hyack parade by entering a float transporting both kids and safety messages.

Bob shows his commitment to safety by providing daily visible leadership, timely follow-up on safety matters, and a solid commitment in support of prevention programs, including safety information inserts with pay stubs, “hands-on” monthly crew talks, and inspections.

Safety Professional of the Year (non-CSSE): Larry DeGusseme

Larry DeGusseme, with his 25 years as a safety professional, encompasses all the attributes that those in the profession of keeping workers safe should strive to have. He is professional, positive, humble, full of integrity and possesses a wealth of knowledge. Larry is selfless about helping workers, professionals and new colleagues alike. He makes information and education a priority, and because of this, he is a true mentor to those who are learning, and a leader to those in industry. Larry’s knowledge of worker safety issues, his ability to work well with people and to make regulations relevant to the lay-person make him invaluable.

Larry’s commitment and passion make him stand out. For one thing, at WorkSafeBC he established the Asbestos Response Desk, which assists people doing home renovation and demolition to keep workers safe. From developing training for a possible H1N1 pandemic, assisting in reviewing changes to the Occupational Safety & Health Regulation, to helping develop safety bulletins, guides and videos, he shows strong leadership in all he does. And his passion to help extends beyond his work. In Larry’s free time, he volunteers in his community to help those in need.