

Conference Schedule

Monday, December 3rd – Thursday, December 6th
 Sheraton Red Deer Hotel
 3310 – 50th Avenue, Red Deer

Monday, December 3

**7:00– 11:00
pm**

Hospitality Room: come up to RUSA's hospitality room for some snacks, beverages and the chance to chat with old friends or to meet new ones. **Room see registration desk**

Tuesday, December 4

Alberta Environment is awarding 0.6 CEUs for the conference
The Canadian Registered Safety Professionals is awarding 1.0 CM Points for the conference – BCRSP Approval # 12554

**10:00 – 3:00
pm
Room**

Alberta Cities Safety Council's fall meeting to be held at the Sheraton Red Deer Hotel, 3310 – 50th Avenue, in Red Deer. Health and Safety representatives from the Cities are invited to this meeting to meet up with their peers and learn about issues and initiatives in the other cities. **RSVP IS REQUIRED FOR CATERING NEEDS TO BE ARRANGED – RSVP with Susanne L'Heureux ~ Susanne@amhsa.net**
 An agenda will be sent to City representatives in early November.

**8:30 – 10:00
am
Room**

Rural Utilities Safety Association will be holding its annual general meeting at the Sheraton Red Deer Hotel, 3310 – 50th Avenue, Red Deer. RUSA members are invited to learn about what RUSA has been up to in the past year, and plans for next year. Elections for zone directors will also be held. Consider running as a director! Bring a draw prize or two for the end of the meeting.

**10:00 – 5:00
pm
Room**

The Rural Utilities and Safety Association is hosting Drinking Water Safety Plans Workshop. *Instructed by Aaron Janzen and others from Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development.* AESRD now requires the completion of a Drinking Water Safety Plan by December 31, 2013. This workshop will provide Operators of small and medium sized water systems with the knowledge and tools to produce a Drinking Water Safety Plan and will train Operators in the concepts of Drinking Water Safety Plans. How to complete and use Alberta Environment's Drinking Water Safety Plan template will be covered. **Alberta Environment CEU's = 0.6. Participants are asked to bring a laptop for use during the workshop. Please download the Excel Drinking Water Safety Plans Template onto your laptop before the workshop: <http://environment.alberta.ca/apps/regulateddwq/DWSP.aspx>**
 You will leave with a started Drinking Water Safety Plan for your community. No cost

**1:00 – 5:00 pm
Room**

AMHSA's Confined Space Entry Course - *Instructed by Brad Bruneau, Certified AMHSA instructor.* This course gives participants the knowledge needed to enter confined spaces safely. Participants will be issued a course completion certificate from AMHSA. **Alberta Environment CEU's = 0.3.** Course cost = \$40.00.

**10:00 – 5:30
pm
Room**

AMHSA's Workplace Violence Prevention Course - *Instructed by Jan Gehrke.* **Alberta Environment CEU's = 0.6.** Course costs = \$50.00

**6:00 – 9:00 pm
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Banquet: ** Sponsored by ~ The Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops ******
 ▪ Cash bar opens 6:00 ~ Buffet Dinner 6:30 ~ presentation of service awards to follow
 ▪ **ENTERTAINMENT ~ COMEDY FACTORY ~ 8:00 to 9:00.**

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Wednesday, December 5 - Morning

8:00 - 9:00 am	Trade Show - Coffee and Opening Remarks – Exhibition Hall		
9:00 - 11:30 am <i>with 1/2 hour break in the Exhibition Hall</i>	<p>1 – Lagoons / Dredging / Land Spread – by Blain Betts ~ Lambourne Environmental Ltd.</p> <p>Blain will discuss creating solutions for municipal wastewater lagoon systems.</p> <p>The reasons for and benefits of removal and disposal of biosolids, effluent treatment and dewatering contaminated sludge will be discussed.</p> <p>Maintenance such as dredging and land application of sludge will also be discussed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Room</p>	<p>2 – Understanding the Causes of Workplace Accidents – by Glyn Jones ~ EHS Partnerships Ltd.</p> <p>Canadian companies work hard to develop and implement effective occupational health and safety management systems (OHSMS). In spite of this effort the fatality rate and rate of serious accidents has not gone down in Canada. It begs the questions: "what is the cause of industrial accidents?" and "how do we reduce their likelihood?".</p> <p>In this session an overview of accident theory will be provided. Through examples and a case study the relationship between the major causes of accidents and the company's OHSMS will be discussed. An action plan for reducing the likelihood of workplace accidents will be offered.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Room</p>	<p>3 – Ergonomist - by Shona Anderson, CCPE ~ Anderson Ergonomics Consulting Inc.</p> <p>Shona will share her knowledge of ergonomics and good body mechanics practices for both the office and physical work environments, providing participants with practical solutions for preventing work related repetitive stress injuries.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Room</p>
11:30 - 1:30 pm	<p>Trade Show and Buffet Luncheon – Exhibition Hall</p> <p>**** <i>Sponsored by</i> ****</p> <p>IVIS Inc. (Incredible Video Inspection Services) & Flowpoint Environmental Systems</p>		

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Wednesday, December 5 - Afternoon

<p>1:30 - 4:00 pm</p> <p><i>with 1/2 hour break in the Exhibition Hall</i></p>	<p>4 – Traffic Safety Solutions for Municipal Workers – 3M Traffic Safety Systems, Diane Robinson, 3M Body Protection Solutions, Ruth Cockwill, Alberta Traffic Supply, Thorne Forrest, James Ramsden & Peter Magnien</p> <p>This joint session will provide strategies of effective traffic signing, high visibility clothing and work zone safety for utility / roadway projects.</p> <p>3M is a world leader in the manufacture of reflective materials. Learn how to enhance the environment through the use of reflective materials on people, signs and delineation for the safest working conditions.</p> <p>Alberta Traffic Supply is the largest traffic sign manufacturer in Western Canada and premier distributor of innovative traffic control products. Learn how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure your construction work zones with proper traffic control devices on low volume and high volume roads Practice provincial traffic accommodation strategies and sign standards Implement smart work zones through intelligent message boards, arrow boards and user-friendly traffic management software <p>Room</p>	<p>5 – Communication in Conflict – Gary McDougall ~ Conflict Solutions Limited</p> <p>During this presentation, Gary will discuss "perceptions" and how understanding people's perceptions can be an effective defusing tool. Strategies for managing emotions in the face of difficult interactions, as well as look at ways in which we can manage strong emotions in those we interact with will be discussed.</p> <p>You will be presented with an exploration of how our "toxic thinking" can affect our behaviours and you will walk away with a strategy for defusing angry and verbally aggressive people.</p> <p>Gary is a retired police officer who served with the Calgary Police Service for 25 years; the last 8 years of his career, Gary was a member of the Hostage/Barricaded Negotiation Team.</p> <p>Gary is both a graduate of the FBI Hostage Negotiators Training School and has also served as an Instructor at the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, Virginia.</p> <p>Room</p>	<p>6 – Incident Investigations: Expert Tips – by ~ Sintra Engineering, Mark Hughes, P.Eng., CFEI – President and Founder of Sintra Engineering</p> <p>An accident has been reported. What do you do next? You begin an investigation into the incident, but what exactly should that involve? What steps should you take to make sure you don't overlook anything? This presentation will cover tips for the early stages of your incident investigation.</p> <p>As part of the investigation process you will assemble your investigation team. Many organizations miss the "golden opportunity" to include outside expertise. A lawyer and an engineer (no this isn't the start of a joke) will cover the incident investigation process from soup to nuts. The session will be tailored toward the municipal worker and incidents you may come across.</p> <p>Consider this session to be your Incident Investigation Boot Camp.</p> <p>Room</p>
<p>4:00 – 5:00 pm</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>ACSC, RUSA, AMHSA Wine and Cheese Reception in the Exhibition Hall.</p> <p>**** RUSA Passport Draw as well Exhibitor Draw Prizes start at 4:45 pm ****</p> <p>Note: Trade Show winds up this evening</p> </div> </div>		
<p>7:30 – 8:30 pm Evening</p>	<p>How to use hotel fitness equipment – meet in the fitness room where a sports trainer will show you how to properly use the equipment</p> <p>Evening entertainment – Bellini's 8:30 pm – Join other delegates for an evening of fun !</p>		

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Thursday, December 6

8:00 – 9:00 am	Need a stretch? Wake up With Yoga		
9:00 – 9:15 am	Coffee – provided in each of the conference rooms		
9:15 – 11:30 am with 15 minute break	7 – Taking Over Small Water Systems – by Aaron Jensen~ Alberta Environment and Water, Al Kostrosky ~ Kneehill County and John Hopkins ~ Lacombe County This session will be about issues with taking over small water systems. Come ask the panel any questions you may have about taking over small water systems. Room	8 – Provincial Municipal Safety Council – Facilitated by Jim Moroney, Executive Director ~ Alberta Municipal Health & Safety Association (AMHSA) Join AMHSA for a joint meeting of the Northern and Southern Alberta Safety Councils! Participants from cities, towns, municipal districts, counties and villages are welcome to attend – meet your peers and share initiatives, challenges and innovations. Updates from the Workers' Compensation Board, Alberta Employment and Immigration – Partnerships and AMHSA will also be presented. Room	9 – Due Diligence – Employer and Employee OHS Responsibilities – by Ryan Schur and Cameron Mercer, OHS Occupational Health & Safety Officers ~ Employment and Immigration, Government of Alberta Cameron and Ryan will draw on their combined 33 years of safety profession experience to this presentation which is designed to bring awareness to employers and employees of their legal roles and responsibilities in ensuring health and safety at the work site in the Province of Alberta. Cameron, for the past 8 years and Ryan for the past 10 years have worked as OHS Officers for the Province of Alberta. Room
11:30 - 12 :30	Lunch (participants are on their own for lunch)		
12:30 – 2:00 pm	10 – Common Sense Solutions Used During Uncommon Disasters! – by Teresa Berdusco RN BScN Teresa will relate examples of how a team of volunteers she worked with overcame adversity in the aftermath of the Japanese Tsunami using humor and common sense solutions. Teresa relates this experience to the following life situations that we all are exposed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why we love COSTCO!• What to do when bureaucracy gets in the way?• A couple of amazing stories of love and dedication to family and to country.• 5 words to never text your husband!• How we are not so different after all. In closing Teresa will have a Q&A period during which you can ask anything you want to know about the Japanese disaster such as; what went right or, what went wrong? Exhibition Hall <i>Immediately following this workshop, there will be a Conference Grand Prize Draw which will be drawn from the list of delegates who attended this keynote speaker session. Delegates must be present to win!</i>		
Please remember to fill out the conference evaluation forms.			
Have a Safe Trip Home and See You Next Year !!!			