



SafeTalk



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National USW Health, Safety & Environment Department Leader Retiring *Coming Events*



Andy King is starting his retirement as of July 1, 2011. On this occasion, we wish to extend our sincere gratitude for his many years of hard work and congratulate him on his retirement.

Andy has worked for the Steelworkers National Office for over two decades. A practising lawyer, he came on staff in 1989, was on secondment to the OFL in the early 1990s, and has been Department Leader since 1994.

Andy's knowledge of, and extensive experience with health, safety and environment matters has been a huge contribution to the department, the national office, and the staff and members of our union across Canada. He has been a dedicated advocate for injured workers, for families when workers killed on the job, for those struck by occupational disease, and for health & safety matters in the workplace. He has helped in the fight for improved legislation in all jurisdictions in Canada, with most notable involvement in the Westray fight. He has a special interest in environmental matters affecting workers and communities. He has been a skilled representative at many inquests & inquiries and on many committees and boards over the years.

Andy was instrumental in the inquest into the explosion at the Flin Flon smelter that took the life of Steve Ewing and more recently led the inquests into the falling death of Ted Gramlich, the logging truck death of Frank Leroux and the Sullivan mine tragedy that took the life of two mining company employees and two paramedics.

July 1 Canada Day

July 16-17 USW Level 1 H&S, Fraser Lake BC

July 19-20 USW Level 1 H&S Tumbler Ridge BC

August 15-18 USW International Convention, Las Vegas Nev.

Fatality in USW Local 7656

It is with great sadness we announce the death of Clinton Walker. Clinton, age 35 was killed in a vehicle rollover which happened underground at the Mosaic Potash mine in Colonsay Saskatchewan on Thursday the 16th of June.

In the spring of 2004 Clinton joined the team at Mosaic Colonsay. Clinton operated a variety of equipment underground and worked on several crews before his current position on the underground drill and blast team. He was continuously improving his skills through training and courses at every opportunity. Clinton was passionate about his work and was well known by everyone on-site.



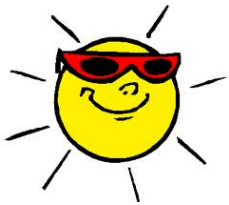
Clinton James Walker

Clinton was a USW Local 7656 representative. He was a proud and loyal member of the Mosaic Mine Rescue Team over the past seven years. He was lucky enough to train and compete with a broad range of team members. Over the past several years, Clinton has competed provincially, nationally, and internationally. The highlight of his Mine Rescue career was competing in the international competition in Reno, Nevada during the summer of 2008.

Those left to cherish memories of Clinton include: Teresa, Emmett, Payton; his dog Max; his Mom and Dad Ken and Judy Walker; his brother and family Collin, Becky, Caleb, and Jackson; his sister and family Charlene, Jeff, Ellie, and Hudson; and numerous extended family by blood and love.

Our sincere condolences go out to Clinton's family, friends and co-workers.

A trust fund has been set up for Emmett and Payton and can be mailed to or dropped off at The RBC Royal Bank 2802 8th St. E, Saskatoon, SK S7H 0V9.



Summer Safety Tips

SUN SAFETY

From Health Canada

"Before going out to enjoy the good weather, make sure you are aware of the risks associated with prolonged exposure to the sun and the measures you can take to protect yourself and your family."

PREPARE YOUR VEHICLE FOR SUMMER ROAD TRIPS

From BCAA

Make sure your vehicle is safe and ready to roll.

AVOID GETTING LOST

From North Shore Rescue

Ways to avoid getting lost while hiking and what to do if you do become lost.

HOW TO SECURE YOUR HOME WHILE YOU ARE ON VACATION

From Howcast

"Most break-ins are preventable with simple burglar-proofing techniques. Make sure they're in place before you head for your holiday."

WORKING IN THE HOT SUN

From the Speaking of Safety blog

Working in the heat may at first feel uncomfortable, and it can lead to serious health complications and even death in extreme cases. Heat-related illness is preventable.

DROWNING DOESN'T LOOK LIKE DROWNING

From Mario Vittone - Boating and Water Safety

"The waving, splashing, and yelling that dramatic conditioning (television) prepares us to look for, is rarely seen in real life."

BEAR SAFETY

From BC Parks

How to prevent the food-conditioning of bears.

USW Health & Safety Training



The USW continues to ensure our health and safety representatives have the tool to ensure their workplaces are healthy and safe.

At the recent USW District 3 Summer Scholl over 100 members participated at the school. One of the week long workshops offered was the USW level 1 workshop. The workshop was facilitated by Gord Menelaws from local 480 in Trail BC and Roy Milne from local 1595 in Wabamun Alberta.



Below Local 1-417 health and safety committee co-chairs participated in a two day incident investigation workshop held at the local office in Kamloops.

Above Gord Menelaws seen giving some guidance



The workshop was facilitates by the District 3 Health, Safety & Environment Coordinator Ron Corbeil and saw 16 safety activists sharpen their investigation skills.

Below - Kevin Diamond and Bill Mullen work on a investigation into the Hinton train collision

Below - Victor Adrian, Neil McCrae, Harbinder Hara and David Zurbrugg give assistance



What is Canada Day?

On July 1, 2011 Canada will celebrate it's 144th year since Confederation. Before 1982 Canada Day had been known as Dominion Day, First of July, Confederation Day, and July the First. Canada Day celebrates the events that occurred on July 1, 1867, when the British North America Act created the Canadian federal government. The BNA Act proclaimed "one Dominion under the name of Canada," hence the original title of the holiday, "Dominion Day." Dominion Day was officially renamed "Canada Day" by an Act of Parliament on October 27, 1982.



Have a Happy & Safe Canada Day

