

JANUARY 2010 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP SAFETY REPORT

2009 was a long and trying year safety wise once again at our Suncor sites and my hope for 2010 is that things will improve drastically in most areas. We had another fatality in the Mine and we lost three of our Brothers who were commuting back to work. Something that we should never forget so the safety of ourselves and others remain our number one priority both on and off the job. We have had a lot of changes to our Executives and Safety positions recently and I will be glad when we have a Vice Safety Chair in place so I can begin working with them so hopefully they can take on some of the workload. In 2009 we sent a number of Stewards, Safety Reps and other members on a few different safety courses and my goal is to do the same in 2010. In 2009 our Suncor employees had a slightly higher number both in First Aids and Medical Aids but we did cut down the Lost Time Incidents by more than half.

Overall at Suncor for the 2009 year not including contractors we worked a total of 8,399,853 hours. There were 295 First Aids. There were 40 Medical Aids and 4 Lost Time Injuries. Some staggering thoughts are we had 340 Lost Days due to injury, which is just about 1 person a day throughout the year getting hurt bad enough where he or she could not come to work. More staggering was there were 1314 days our members were on Restricted Work and could not do our normal duties. "Quite a Number"

We had a number of significant events that occurred in 2009 from the Green Peace activists chaining themselves to the plant 82 conveyors then a fire a few months later in the same area. We also had a number of fires in various areas in Upgrading as well as two asbestos incidents that we had to deal with. Just so you are aware I did look into the asbestos incidents and OH&S were contacted on both incidents and they were satisfied with how the clean up proceeded even though I felt things could have been handled a lot

better. We will continue to monitor the progress of those incidents to ensure long term controls are implemented in a timely manner.

We had another very successful CEP/Suncor Safety Rep conference which was attended by most of our Safety Reps as well as safety professionals and supervisors including contractors from across Suncor. We had an excellent guest speaker this year which I encouraged Suncor to bring him in to work with their supervisors and managers to improve safety at Suncor.

We as a Union and Safety Department will continue to hold Suncor accountable for good safe working conditions and they already know that we have a good working relationship with Occupational Health & Safety and we are not afraid to report any unsafe condition if warranted. As I said in the past OH&S has until July of this year to determine if any charges will be laid in the death of the Finning employee in Mine Operations and we will let you know once that has been determined by them.

In closing I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members and executives both past and present for their help in trying to make our workplace a safer and happier place to work in. I will continue to give our members the tools and information required to ensure a safe work environment right across our plant sites.

In Solidarity,

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