

# Sept 2009 G.M. Safety Report

**Thank you all for attending. I will not be going into the safety stats for the fact that we are short on time and I want to talk to you about something far more important. It has not been a good summer at all once again with the passing of Cow Harbour employee Michael Shannahan.** The fatality took place at about 1 p.m. on August 28.

He was working near a Cow Harbour work area at the Millennium mine at Suncor's Oil Sands site.

"During the re-assembly steps associated with routine maintenance of a tire and wheel assembly on a Cat 777, the tire and wheel assembly experienced a rapid deflation event.

"It is my understanding that the 2700R49 tire involved in this incident remained intact. At this time, there is no evidence to suggest the tire failed."

Occupational Health and Safety investigators are working with Suncor and Cow Harbour Construction to determine the cause of the incident.

"This is a tragic incident and I know that both Cow Harbour and Suncor employees and contractors join me in extending our deepest sympathies to the worker's family. "They are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time."

**Can I now ask that we all stand, remove our ball caps and have a moment of silence for Michael Shannahan.**

This is the second fatality at the Suncor Millennium oilsands site in a little more than a year.

On July 8, 2008, Kevin Grocutt, a 40 year-old Finning Canada employee, was fatally injured while attempting to move a disabled hauling truck to the shop for repairs.

Two other workers were also injured. We still have not heard if any charges will be laid from the first fatality as OH&S has until July of 2010 to lay those charges.

In closing it is very important that we all focus on our jobs and to refuse any unsafe work so we can ensure ourselves and the people working around us make it home to our loved ones each and every night.

Thank You