

COR™ Spotlight – City of Estevan

When did The City of Estevan become Certificate of Recognition (COR™) certified?

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Why did your company decide to become COR certified?

To ensure that all standards were met to protect our employees and improve our safety program.

In your company, who participates directly in your COR program?

Every employee is responsible for safety.

What areas of the COR program do you find most useful and why?

The 3-year COR audits and the audit tool are extremely beneficial. They provide a checklist to ensure we have all the components required to have an effective safety program. It also ensures compliance and addresses any shortcomings we may have to improve upon as well.

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For new companies considering COR certification, what advice would give to them?

I would not think twice about the decision, there are so many benefits from COR certification.

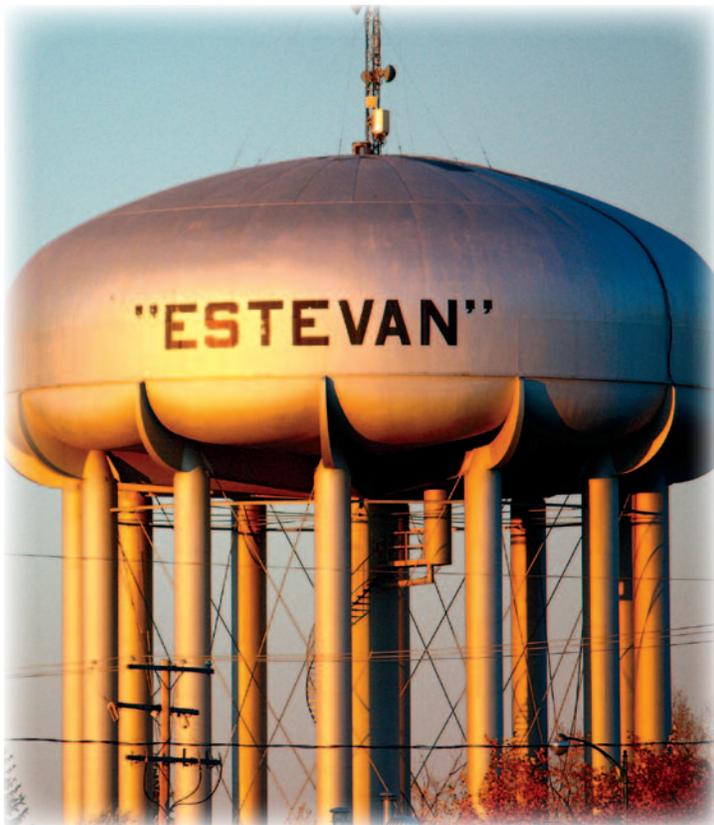
Do you have any useful tips for developing a safety program that other companies would find useful?

Safety programs regardless of the size are a vital component to the operation of any workplace. It is important to involve everyone in your organization from the top level to the ground level. Having a strong safety culture and making safety a value is a key in any organization.

Lead by example and have a shared vision. Create an environment for success! Preventing harm in the workplace, keeping employees healthy and safe at work, and reducing the number and severity of incidents is the heart of a safety program.

How do you promote your safety program within your company?

By involving everyone from their first day of employment! Having regular tool box meetings, regular worksite inspections, regular safety training, safety demonstrations, and celebrating North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) week.



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