Leading the Way to an Injury-free Saskatchewan

On June 11, 2015 — 51 Saskatchewan organizations demonstrated their commitment to Mission: Zero by signing the Saskatchewan Health and Safety Leadership Charter — joining the SCSA, and more than 380 business, government, union, and community leaders in the province who have also signed the Charter over the past five years.

In May 2008, Mission: Zero was established as a response to Saskatchewan having the second highest workplace injury rate in Canada. The initiative is a call to action to join other workers and employers across the province who make it their mission to have zero injuries, zero fatalities, and zero suffering in their workplaces.

“There’s an attitude you hear sometimes that injuries are inevitable. I don’t believe that. Leaders who sign the Charter don’t believe that. It’s time we stand together and create a cultural change — in our organizations and in our communities.”

Gord Moker, Safe Saskatchewan CEO

Mission: Zero is the primary focus of WorkSafe Saskatchewan — a partnership between the Saskatchewan Workers’ Compensation Board and the OHS Division at the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety. WorkSafe Saskatchewan is also a founding partner in Safe Saskatchewan, which is a provincial coalition that leverages the Health and Safety Leadership Charter as a core strategy for reducing the number and impact of injuries in the province.

Since WorkSafe Saskatchewan began its work in 2002, the province has seen a decrease in the workplace injury rate by nearly 50 per cent. The injury rate in 2002 went from an all-time high of 4.95 per cent in 2002 down to 2.41 at the end of 2014.

With initiatives such as Mission: Zero, the foundation for a cultural shift in the way Saskatchewan business, government, union, and community leaders view safety and injury prevention is changing. To learn more about the Saskatchewan Health and Safety Leadership Charter, visit: www.worksafesask.ca

Errol Fisher, SCSA Board Chair and VP of Operations at North Ridge Development Corporation (third from left) speaking on panel at the 2015 Saskatchewan Health and Safety Charter event to encourage construction companies to make a commitment to Mission: Zero.