PARTNERS IN PREVENTION 2010
Ontario Health & Safety Conference & Trade Show

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BACKGROUNDER

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May 4 – 5, 2010

PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM for SMALL BUSINESSES and ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS
May 3, 2010

Q – What is Partners in Prevention 2010?
A – Partners in Prevention 2010 is a new workplace health and safety conference and trade show for Ontario businesses. The event is taking place at the International Centre, which is located at 6900 Airport Road in Mississauga, May 4 – 5, 2010, with a pre-conference program for small businesses and organizational leaders on May 3, 2010.

Q – Who is hosting this event?
A – The Ontario workplace health and safety system, comprising of four newly amalgamated organizations – Health and Safety Association for Government Services (HSAGS), Infrastructure Health and Safety Association (IHSA), Safe Workplace Promotion Services Ontario (SWPSO), and Workplace Safety North (WSN) – is hosting this inaugural event.

Q – What organizations have amalgamated into these new associations?
A – Effective January 1, 2010, 12 provincial health and safety associations amalgamated to form four new organizations:

- Health and Safety Association for Government Services (HSAGS)
  - Education Safety Association of Ontario (ESAO)
  - Municipal Health and Safety Association (MHSA)
  - Ontario Safety Association for Community and Healthcare (OSACH)
- Infrastructure Health and Safety Association (IHSA)
  - Construction Safety Association of Ontario (CSAO)
  - Electrical & Utilities Safety Association (E&USA)
  - Transportation Health and Safety Association of Ontario (THSAO)
- Safe Workplace Promotion Services Ontario (SWPSO)
  - Farm Safety Association (FSA),
  - Industrial Accident Prevention Association (IAPA),
  - Ontario Service Safety Alliance (OSSA)
- Workplace Safety North (WSN)
  - Mines and Aggregates Safety & Health Association (MASHA)
  - Ontario Forestry Safe Workplace Association (OFSWA)
  - Pulp and Paper Health & Safety Association (PPHSA)

Q – Why have these changes/amalgamations taken place?
A – The emotional and financial toll of 80 to 100 workplace fatalities each year and 1,600 workplace injuries each week* spurred Ontario's workplace health and safety system to undertake a critical assessment and restructuring of its programs and services, so it can better assist Ontario businesses in reducing – and eliminating – the number of injuries, illnesses, and fatalities in their workplaces.

**WSIB – Ontario's Prevention System: A New Direction Business Case – Health & Safety Association Realignment*

Q – What are the benefits of these changes/amalgamations?
It is possible for every organization in Ontario to achieve zero injuries, illnesses, and fatalities. By joining forces, there is more that can be done together to keep Ontario workplaces safe and healthy and to put an end to workplace tragedy. Some of the benefits of coming together to serve Ontario workplaces include:

- Innovative and cost-effective solutions
- More resources and training opportunities
- Sector-specific products and services
- One website, one phone number
- Easier access to information, advice, and training

In addition, this realignment is about having the ability to reach more workplaces with more resources, as well as making it easier for the customer to access the resources, products, and services they need to become safer and healthier.

Q – Does Partners in Prevention replace the Health & Safety Canada Conference and Trade Show hosted by IAPA (Industrial Accident Prevention Association)?
A – Yes. With the Ontario health and safety system undergoing a restructuring to better serve Ontario businesses with their health and safety needs, it was timely to also review the various product and service offerings from within the health and safety system. As a result, it was determined that Ontario businesses would greatly benefit from a provincial health and safety conference and trade show, supported by all of the newly amalgamated organizations within the system. Thus, Partners in Prevention 2010 was born.

Q – What can delegates expect from this new provincial health and safety conference?
A – Delegates will be able to tap into the collective experience and resources of Ontario's entire workplace health and safety system, as each of the newly amalgamated health and safety associations have collaborated on the conference program and its related events.

The conference will be engaging and interactive and will provide delegates with opportunities to not only expand their workplace health and safety knowledge but to walk away with practical applications that they can use in their own workplaces, which will help their organizations reduce injuries, illnesses, and fatalities.

Delegates will be able to attend leading-edge sessions and workshops that focus on major hazards, healthy workplaces, small business, leadership, and more. Professional development courses will also be part of the conference program for those interested in furthering their education and designations.

Q – Tell me about the trade show component.
A – There are three other trade shows that will be co-locating with the Partners in Prevention 2010 trade show – the Canadian Environmental Conference and Tradeshow (CANECT), the Machine Automation Safety Congress (MASC), and Your Workplace.

Together, CANECT and MASC bring more than 2,000 delegates to the trade show. Your Workplace, a wellness resource for Canadians, will bring an additional 400 delegates to the trade show. They have a suite of tools, including a magazine, website, seminars, resource directory, and more, to help organizations improve their health and wellness. Both CANECT and Your Workplace will also be offering a variety of sessions to their respective conference attendees.

Combined, these four shows will feature more than 400 exhibitors, offering delegates the complete realm of health, safety, wellness, environmental, and machine automation solutions.