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Since 2006, Strathcona Industrial Association members have been posting messages to a toll-free, 24-hour information line. "The great thing about the line is that the community calls one number and, depending on what is happening, they can hear messages from any of our 11 members," says Gary Redmond, SIA General Manager. "Messages are posted from SIA members about various activities that occur at their sites including flares, unusual noises or odours, training exercises and incidents. It's an easy way to stay informed."

Full edition of CAER News & 2008 Annual Summary now available at www.sia.ab.ca or call 780-429-CAER (2237) to receive a copy.

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Message from the SIA President

Welcome to the winter edition of CAER News. 2009 marked SIA's 35th year in the community, and our focus on emergency preparedness, environmental responsibility and community outreach continued to be strong. Key initiatives such as our ambient air monitoring network and our CAER program demonstrate how the SIA strives to meet its mission of working with the community and government to promote a safe and healthy working and living environment.

Our sincere appreciation goes to our communities, our partners and stakeholders who give us insight, advice and challenge us to do better. I'd like to personally thank my fellow board members and the working committees who continue to bring their collective talents to the Association and contribute to our success.

On behalf of the SIA, I wish each of you a safe, happy and prosperous 2010.

Todd Tufto, Owens Corning
President, Strathcona Industrial Association



Rio Tinto Alcan Milestones

2009 marked two significant milestones for Rio Tinto Alcan: 35 years of operations at their Strathcona County location, and 19 years without a lost time injury at the site. Justin Pope was welcomed as the Rio Tinto Alcan representative on the SIA board of directors, replacing 20 year SIA veteran, Doug Burton, who retired earlier in the year.

Strathcona County Fire Station Renos

Strathcona County Emergency Services continues to grow to meet the needs of the community. Significant renovations are in the works at Fire Station 1 on Sherwood Drive and Fire Station 5 at Clover Bar and Baseline Roads.

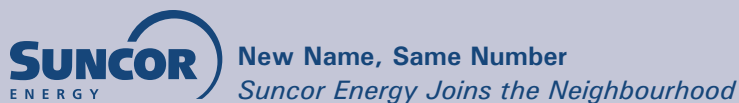
Station 1

- The Regional 9-1-1 Fire and EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Communications Centre relocated to expanded quarters on the upper floor at Station 1 on the evening of October 6th, 2009. The Communications Centre received a significant technological upgrade on systems and equipment, and increased workspace for growth in emergency communications operators and technology specialists.
- To accommodate the Communications Centre, new offices for the deputy chiefs are being constructed on the ground floor.
- Station 1 renovations are expected to be completed before year-end.

Station 5

- Station 5 renovations will allow additional crew and resources to be stationed out of the hall, enhancing service that residents receive. Work on the hall commenced in September 2009.
- Areas to be renovated or expanded include the living quarters, gear storage rooms, truck and ambulance bays, as well as landscaping and improved fencing between Station 5 and neighbours.

News from **Suncor Energy** Edmonton Refinery



Following completion of its merger with Petro-Canada in August 2009, the Edmonton Refinery is now part of Suncor's refining and marketing operations.

Although the name of the facility has changed, the Edmonton Refinery's commitment to safe, reliable operations and to the local community continues. The Edmonton Refinery's contact number is unchanged at **(780) 410-5610**.

Suncor is an integrated energy company strategically focused on developing Canada's Athabasca oil sands. The company's refining and marketing operations provide a vital link between its large Canadian resource base and the growing North American energy market. To learn more about Suncor, visit: www.suncor.com

Strathcona Cellphone Bylaw Implemented – Industry Concurrs

On September 1st, Strathcona County was the first municipality in Alberta to implement a bylaw banning the use of hand-held cellphones while driving on roads under the County's jurisdiction. "Our goal is to improve safety on our roads," said Mayor Cathy Olesen. "With the bylaw in place we believe it will help to heighten awareness of how important it is to give our full attention to the road when driving."

For many years, Strathcona Industrial Association members have had safety policies in place that ban the use of cell phones while driving. Employee safety during and after work is a priority, and using cell phones while driving is a distraction that can have serious safety consequences. "Improving the safety of the community is something we should all strive for and industry is doing their part," says Todd Tufto, SIA President. "Injury prevention is always top of mind for major industry and we want that message to go beyond our fence lines."

The Coalition for Cellphone-Free Driving states that injuries are the leading cause of death for people aged one to 44 years in Alberta; motor vehicle-related injuries account for the majority of these deaths. In Alberta, six people die every week in traffic collisions. Most motor vehicle collisions are the result of driver error. **Drive Safely!**



Imperial Oil News

23 Years of Construction Work Without a Lost-Time Injury

On October 6th, the Strathcona Refinery Facilities Planning Engineering & Construction (FPEC) employees and contractors reached another important safety milestone: 23 years (or more than 5 million hours) of construction work without a lost time injury. The group gathered for a photo to mark the milestone.



Over-the-Top United Way Campaign

Imperial Oil – Strathcona refinery employees and Chemical Energy Paperworkers Local 21A ran their most successful joint campaign ever. Over a two week period they hosted presentations from United Way agencies, volunteered at the agencies, ran a silent auction, a book sale and many other workplace activities. They raised \$234,000 for the United Way. The Imperial Oil Foundation presented a gift of \$135,000 to bring the total for the local United Way to \$369,000. Campaign Co-Chairs Suresh Joshua and Ed Arsenault both describe the campaign as a very rewarding experience.



Imperial Oil – United Way Campaign Co-Chairs Suresh Joshua (left) and Ed Arsenault (right).



SAFETY COLOURING FUN with Aware Bear

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Obey all signs near outdoor ice



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For More Safety Tips Check 'Safety Corner' on Our Web Site www.sia.ab.ca

Capture Our Spirit Team Helps at CAER Fair

Each year, the SIA engages a community group to help out at CAER Fairs and provides them with a donation. This year the Capture Our Spirit Team from Clover Bar Junior High came out to organize the children's games and activities at the Sherwood Park CAER Fair. The Capture Our Spirit Team is made up of staff and students who wish to make a difference in both our local and global community. The team has raised money for STARS at the STARS Charity Market, visited Norwood Elementary School for Read-In Week, donated proceeds from snack sales to the ESPCA, and collected winter outerwear for Coats for Kids and prescription glasses for the Give the Gift of Sight campaign. This group truly does make a difference!

Sherwood Park CAER Fair

SIA's final CAER Fair of the year was held September 12th in Sherwood Park at Fire Station 1. Approximately 800 people attended the morning event to learn about industry and community emergency response. "Special thanks goes to Strathcona County Emergency Services for their excellent hospitality," says Brenda Gheran, CAER Program Manager. "Although Fire Station 1 was still under renovation at the time, everyone who attended experienced a great day."



Sherwood Park Air Monitoring Station Replaced

Since 1979, the SIA has operated an ambient air quality monitoring network to measure concentrations of substances associated with heavy industry. Station audits revealed that the Sherwood Park station roof was beginning to breakdown. The station, located at the Ottewell Barn, was replaced in October after being in service for 27 years.



Out with the old...



In with the new!

Suncor Helps United Way

The Suncor Energy Edmonton Refinery and the Suncor Energy Sherwood Park Pipeline office together raised over \$128,000 for the 2009 United Way Campaign. Including the corporate donation of \$127,000 this year, over \$255,000 went to the United Way of the Alberta Capital Region. Campaign Co-Chairs Wendy Germaniuk and Brendan McCarthy had fun organizing employee events including the Manager "Pie in the Face" competition, and the always popular silent auction. Way to go team!



Campaign Co-Chairs Brendan McCarthy and Wendy Germaniuk, as well as United Way Loaned Rep Andy Ingram.



We would like to HEAR FROM YOU!

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SDMAP


Strathcona District Mutual Assistance Program

SIA members are proud to be part of SDMAP, a partnership of more than 30 industrial and community agencies dedicated to emergency response planning in east Edmonton and Strathcona County. Since 1979, SDMAP members have been sharing best practices for industrial incident planning and response.

Check out the SDMAP website: www.sdmap.ca

SHELTER-IN-PLACE

In Case of a Chemical Emergency

1. Go inside. Turn on local radio/TV. 
2. Close all windows and doors.
3. Turn off exhaust fans.
4. Listen to radio or TV for further instructions. Keep phone lines free.
5. If odour is strong, seal an inside room with wet towels at base of door. Breathe through a damp towel to filter air.

911 should be called only for emergencies.



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