

Underground Network

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Joint Crown Event Highlights Safe Digging

The SCGA joined SaskEnergy, SaskPower and SaskTel at a media event with Magna Electric on January 22 to highlight efforts in 2014 to reduce the number of incidents with underground utilities.

It was highlighted that over 1000 incidents occurred in 2013 with underground facilities of these three Crown utilities. These incidents not only caused damage to the utilities, interrupted the important services that they provided, but also significantly hampered the construction projects that the excavators were undertaking. It was noted that Saskatchewan is only one incident away from an injury or death occurring from the contact with one of these underground services.

For more information on the event, read the Regina Leader Post Article at:

<http://www.leaderpost.com/business/company+will+conduct+underground+line+locates/9419725/story.html>



CSAA Annual Contractor Breakfasts

The Contractor Safety Awareness Association is finalizing plans for this year's breakfasts that are to be held throughout the province. All those involved in ground disturbance in Saskatchewan are invited to bring their crews to the events and rally around the Safe Digging Messages! More information will be coming shortly and be available on the SCGA website.

SCGA and Sask1st Call at SUMA and Saskatchewan Safety Council Industrial Safety 2014 Tradeshows

The SCGA, in conjunction with Sask1st Call, participated in February tradeshows hosted by the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) and Saskatchewan Safety Council. Conference participants were informed about the SCGA's initiatives in 2014, especially that of the potential to implement a Mandatory One Call System in Saskatchewan.

Canadian Damage Prevention Professional

The CCGA continues to receive positive feedback following its first damage prevention symposium held November 12 through 14 in Kananaskis, Alberta. It is highlighted as the cover story in the attached Damage Prevention Professional magazine. The Damage Prevention Professional magazine is an excellent resource for all those involved in ground disturbance and protection of our underground infrastructure!



http://excavationsafetyonline.com/IRFlip/2014_WinterDPP_Canada/damagepreventionprofessional/

Call for Damage Prevention Best Practices Task Force Members

As highlighted at the December 5, SCGA Annual Meeting the Best Practices Task Force has an exciting year in front of it as it reviews the national Best Practices document that is currently being developed and proceeds to implement a process of sharing it with the SCGA members. If you are interested in participating on this Task Force please contact the Chair, Graham Biletski at (Graham.Biletski@alliancepipeline.com) or Daryl Posehn at (dposehn@scga.ca) http://scga.ca/?page_id=201

Welcome to New Members

Over the last few months a number of new members have joined the SCGA. Welcome to the following new members:

- 3M Canada
- ATI Telecom International Co.
- Workers Compensation Board

If you would like to join the SCGA in 2014, please fill out the membership form at the SCGA website. http://scga.ca/?page_id=213

Calendar Reminders

March 27 – April 11

CSAA Annual Contractor Breakfasts

June 2

SCGA Member Meeting, 10:30 am Evraz Place, Queensbury Convention Centre, Regina

April is Safe Digging Month