

Press Release

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CHFA Safety Group companies earn \$231,963 in WSIB rebates by improving health and safety

At a special presentation yesterday member companies of the CHFA Safety Group received \$231,963 in rebate cheques from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB). The rebates for the previous year were \$238,794. This brings their eight year total to \$1,632,214. Laine Reynolds, Chair of the CHFA Board of Directors congratulated the members of the Safety Group on their performance for 2007. Laine Reynolds stated, "these rebates emphasize how important it is for CHFA members to participate in the Safety Group Program." The CHFA has been a member of the WSIB Safety Groups Program since its inception in 2000.

In 2007, the Safety Group achieved outstanding results by reducing their Lost Time Injury Frequency by 17.74% and their Lost Time Injury Severity by 9.82%. The number of actual injuries was reduced by 28%.

The Safety Groups Program promotes workplace health and safety through mentoring, pooling of resources and the sharing of best practices between participating firms. Member companies are encouraged and supported as they develop good health and safety programs.

As part of the program, member firms select five safety elements they will initiate or improve upon over the course of a year. Representatives from these firms attend meetings, share ideas and resources; learning from each other how to put these initiatives into place. By improving workplace safety, the firms have the chance to reduce their WSIB premiums and earn financial rebates.

This is a very important program which is available to all CHFA members. Participation in this program can pay for your annual membership fee. You can't get a better R.O.I. than this. Companies interested in joining the Safety Group Program for 2009 are invited to contact Murray Vaughan, President at 905-677-6561 or murray@chfaweb.ca.