

Mission: Zero

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**OCCUPATIONAL
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Relationships

- Occupational Health Officers continue to work with organizations

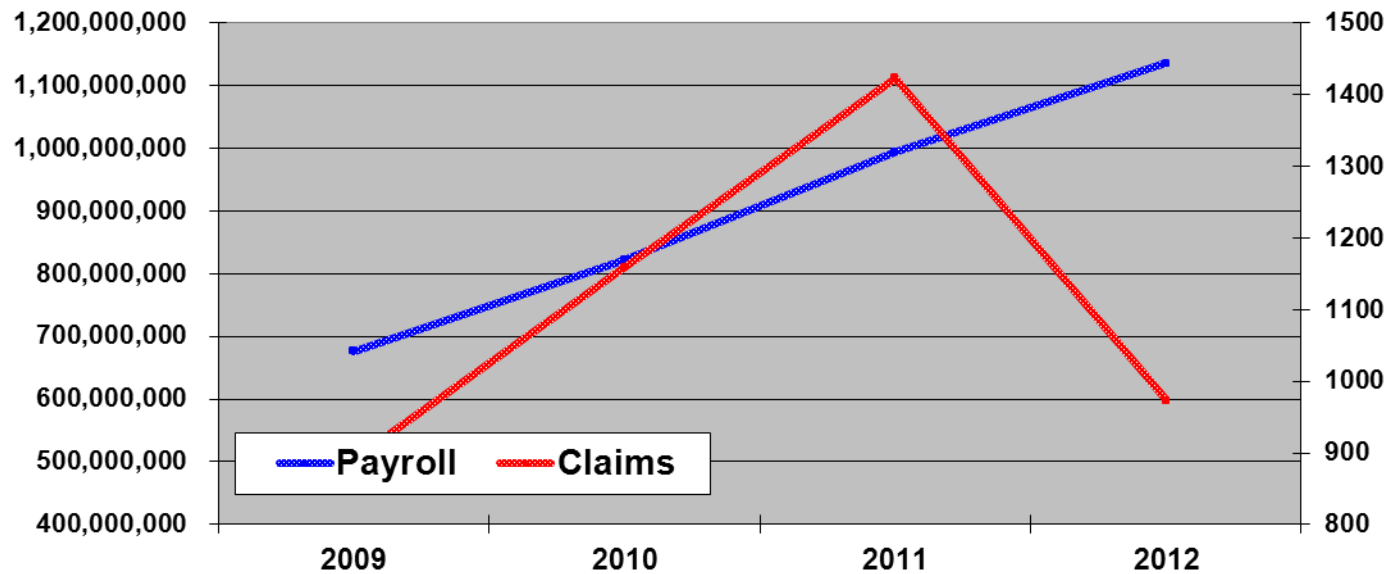
Communications

- Dangerous occurrence notification
- Investigation reports
- Awareness

Key Stats: (2009-2012)

- **4,444 claims**
- **\$32,243,663 in costs**
- **100,456.2 compensation days**
- **15 fatalities - 6 occurring in 2010**

Payroll vs. Total Claims (2009-2012)



Fatality Causes (2009-2012)

1. Transportation accidents – 6
2. Contact with objects and equipment – 4
3. Other events and exposures – 3
4. Exposure to harmful substances or environments - 2



Top Three – Sources of Injury (2009-2012)

1. Bodily motion or position of injured worker – 629
2. Pipes, ducts, tubing - 218
3. Floors, Walkways, ground surfaces – 155
4. Ground - 149
5. Metal pipe tubing - 117



Anecdotal Observations

- Increase in PME incidents
 - Roll overs and equipment failure
- Small/new employers within the industry are not as aware of roles and responsibilities

Safety Issues

- H₂S levels in Weyburn/Estevan fields increasing
- Operational concerns on some batteries
- Officers will be inspecting service rigs and batteries with a focus on maintenance and training of operators

OHS Act Updates

- Amended (revisions/changes or additions) more than 35 sections of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993*.
- Came into force on November 7, 2012.

What are the BIG changes?

Specifically, the amendments:

- Clarify the definitions of contractor and worker;
- Establish procedures related to the creation of effectiveness of occupational health committees and health and safety programs;
- Establish appeal procedures and timelines as well as clarify the executive director's role in appeals;

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- Provide additional mechanisms to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of OHS investigations & prosecutions; and
- Make some additional housekeeping and consequential amendments.

Summary Offence Ticketing

- LRWS worked with the Ministry of Justice to establish a ticketing system for OHS-related matters by amending *The Summary Offences Procedures Regulations, 1991*. The amendments came into force November 9, 2012.
- Implementation of the system will begin towards the end of 2013 or early 2014.
- OHS will begin putting the system into operation with an educational phase prior to the issuance of tickets.

Summary Offence Ticketing

- Adds an additional tool for enforcement and protection to OHS – doesn't displace any existing methods.
- A Notice of Contravention will be issued alongside every SOT.
- Improves the efficiency and effectiveness of the prosecution process for non-compliance matters.
- Immediacy of SOTs will serve as an effective and efficient deterrent to non-compliance
- Officers will apply the principles of the workplace responsibility system when issuing tickets.

Summary Offence Ticketing

- A summary offence ticket is the official name
- There are **a total of 71 offences** covering 38 sections of the OHS Act and regulations.
- For a first offence, offenders can:
 - plead guilty and make a voluntary payment ; or
 - Attend court on the date specified.
- For a second offence, offenders will have a mandatory court appearance
- Regardless, a Notice of Contravention will also be issued

Summary Offence Ticketing

Employers/Contractors/Self-employed Persons/Owners/Suppliers

- Voluntary Payment Amounts for SOT's range from \$250 - \$1000
- Workers will have a flat rate fine amount of \$250
- Supervisors will have a flat rate fine amount of \$400
- Employers will have a range of fines between \$400 and \$1000

Upcoming activities

- Bill 85 (Employment Act)
 - Prime contractor and fine amounts
- Regulatory review
 - 2013-14
 - Four phase project
 - Consultations on Oil and gas specific regulations
 - OEL's, first aid, prescribed amendments to Bill 23 and Bill 85 (Employment Act)

Thank-you

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