

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Response/Mine Rescue Skills Competition . . . A Test with Great Success!

Moose Jaw: Teams of dedicated and highly trained emergency response/mine rescue personnel from sixteen mine sites around the province tested their skills at the 50<sup>h</sup> Annual Emergency Response/Mine Rescue Skills Competition held at Mosaic Place and Moose Jaw Exhibition Grounds on Saturday June 2, 2018.

Underground and Surface Rescue teams displayed their highly qualified and proficient skills in 5 separate events, including Fire Fighting, First Aid, Proficiency Skills, Practical Skills and Simulated Surface and Underground Mine Problems.

The Overall winners of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Response Mine Rescue Skills Competition are:

**OVERALL** 

Surface Winner - K+S Potash Bethune Runner Up - Mosaic Belle Plaine
Underground Winner - Nutrien Cory Runner Up - Nutrien Lanigan

The Individual Event winners of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Response Competition are:

FIRST AID

Surface Winner - Westmoreland Estevan Runner Up - Westmoreland Poplar River

Underground Winner - Nutrien Allan Runner Up – SSR Mining Seabee

FIRE FIGHTING

Surface Winner – K+S Potash Bethune Runner Up – Orano McClean Lake

Underground Winner – Nutrien Lanigan Runner Up – Nutrien Allan

**PROFICIENCY** 

Surface Winner - Orano McClean Lake Runner Up - Mosaic Belle Plaine

Underground Winner – Nutrien Lanigan Runner Up – Nutrien Allan

PRACTICAL SKILLS

Surface Winner – K+S Potash Bethune Runner Up – Westmoreland Poplar River

Underground Winner – Nutrien Lanigan Runner Up – Mosaic Esterhazy K1

SURFACE FIELD PROBLEM

Surface Winner - Mosaic Belle Plaine Runner Up - Nutrien Patience Lake

UNDERGROUND MINE PROBLEM

Underground Winner – Nutrien Cory Runner Up – SSR Mining Seabee

The Saskatchewan Mining Association salutes these safety professionals who are a tremendous resource, both to the mines where they work and their home communities.

At the Awards ceremony, Mosaic Esterhazy K1 was also presented the John T. Ryan National Safety Trophy for Select Mines. The company had a most remarkable Injury Rate of "zero" – meaning they had no lost time injuries, or modified work injuries at their operations in 2017 representing almost 900,000 hours worked. This is a great safety achievement. In addition, Mosaic Esterhazy K2 and Brine Inflow Mine received the 2017 John T. Ryan Regional Safety Trophy in the Select Mine Category for Western Canada and Cameco Cigar Lake Mine received the 2017 John T. Ryan Regional Safety Trophy in the Metal Mine category for Prairie Provinces and Territories.

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