

SMA Emergency Response/Mine Rescue Skills Competition (ERMRC) Newsletter

Third edition, July 2017

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The Scoop is a newsletter to showcase the annual Provincial SMA Emergency Response/Mine Rescue Competition and the dedicated men and women on the ERMRC Teams.

This is the third edition of The Scoop.

Regards, Pam Schwann SMA President

NOTE: A number of sources were used in the development of this newsletter. Where possible these sources were reviewed and verified Another successful competition is in the books with Mosaic Esterhazy K1 and PotashCorp Patience Lake winning the overall underground and surface events respectively.

Overall Underground Winner - Mosaic Esterhazy K1



Front Row Left to Right: Graeme Ottenbreit; Aaron Polvi (Captain) Jordan Hintz;

Back row Left to Right; Jeremy Lundgren; Greg Sweet (Vice); Jamie Smart-Sondergaard; Scott McMillen; Clint Hollingshead (Coordinator); Frank Falkevitch; Brad Danylko (K1 Mine Manager)

Overall Surface Winner - PotashCorp Patience Lake

From Top left to Right: Terry Pisio (Coach), Jeremy Heibert, Jason Hanley, Jack Danylczuk (Coach), Dan Kozak (Captain), Stefan Finlayson, Taylor Jackson, Drake Campagna, Fred Anderson (Vice Captain)









2017 SMA EMERGENCY RESPONSE/ MINE RESCUE COMPETITION

The individual event placings:

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First Aid: 1st PotashCorp Lanigan

2nd Mosaic Esterhazy K2

Fire Fighting: 1st PotashCorp Allan

2nd Silver Standard Seabee

Proficiency: 1st PotashCorp Lanigan

2nd Mosaic Esterhazy K1

Practical Skills: 1st Mosaic Esterhazy K1

2nd PotashCorp Allan

Field Problem:

1st PotashCorp Rocanville 2nd Mosaic Esterhazy K1

OVERALL:

Mosaic Esterhazy K1

2nd PotashCorp Lanigan

Surface

PotashCorp Patience

Westmoreland Polar

AREVA McCLean Lake

Mosaic Belle Plaine

Westmoreland Polar

PotashCorp Patience

Mosaic Belle Plaine Cameco Key Lake

Cameco Key Lake Mosaic Belle Plaine

PotashCorp Patience

Cameco Key Lake

Canada

River

Wheeler

Proficiency - Terry Zerbin

Gas Testing: Cam Parker - MSA Canada Ltd.

Written Exam: Reuben Unger - Retired

Bench test: Dean Hoffman - K+S Potash

Benchman's Event - Terry Zerbin

EVENT COORDINATORS & JUDGES

Chris Kelly - Mosaic

Rob Smacel -Agrium

Duane Hart -Agrium Al Labine - Mosaic

David Steiger - Mosaic Dave Renneberg -PotashCorp

Eugene Mann—Retired

Ron Danielson - MLRWS

Kevin Huber - Cameco McArthur River

Ken Worobec - Cameco McArthur River

Lyle Possberg - PotashCorp Lanigan

First Aid: Belinda Mitchell - Northern Strands & Michael Brenholen -St John Ambulance

U/G Practical Skills: Harvey Callin - AMEC Foster

Surface Practical Skills: Doug Poole - PotashCorp

Surface Problem: Travis Bailey - Cameco, McArthur

Fire Fighting: Sean Linton - Industrial Scientific

Mine Problem:

Guide Coordinator: Mike Sather

COMPETITION COMMITTEE

Many thanks to all the hard work that the organizing committee has put in to make this a success. This work began almost a year ago, and the dedication to all those involved pays off year after year.

Chris Stansfield, Committee Chair - AREVA McClean Lake

Guy Hiltz,- Westmoreland Coal Poplar River

Brian Tremblay - Westmoreland Coal Estevan

Tracy Welder - PotashCorp Lanigan

Doug Poole - PotashCorp Allan

Donovan Hebig - PotashCorp

Kevin Kingdon - PotashCorp Rocanville

James Ferstl - Mosaic

Eugene Mann - Retired

Ken Worobec- Cameco McArthur River

Dave Speerbrecker - Thyssen Mining

Wes Hrapchak -PotashCorp Cory

Pam Schwann

Brad Sigurdson

Tracey Irwin

Dorian Ward























Surface Practical Skills:

The practical skills event is a demonstration of the team's skill. Teams do not have prior knowledge of the type of problem that they will encounter. All they have been told is that tasks may range from individual, to small group, or a total team approach. Some possible topics are rope rescue, smoke room, fall-arrest situations, confined space, specific first aid demonstrations or oral questions about a range of emergency response topics.

The teams face the dreaded "Pittsburg Drill". Teams had to breach a wall, navigate a crawl space and over a wall to locate a downed fire fighter, then bring the fire fighter all the way back to the beginning.























Underground Practical Skills:

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This years event involved the team entering a smoke filled portion of a mine to locate missing workers, restore ventilation and ensure proper treatment is given for any injuries identified.







Underground First Aid

In this event, each six-person team demonstrates its skills in an industrial-type accident. Teams are judged to the St. John Ambulance Intermediate level which includes oxygen administration, airway management and spinal immobilization.

The scenario for this years teams was to treat varying degrees of burns, triage of multiple casualties and recognizing the changes in conditions that required teams to relocate to safe refuge.





















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This year the teams faced an incident scene involving multiple burn victims with varying degrees of injuries to be prioritized and treated accordingly.

















Underground and Surface Fire Fighting

In this event, team members are required to demonstrate proper techniques in extinguishing the different props and recharging the extinguishers. The team is allowed to strategize and determine how many team members they can use to attack the fires. All members must recharge their assigned fire extinguishers, and then use them to fight the fire. Teams are tested on the monthly inspection criteria of handheld extinguishers to ensure they are fit to use as well.



















History of Overall Surface winners:

2017—PotashCorp Patience Lake

2016 - PotashCorp Patience Lake

2015- PotashCorp Patience Lake

2014- PotashCorp Patience Lake

2013- Mosaic Belle Plaine

2012- PotashCorp Patience Lake

2011- Sherritt Coal Poplar River

2010- Mosaic Belle Plaine

2009- PotashCorp Patience Lake

2008- PotashCorp Patience Lake

2007- PotashCorp Patience Lake

2006- PotashCorp Patience Lake

2005- PotashCorp Patience Lake

2004- Luscar Poplar River

2003- PotashCorp Patience Lake

2002- Luscar Boundary Dam

2001- PotashCorp Patience Lake

2000- Luscar Boundary Dam

1999- IMC Kalium Belle Plaine

1998- Estevan Coal

1997- IMC Kalium Belle Plaine

1996- PCS Patience Lake

1995- Estevan Coal

1994- Prairie Coal Poplar River

1993- Prairie Coal Poplar River

1992- Estevan Coal

1991- Estevan Coal

1990- Cameco Rabbit Lake

1992—Estevan Coal

1991—Estevan Coal

1990- Cameco Rabbit Lake

Surface Field Problem: In this event, Surface teams compete in a confined space, extrication, or other industrial-type situation. The six-person team, led by the team captain, must safely remove injured workers, test for toxic gases and use developed team procedures to finish the problem.

As teams arrived this year they encountered a motor vehicle accident that had a truck in the embankment after missing a curve in the road. They are tested on hazard recognition, vehicle extrication and overall scene management















History of Overall Underground winners:

2017—Mosaic Esterhazy K1

2016 -PotashCorp Lanigan

2015 - PotashCorp Lanigan

2014 - PotashCorp Rocanville

2013 - Cameco McArthur River

2012 - PotashCorp Lanigan

2011 - Agrium

2010 - PotashCorp Lanigan

2009 - Mosaic K2

2008 - PotashCorp Lanigan

2007- PotashCorp Allan

2006 - Mosaic Colonsay

2005 - PotashCorp Lanigan

2004 - IMC Colonsay

2003 - PCS Rocanville/ PCS Cory

2002 - Agrium / Cameco McArthur River

2001 - IMC Colonsay / Cameco McArthur River

2000 - PCS Lanigan / Cameco McArthur River

1999 - PCS Cory / Cogema Cluff Lake

1998 - PCS Lanigan / Claude Resources

1997 - PCS Lanigan

1996 - PCS Allan

1995 - Central Canada Potash

1994 - PCS Allan

1993 - PCS Rocanville

1992 - PCS Allan

1991-PCS Allan

1990 - PCS Lanigan

1989 - Cluff Mining

1988 - PCS Allan

1987- PCS Allan

1986 - PCS Allan

1985 - PCS Lanigan

1984 - Central Canada Potash

1983 - PCS Allan

1982 - PCS Lanigan

1981 - PCS Allan

1980 - Central Canada Potash

1979 - Eldorado

1978 - Potash Company of America

1977 - Central Canada Potash

1976 - Allan Potash Mines

1975 - Sylvite Potash

1974 - Eldorado

1973 - Sylvite Potash

1972 - Potash Company of America

1971 - Allan Potash Mines

1970 - Allan Potash Mines

1969 - Potash Company of America























Underground Mine Problems

For underground teams, two mock mines or blocks have been constructed. The 2 blocks are called the AITCHISON and WORONIUK blocks, after Herb Aitchison and John Woroniuk, distinguished builders of mine rescue in the Province of Saskatchewan.

All underground teams compete in two 40-minute mine problems. Each underground team is comprised of a coordinator, team captain, vice -captain, and four team members. Under the direction of the coordinator, the team will enter the mine and attempt to locate missing workers, extinguish or control fires, examine the mine for dangerous gases and then restore the mine to its original safe condition. The team will report findings via telephone or radio to the coordinator who is stationed at the fresh air base.







Surface teams

AREVA McClean Lake:

Back Row Left to Right: Geoff Gerbrandt, Mitch Desjardins, Tyrel Braaten, Brett Arnott

Front Row Left to Right: Jason Shields, Tracy Gaudry (Captain), Lindsay Haeusler (V Captain).



Back Row Left to Right:Tim Darke , Jason Munro , Russel Edwards , Ryan Kerr (Captain)

Front Row Left to Right: Kyle Burnouf, Camille Pouteaux (Spare), Marty LeDoux.















Surface teams

Mosaic Belle Plaine

Left to Right: Jason Hetherington, Chris Reid, Todd Best (Captain), Devin Leys, Richard Petit, Darren Soyka, Shaun Gettel

PotashCorp Patience Lake

Left to Right: Jack Danylczuk (Coach), Jeremy Hiebert, Fred Anderson, Taylor Jackson, Stefan Finlayson, Dan Kozak (Captain), Drake Canpagna, Jason Hanley and Terry Pisio (Coach)







Surface teams

Westmoreland Coal Poplar River Mine

Back Row Left to Right: Jade Popescul, Guy Hiltz (Coordinator), Dennis Hicks, Eric Lemieux, Colton Clark, Cam Marit (Coach), Parker Beauchesne

Front Row Left to Right: Rob Drake, Jason Lemieux (Captain), Chris Monteyne (Vice Captain), Landon Loucks, Ragnar Robinson

Westmoreland Coal Estevan Mine

Back Row Left to Right: Derek Mitchell, Derek Choma, Cory Gibson, Kevin Ducey

Front Row Left to Right: Matt Procyshyn, Lee Mantei (Captain), Brandon Schopp















Cameco McArthur River:

Back Row Lleft to right: Marko Baran (Captain), Glenn Struik (Coordinator), Travis Bailey (Coach), Jason Znack. Front Row Left to Right: Doug Engdahl, Naomi Fugle, Derek Seafood, Megan Znack

Silver Standard Seabee

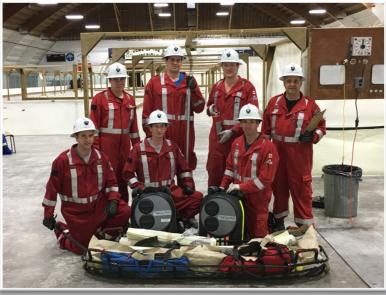
Left to Right: Trent Kulbida (Captain), Bill McDermott, Jason Gidluck, Brody Ellis, Alex Reinfeld, Scott Middleton (Coordinator)











Mosaic Colonsay

Left to Right: Eric Pearce, Rob Elliott, Devon Howe, Michal Janus, Jason Gray, Scott Condliffle (Team Captain)

Mosaic Esterhazy K1

Back Row Left to Right: Jordan Hintz, Jamie Smart-Sondergaard, Scott McMillen, Clint Hollingshead (Coordinator)

Front Row Left to Right: Aaron Polvi (Captain), Graeme Ottenbreit, Greg Sweet











Mosaic Esterhazy K2

Left to Right: Scott Slinn, Jared Cook, Blair Banga, Neil Niebergal (Captain), Tanner Chutskoff, Dylan Bachtold, Dean Kishalowich (Coordinator)

PotashCorp Allan

Back Row Left to Right: Ryan Shaw (Captain), George Wilkinson (Coordinator), Lindsay Carroll, Cody Stianson

Front Row Left to Right: Devin Besse, Gerald Mayer, Darren Schatz (Vice-Captain)







PotashCorp Cory

Back Row: Trevor Hallborg (Coach) Front Row Left to Right: Rick Gandzalas, Carlos Torrico, Dan Eisenhut, Cody Johnson, Kyle Yuzdepski, Lance Klassen, Vilhelm Micaci

PotashCorp Lanigan

Back Row Left to Right: eff Morelli (First Aid Coach), Kyle Renwick (Coach), Chris McLaren, Devin Toews, Cody Kennedy, Dave Campbell, Ryan Dale

Front Row Left to Right: Mark Nivon(Captain), Jory Vanthuyne, Ford Leggott (Coach)













PotashCorp Rocanville

Left to Right: Mark LaRocque, Mike Nelson (Coordinator), Bryan Fowler (Vice-Captain), Tom Derkatch (Captain), Scott Chychul, Ryan Rudniski, Brent Clark























Family Safety Zone

The Saskatchewan Mining Association (SMA) coordinates the "Family Safety Zone", a suite of handson activities related to Saskatchewan's mining industry at the annual SMA Emergency Response/Mine Rescue Skills Competition. The activities are aimed at families attending the mine rescue competition, particularly children, and members of the general public.

2017 was the fifth year the Family Safety Zone was presented and the third year that the event was organized and run by SMA staff and the SMA HR Committee.

This year's activities included: An oversize version of the games "Operation" and "Connect Four" from the Work Safe Street Team, Mineral Identification, Potash Solution Mining, Sandbox Exploration & Mining, Coal Mining, and Face Painting. Thyssen Mining provided a self-contained breathing apparatus to be used for dress up and photo opportunities in conjunction with mine safety gear provided by Mosaic Colonsay. Many companies contributed free items to give to the children and Shand Greenhouse provided free saplings to give to adults. Thanks to the organizers and volunteers who helped make this great family event possible.

The goal of the Family Safety Zone is to raise public awareness of the Saskatchewan mining industry, the many products and benefits it brings to our province, and safety in the work place and at home, through hands-on activities related to the mining industry.







John T Ryan Award

Mosaic Belle Plaine receiving the National award for Select Mines



Left to Right: Cam Parker with MSA Canada, Jessica Theriault, SMA Chair, Todd Best and Jennifer Jungwirth, Mosaic Belle Plaine and Brad Sigurdson, SMA

History of John T Ryan recipients in Saskatchewan

2016 Mosaic Belle Plaine—National Select Mines 2015 Claude Resources Seabee Mine -Regional Metal Mines 2015 Mosaic Esterhazy K1- National Select mines 2015 Cameco McArthur River - National Metal Mines 2014 Cameco McArthur River - National Metal Mines 2012 Cameco McArthur River - National Metal Mines 2013 Cameco McArthur River - National Metal Mines 2012 Mosaic Belle Plaine - Regional 2011 Cameco McArthur River - Regional 2011 Cameco McArthur River - Regional
2010 Cameco McArthur River - Regional
2009 Cameco McArthur River - Regional
2009 Cameco McArthur River - National Metal Mines
2007 Mosaic Esterhazy K1 - National Select Mines
2006 Mosaic Potash - K1 - National Select Mines
2003 Cameco Rabbit Lake - Regional
2002 Cogema Cluff Lake - National Metal Mines
2001 Luscar Limited Poplar River - National Coal Mines
2001 IMC Potash Colonsay - Regional
2000 PCS Potash Rocanville - Regional
2000 Cameco Rabbit Lake - National Metal Mines
1999 Cameco McArthur River & Key Lake - National Metal Mines
1998 Cogema Cluff Lake - National Metal Mines
1997 Potash Corp Rocanville - National Select Mines
1996 Potash Corp Rocanville - National Select Mines
1997 IMC Kalium K1 - Regional 1996 Potasti Corp Rocanville - National Select Mines
1997 IMC Kalium K1 – Regional
1996 IMC Kalium K2 – Regional
1996 IMC Kalium K2 – Regional
1995 Potash Corp Rocanville - National Select Mines
1995 International Minerals and Chemical Corp – K1 - Regional
1994 International Minerals and Chemical Corp – K2 – National Select Mines
1993 International Minerals and Chemical Corp Esterhazy - National Select Mines
1993 International Minerals Pagniville – Regional 1992 Potash Corp of Sask – Rocanville – Regional 1991 Potash Corp of Sask – Rocanville - Regional 1990 IMC K1—National Select Mines 1990 Potash Corp of Sask – Rocanville - Regional 1989 PCS Allan / Rocanville, Cameco Rabbit Lake, IMC K2 National Select Mines 1988 Potash Corp of Sask - Rocanville - National Select Mines 1988 International Minerals and Chemical Corp – K1 - Regional 1987 Eldorado Resources – Rabbit Lake - Regional 1986 Rio Algom Ltd., Patience Lake Mine - National Select Mines 1985 Potash Co. America – Patience Lake - Regional 1985 International Minerals and Chemical Corp – K2 - National Select Mines 1984 International Minerals and Chemical Corp – K1 and K2 - National Select Mines 1983 Potash Corp Rocanville - National Selec't Mines 1982 Potash Co. of America - National Select Mines 1982 International Minerals and Chemical Corp – K1 – Regional 1981 Potash Co. America – Patience Lake - Regional 1980 Potash Co. of America - National Select Mines 1977 International Minerals and Chemical Corp Esterhazy - National Select Mines 1977 International Minerals and Chemical Corp Esterhazy - National Select 1969 International Minerals and Chemical Corp - K1 - National Metal Mines 1969 International Minerals and Chemical Corp - K1 - Regional 1968 International Minerals and Chemical Corp - K1 - National Metal Mines 1968 International Minerals and Chemical Corp - K1 - Regional 1967 Potash Co. of America - National Metal Mines 1967 Potash Co. of America - Regional 1966 International Minerals and Chemical Corp K1 - National Metal Mines 1966 International Minerals and Chemical Corp - K1 - Regional 1965 International Minerals and Chemical Corp Yarbo - Regional 1964 International Minerals and Chemical Corp Yarbo - Regional

1964 International Minerals and Chemical Corp Yarbo – Regional 1956 Eldorado M&R – Regional 1955 Eldorado M&R - Regional







2017 Emergency Response Person of the Year

Each SMA member company can nominate someone for this award.

Some sample criteria to qualify for nominations are:

- Longstanding Emergency Response team member
- Actively involved in emergency preparedness in the community
- Active in developing and training new emergency response members

This year there are two successful candidates, Calvin Petracek from PotashCorp Rocanville and Eugene Mann from Cameco McArthur River.

Calvin Petracek has worked at PotashCorp Rocanville
Division for 33 years, and had been involved in Emergency
Response as an active member for over 26 years. Calvin is now
the Manager of the training department, and is still actively
involved in supporting the coordination of various training of
the emergency response personnel at Rocanville. Calvin is still
involved in emergency situations by maintaining the command
center, helping both Mine Rescue and ERT teams. Calvin holds
the Deputy Fire Chief position in his local community
volunteer fire department, and is always willing to respond or
assist during an emergency, whether at work, in his
community, or a mutual aid situation. Thank you Calvin for
your years of dedicated service to your colleagues, friends,
and members of your community.



Emergency response person of the year history:

Calvin Petracek / Eugene Mann 2017

Ken Worobec, 2016

Andrew Ochitwa, 2015

Larry Erickson / Cam Merit, 2014

Jack Danylczuk, 2013

Honorary recognition plaque for Nick Asmundson, 2013

Reuben Unger, 2011

Ken Kolenz, 2010

Garry Rowe, 2007

Rod Greve, 2005

Jim Samenook, 2004

Roger Birtles, 2003

Terry Machniak, 2002

Kevin Huber, 2001

Morley Nelson, 2000

Gary MacDonald, 1999

Marvin Shewchuk, 1998

Graham Linton, 1996

Cliff Sawatsky, 1995

John Woroniuk, 1994







2017 Emergency Response Person of the Year

Eugene Mann joined mine rescue in 1983 and was certified in 1985.

He has assumed many jobs over the years from production worker, tradesperson, supervisor and most recently as a safety professional. Throughout these years of working, he has always maintained his active status in mine rescue.

Eugene attained his mine rescue instructor certification in 2001 and has been teaching new members for over 15 years.

He has responded to many underground fires in Saskatchewan and also the Alberta Grand Cache coal mine fire in 1991. He has been on 3 provincial SMA winning teams -1 as a team member, 1 as a captain and 1 as the team coordinator.



It is in the position of coordinator that he really exceled, leading Colonsay at the International competition in Reno and most recently leading McArthur River at the World competition held in Sudbury Ontario last year.

He has been a member of the SMA committee and competition committees for the past 4 years and has helped judge the mock mine problems for several years.

His dedication and professionalism have helped inspire many new members to stay within their respective programs.

Eugene has moved into retirement from his dedicated career in safety and his involvement with team development, but continues to offer his support to the competition committee.

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National Western Region Mine Rescue Competition Fernie B.C. September 8 & 9, 2017

The National Western Regional Mine Rescue Competition will be held September 8 & 9, 2017 in Fernie B.C. Mosaic Esterhazy and Colonsay are invited to represent Saskatchewan in the underground event. Mosaic Belle Plaine and Cameco Key Lake for the surface teams.

Ron Danielson will be representing Saskatchewan on the organizing committee, with Saskatchewan hosting the mine problem and the Surface extrication.

Saskatchewan Mine Rescue Manual, 2017

Following a long process of review the Saskatchewan Mine Rescue Instructors group has adopted a new version of the Provincial Mine Rescue Manual.

Effective July 1, 2017 all training will be following this new version. Electronic copies are available from members of the Mine Rescue Instructors group.

Hard copies will eventually be made available.











International Mine Rescue Competition - Sudbury Ontario, August 2016

The IMRC was held in Canada in 2016 with 28 international teams competing. Saskatchewan was represented by Cameco McArthur River who was successful in winning a Bronze medal in both First Aid and Underground Fire Fighting, and a Silver in Rope Rescue, placing Fourth Overall.

Teams were tested in an underground mine problem with heavy smoke, a mine fire situation underground where they had to extinguish a large class A fire, rope rescue event and a first aid scenario. Congratulations to the team members (left to right) Dave Holaday (Coach), Trent Hamilton, Eugene Mann (Coordinator), Darren Woods (Captain), Travis Bailey, Marko Baran, Sylvain Proulx and Garrett Nagy.













Salute to those who served.

Each member company can nominate any members of Emergency Response that have retired in the past year.

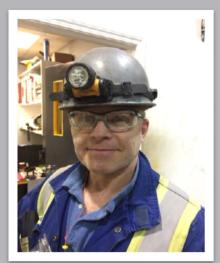
The following were nominated by their sites to be honored at the competition banquet for their dedication to the mine rescue program at their sites:



AREVA McClean Lake

Don Schoenfeld started at McClean Lake way back in 1997 where he took up the role as a welder at the open pit mine. Don was laid off in January 1999 and then rehired in March 1999 and soon after became a member of the Emergency Response Team. His roles varied at McClean Lake from welder at the mine site to welder and industrial mechanic in the JEB mill.

Throughout his career at McClean Lake Don remained an active member of the team, competing in a number of Mine Rescue Competitions and also leading the team as 2 IC and 1IC when needed.



His attributes are definitely remaining calm in a crisis. Don retired from the response team in 2016.

We thank Don for his contributions to the team not only technical input, leadership and ability to coach others but also his sense of humor and fishing/ hunting stories. Thank you Don from McClean Lake.







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Cameco McArthur River



Corey Simonson started his mining career at McArthur River in 2006 and enrolled in the mine rescue program in 2007, since then has competed in the local in house event 5 times, participated in the SMA Provincials seven times, twice as a Captain, and was the Captain of the Underground overall winners in 2013

Corey has discontinued his active service but continues to support the McArthur River program assisting with the site In-house competition and

Eugene Mann joined mine rescue in 1983 and was certified in 1985. He has assumed many jobs over the years from production worker, tradesperson, supervisor and most recently as a safety professional. Throughout these years of working, he has always maintained his active status in mine rescue. mentoring new recruits.

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Mosaic Colonsay

Ken Berg joined the Underground Mine Rescue team in 1984.

He moved up through the hierarchy ranks as a team member, and in later years he was the Mine Departments Field Coordinator in an emergency.

Over the years Ken was a great supporter of the program, and went well above and beyond any expectations to make the program a success.

Ken, has recently retired from the Mine, however he still assists the program to make it a success.









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PotashCorp Lanigan



Perry Herr started at PotashCorp Lanigan in 2001 as a pipefitter on surface. He joined Mine Rescue in 2002 becoming certified in 2003. He remained active on Mine Rescue for 13 years until retiring in 2016. He competed in one Provincial competition in 2007. He was an asset on every team he was involved with throughout his career. Perry still helps with the mine rescue program at Lanigan, constantly volunteering to lend a helping hand wherever he can. In addition to mine rescue he is a long standing member of the Lanigan Fire Dept. Perry was nominated by the members of the mine rescue program at Lanigan site.







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Silver Standard - Seabee Mine



Dan Dewar - in 2016 Dan decided to hang up his mine rescue coveralls and pass the torch on to the younger members.

Dan has spent the better part of the past two decades as a member of the Claude Resources Mine Rescue Team.

During this time he trained to perform a number of emergency response tasks including surface and underground firefighting, emergency first aid, emergency roof support, rescue of casualties from ground falls, and HAZMAT response.

Dan was a member of the Competition Team at the 1999 Saskatchewan Mine Rescue

Competition. That year the team won the underground mine problem and firefighting events.

Dan was a valuable member of the mine rescue program, passing on wisdom and experience to new team members.

His calm demeanor and strong problem solving skills were always a welcome addition to any emergency response situation.



