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53rd Annual Emergency Response/Mine Rescue Skills Competition . . . A Test with Great Success!

Saskatoon: This past weekend, teams of dedicated and highly trained emergency response/mine rescue personnel from eighteen mine sites around the province tested their skills at the 53rd Saskatchewan Mining Association Emergency Response/Mine Rescue Skills Competition held at the World Trade Centre at Prairieland Park on Saturday June 3, 2023.

Underground and Surface Rescue teams displayed their highly qualified and proficient skills in 7 separate events, including Fire Fighting, First Aid, Proficiency Skills, Practical Skills, Bench Technician, Surface Rope Rescue, and Simulated Surface and Underground Mine Problems.

Saskatchewan Mining Association was pleased to be joined by the Honourable Don Morgan, Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety who assisted in presenting the awards for the Overall Winners of the 53rd Emergency Response/ Mine Rescue Skills Competition.

OVERALL

Surface Winner - Mosaic Belle Plaine — Runner Up – K+S Potash Canada Bethune
Trophy Sponsor: Vallen

Underground Winner – Nutrien Lanigan — Runner Up – Nutrien Allan
Trophy Sponsor: Thyssen Mining

The Individual Event winners of the 53rd Annual Emergency Response/Mine Rescue Skills Competition are:

FIRST AID

Surface Winner - Mosaic Belle Plaine — Runner Up – Westmoreland Mining Estevan

Underground Winner - Nutrien Lanigan — Runner Up – Nutrien Cory

FIRE FIGHTING

Surface Winner – K+S Potash Bethune — Runner Up – Mosaic Belle Plaine

Underground Winner – Nutrien Lanigan — Runner Up – Nutrien Allan

PRACTICAL SKILLS

Surface Winner – Westmoreland Mining Estevan — Runner Up – Mosaic Belle Plaine

Underground Winner – Nutrien Cory — Runner Up – Nutrien Allan

PROFICIENCY

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

Underground Winner – Nutrien Lanigan — Runner Up – Nutrien Allan

UNDERGROUND BENCH TECHNICIAN

Winner – Nutrien Rocanville — Runner Up – Nutrien Lanigan

SURFACE ROPE RESCUE SKILLS

Winner – K+S Potash Canada Bethune — Runner Up – Mosaic Belle Plaine

SURFACE FIELD PROBLEM

Surface Winner K+S Potash Canada Bethune — Runner Up – Mosaic Belle Plaine

UNDERGROUND MINE PROBLEM

Underground Winner – Nutrien Lanigan — Runner Up – Nutrien Allan

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, two member companies were recognized for receiving the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum's prestigious John T. Ryan National Safety Trophy. Westmoreland Mining Poplar River Mine received the National Award in the Coal Mines Category with a rate of zero, meaning that they had no lost time injuries, or modified work injuries at their operations in 2022. Nutrien Rocanville also received the John T. Ryan Regional Safety Trophy in the Select Mine Category. Congratulations on these great safety achievements!

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