



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Health and Safety on show at the Shaw

**When:** Monday November 7 & Tuesday November 8, 2016.

**Where:** Shaw Conference Centre Edmonton, AB

**Who:** Minister of Labour, Christina Gray & Deputy Minister of Labour, Jeff Parr

Now in its 15th year, the annual Alberta Health & Safety Conference & Trade Fair is one of the largest of its kind in Western Canada. Over two days, an expected 450+ health and safety industry leaders and workers will gather at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton, to hear the latest news and views in health and safety research, best practices, communications, safety procedures, trends and much more.

Opening the Conference will be Alberta's Minister of Labour, Christina Gray. Joining her will be Pieter Lambooy Vice President, Operations at the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) and the City of Edmonton's Councillor, Mike Nickel. Deputy Minister of Labour, Jeff Parr & Former Alberta Minister, Clint Dunford, will also deliver a blockbuster presentation dealing with issues around 'Making Tough Decisions in an Uncertain Climate' a topic that resonates strongly with conference delegates.

Ms. Carola von Sass, President of the Health & Safety Conference Society of Alberta (HSCSA) and Director of Health, Safety and Transportation at the Alberta Forest Products Association, said that the conference theme of '*Recognizing Greatness*' has helped to form a robust program which will work to benefit each and every attendee.

"Delegates attending the conference, will leave with new knowledge, networks and practical strategies to take back to their respective workplaces or, if unemployed, to use as tools to help them seek work," said Ms. von Sass.

"Now more than ever, in this difficult economic climate, people need to build on their skill set and grow their network in order to gain that desired competitive edge in the workforce environment.

"This conference provides the ideal platform for health and safety professionals from all industries, all over Alberta, to come together and share their ideas and experiences and learn from the experts in the field," she said.

Rounding out day two of the conference program will be former NHL All-Star, Stanley Cup winner and Olympic Gold Medalist, Theoren Fleury. Succeeding in an elite sporting career, as well as overcoming a painful past of alcoholism and drug addiction to become an inspirational victor over life's obstacles will be highlighted.

Complementing the conference program is the Trade Show, the largest of its kind in Western Canada, with 80+ exhibitors filling the ballroom of the Shaw Conference Centre to show off the latest advancements in industry's technologies and services.

"Our Trade Show is one that must be seen to be believed," continued Ms. von Sass.

"Set inside the Shaw Conference Centre's three massive halls, it features over 70 exhibitor booths and a brand new presentation stage designed to showcase exhibitor products and services to conference attendees.

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“The Trade Show provides the right mix of networking and learning opportunities in an environment where both business and individuals can benefit,” said Ms. von Sass.

The Health & Safety Conference Society of Alberta (HSCSA) is a not-for-profit, multi-partner organization made up of member organizations from various health and safety related industry associations, professional organizations, government, Workers’ Compensation Board, and other related groups. The aim is to work together to promote the importance of health and safety in the workplace and to provide a sources of health and safety education to conference delegates.

Free media passes are available at the on-site registration desk. For the full Conference program visit [www.hsconference.ca/schedule](http://www.hsconference.ca/schedule).

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## Conference Program Highlights

### Monday November 7, 2016

- 8:30 – 9:00 - Opening Ceremony with Minister of Labour Christina Gray, Councillor Mike Nickel, Pieter Lambooy, WCB and Carola von Sass, President HSCSA.
- 10:30 – 12:00 - Panel Discussion with Deputy Minister, Alberta Labour Jeff Parr & Clint Dunford – ‘Making Tough Decisions in an Uncertain Climate’
- 13:00 – 14:00 – Ian Hooper, Director of Partnerships in Injury Reduction (Partnerships) of Alberta Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour – ‘Partnerships News’
- 16:40 – 18:00 - Welcome Reception and Exhibit Viewing in Trade Fair Area

### Tuesday November 8, 2016

- 10:30 – 11:30 – Wendy Doyle, Executive Director of the Office of Traffic Safety in the ministry of Transportation – ‘Transportation Safety Plan 2020’
- 14:10 – 15:30 – Theo Fleury, former NHL All-Star, Stanley Cup winner and Olympic Gold Medalist – ‘Don’t Quit Before the Miracle’