

Health and Safety Co-Chair Reports.

Good Day 723M Members

Not a lot to report on the Rogers side. At OMP I have been invited to be the floor health and safety rep for 3N by Steven our corporate health and safety rep. There is a company-wide Health and Safety Co-Chair meeting at Brampton campus in February. I am going to try to get released for it. I have been invited before and have not been released for this, but am hoping that this year I can get released for it.

DSQ

I have good news to report: a new employee Co-Chair has stepped up to represent the members at DSQ. It will be Louay El-Khatib. I will act as the backup co-chair for that location.

Good News: There is a meeting that has been set up for Health and Safety members to meet on Feb 8 at the Union Hall. Carl is still working on getting some members released for the meeting. We are also having some trouble getting the members to respond to the emails. I would like to give a HUGE thanks to Carl for setting up this meeting to get us all talking.

Bell report is bellow from Craig, the Health and Safety Co-Chair at that location.

*The Joint Health and Safety committee (#823) is thriving as members from the Union and Management continue to develop their H&S responsibilities while working together for the greater good of all employees. Currently, we're looking for two new Manager Co-chairs as both Troy Gallant and Jessica Miller have left the committee – At our January meeting, Chuck Mule (Senior Health & Safety Specialist) will advise as to who the new co-chairs will be. As a whole, we're becoming more efficient with workplace inspections: Inspectors are responsible for updating the shared folder until all issues are resolved. Management and Building Operations have been efficient and thorough when dealing with any issues that may arise during these inspections. Furthermore, accident investigations are quick to happen with excellent support from Management. Added Security (fob system) has been implemented at the main entrance of 299 Queen St. A new trash policy has been put in place, where individual workstation garbage/ recycling bins have been removed while groups of bins have been set-up throughout the building. Obviously, this came with some growing pains but Bell has added additional bins throughout the building and cleaners have been asked to visit high traffic areas with more frequency. Courses that committee members are currently being offered include: WHMIS Training, CPR Training, Violence in the Workplace, VDT Ergonomics incl. Green Defensive driving. I have successfully completed the Ergonomics course and have already assessed a couple of employees (ergonomic set-up) while I'm hoping to share this knowledge with small groups of employees through education. At this point we're happy with the number of active committee members but will be looking to add an on-air reporter so they can speak to the challenges of working in the field. I'm happy to answer any questions you have. Have a happy and safe 2019!*

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