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Message from the President

-Spencer Buckland

On behalf of all ERAC staff, Board of Directors and myself, I would like to thank all of the ERAC Responders across Canada that attended the ERAC National Training Forum held in Calgary on May 15-17.

From all accounts, it was a great success with an overwhelming good or excellent rating from those who completed surveys of the event.

We had dynamic keynote address from Bruce Kirkby, a Canadian adventurer, photographer and writer, who helped us understand the seven risk behaviours we should consider when performing our work.

We heard from Laurie Pearce, an expert in helping individuals in managing post traumatic stress.

There were numerous other great speakers that helped us understand best practices in rail and road responses, and we are grateful to all of them.

We had the pleasure to hand out the first ERAC Leo Sichewski Memorial Bursary to Carey Thiessen, an individual who has shown a commitment to continuing education in safety and first responder training.

In addition, we proudly recognized recipients of the 2017 Excellence Awards, as well as our long term responders and response teams. The ERAC Excellence Award and long service recipients are shown below:

2017 Excellence Awards:

Excellence in Leadership – Harvey Steffensen

Excellence in Safety – Mark Jasper

Excellence in Team Work & Collaboration – John Frankruyter

Excellence in Training & Learning (Flammable Liquids response team) – QM Environmental, Stoney Creek

Excellence in Training & Learning (LPG response team) – Keyera Emergency Response Team (KERT)





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ERAC Responders

5 years of service – Matt McGregor (2017)

10 years of service – Mark McNabb (2016)

15 years of service – John Murphy (2013)

20 years of service – Luc Mathieu (2013), Normand Desvergne (2015), Larry Epp (2014)

25 years of service – Earle Nickerson (2015), Harvey Steffensen (2016), Pat Mason (2017), Neil Atkins (2017)

ERAC LPG Response Teams

5 years of service – Keyera Emergency Response Team (KERT) (2015), BC South Team (2016), Central Ontario Team (2015)

10 years of service – Plains Midstream Canada (2016)

15 years of service – BC North Team (2013)

20 years of service – RST Emergency Response Services (2017)

We are proud to have all of our ERAC responders who have showed commitment to our training, assessment and approval process on behalf of our Plan Participants.

Over the coming months we will begin planning for the first ERAC Plan Participant Dangerous Goods Forum in 2018 (dates to be determined). Plan Participants members, from coast to coast, who are responsible for emergency management and safe transportation of dangerous goods within their organizations will be invited to attend this forum.

I wish you all a great summer; work safe, play safe!