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BRINKS CANADA (Sudbury) NEWSLETTER

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Dear Fellow Members,

In August, during my vacation period, I took advantage of the opportunity to attend the “Health & Welfare Conference” at our Education Centre in Port Elgin. The Conference provided workshops such as *Intro to Worker's Compensation, Investigating Workplace Accidents and Challenges in the Workplace*, and others related to Health & Safety. I also had the privileges of attending a presentation by Dr. Todd Conklin regarding issues of workplace safety.

The purpose of my attending these workshops and conference is for the soul reason that I continue to increase my knowledge in all areas of Health & Safety so I can better serve the members in times of need.

On a more specific topic regarding the two trucks that were returned to the branch I, like everyone else, have concerns. I am continually working in the background to have these trucks tested for air quality and toxicity. I am in the process of setting up a scheduled testing from an environmental hygienist through the department of health. I would also like to remind all of you that if you believe that the use of these trucks are a health or safety hazard to you, “YOU have the right to refuse unsafe work”.

On a different note, please read and understand your Collective Agreement and know that every worker has rights.

“Workers don't cause failure, workers trigger latent conditions that lie dormant in organizations waiting for this specific moment in time”.

Be safe!!!

In Solidarity,

Gates St. Louis

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Unit Chair/Co-Chair



United we stand, divided we fall