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STARS

Kaz Matsumoto is the Emergency and Safety Services lead for STARS Air Ambulance. The Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) is a non-profit physician driven helicopter emergency medical service (EMS), that provides rapid and specialized medical care and transportation for critically ill and injured patients. STARS has flown more than 27,000 missions since it began in 1985, and operates 24-hours a day from bases in Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, and Grande Prairie.

Kaz is working to increase the awareness of the STARS Emergency Link Centre (ELC) which was established in 1996 to meet

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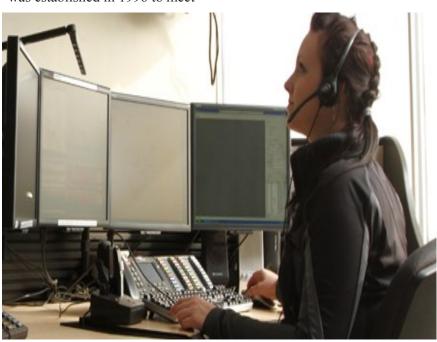
Remote site registration

The STARS ELC monitors thousands of remote sites. In the event of an emergency, one call begins the coordination of a medical response.

Emergency contact centre

The STARS ECC can provide emergency call answer services, incident notification and call out services, and work alone monitoring.

For more info www.stars.ca



Industry Focused Clubroot Session set for March 23

West Central Stakeholders will be hosting a clubroot information session at the Leslieville Hall, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM on March 23, 2016.

The session will have a variety of speakers and topics including Murray Hartman with a talk on how clubroot spreads, its impact on landowners, and basic control methods.

Although industry-focused, landowners are welcome to attend as it is a common issue and the event is not about pointing fingers — it's about sharing a helping hand, says Rick Anderson, facilitator of the West Central Stakeholders. "It is especially important to encourage contractors and service companies that do the work on the land to attend, as they are the front line in helping manage this issue."

Clubroot, which affects canola crops and any other members of the brassica family, is a growing concern in the Clearwater county. Its spores can be spread from field to field by trucks, equipment and even boots.

Mountain View, Red Deer, Lacombe, Ponoka and Brazeau counties are also participating n the March 23 event, along with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, and the Petroleum Services Association of Canada. The event is free to attend and registration is not required.

For further information contact WCS Facilitator Rick Anderson at rick@rickandersonconsulting.com

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Mutual Aid Alberta

Mutual aid is an agreement among emergency responders to lend assistance across jurisdictional boundaries. Mutual aid may be ad hoc, requested only when such an emergency occurs. It may also be a formal standing agreement for cooperative emergency management on a continuing basis.

Alberta, with its abundance of natural resources and industry, is no stranger to risk management. It's also no stranger to disaster, which have included floods, tornados, wild fires, pipeline breaches, train derailments

and transportation incidents involving hazardous materials release.

In 2005, an Environmental Protection Commission was established to make recommendations on Alberta's ability to respond to environmental incidents in the wake of the Lake Wabamun spill. The Commission believed that "Alberta needs a world class emergency management and response system in order to address and manage the risks the province faces." In part, many of the Environmental Protection Commission recommendations have

been implemented. At the front lines are emergency responders and managers from many sectors municipal, industry, provincial agencies dealing with emergencies.

In 2009 Synergy Alberta held the first Mutual Aid Roundtable which put in motion over the next several years the creation of Mutual Aid Alberta whose mission is to build a network to support emergency management in Alberta. SPOG is a member of Mutual Aid Alberta and attended their 2016 Forum in Nisku.

<u>SPOG Resident Visit</u> <u>Program</u>

Alberta Energy Regulator D71 regulations state that companies must conduct public consolation and/or notification within the Emergency Planning Zones around their facilities and pipelines. In the SPOG area where multiple company EPZ's overlap, SPOG has developed a unique and ongoing consultation program where SPOG staff visit the residents on behalf of participating companies. In 2015 SPOG managed the consultation and information of just over 5.000 records. This saves costs for the industry, decreases the disruption to residents, and improves public safety by having more data available in an emergency. SPOG will be starting 2016 visits soon.



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