

2014 UPDATE

At the 2014 Annual General Meeting, some members expressed their desire for updates throughout the year, expressing their concern that the once a year annual meeting was not sufficient. To that end, I have compiled a list of items that I feel will be of interest to the membership.

FDIC

I was very fortunate to be able to attend the Fire Department Instructors Conference with two hundred fellow firefighters from around the world. It was a most rewarding experience to work together in the HOT class. I also took the opportunity to speak with many of the tool vendors on site to express our appreciation for their support of TERC Canada and our Learning symposiums; sharing their equipment and knowledge with our members. We look forward to continuing this partnership in the future.

REGIONALS

At this time, we have only one regional event scheduled for this year. McNab-Braeside is hosting the Eastern Ontario Regional Competition on September 12th and 13th. At this time, they have seven confirmed teams. Nova Scotia is working hard to put together a regional event in Yarmouth for 2015. They will be hosting a one day event this year to generate interest and hope to have plans in place for a regional event in 2015 and possibly a NAVRC in the future. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to those members who are assisting with this local event. Your hard work and commitment are greatly appreciated.

COMMUNICATIONS

Our webmaster is working hard to update and improve our website. Please remember that our website is the “face of our organization” and the information contained on that site is available to prospective members and sponsors. The more accurate and up-to-date our information is, the more interest it will generate in our organization, so I urge you to send in your team bios, photos from previous competitions and updates on activities in your region. **Help promote TERC Canada!**

I have been communicating with the WRO, via Skype, on a regular basis. After our meeting in Clearwater, I made a commitment to keep the lines of

communication open between our two organizations. If teams are planning on competing in a WRO event, please notify the TERC executive, so that we will be aware of your plans. We would also request that judges notify us if they plan to attend. We could then notify the WRO that a TERC Canada representative would be attending the WRO annual meeting and speaking on our behalf.

During the recent trade show at the Ontario Fire Chief's Conference, I tried to arrange a meeting with the OFM. Due to the change over to the NFPA Standard, they are extremely busy and lack direction for the future. I am hoping to schedule a meeting possibly late October or November to discuss our mutual interests.

I will be meeting with the Ontario Fire Chief's Association this fall to discuss the relationship between our two organizations as we have been supplying HOT pits during their annual trade show for the past few years.

For those of you who have not heard, the shelving has been installed in the tool trailer. A special thank you is extended to Fred Stephenson and his crew in Loyalist Township for their assistance in this matter.

CHARITABLE STATUS

As you know, recent changes to the not for profit act have necessitated that we re-apply for charitable status and re-write our by-laws to conform to the new regulations. I am pleased to report that we have completed this task and are awaiting a response from Corporations Canada that we may continue as a not for profit organization.

As requested at the AGM, I will endeavour to keep the membership informed of our activities on a regular basis. I hope that everyone has had a safe and awesome summer. Remember our mission statement:

SAVINGS LIVES AND REDUCING INJURIES

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