OUR MISSION AND VISION

WE BELIEVE
Illnesses and injuries can and must be prevented. Belief in prevention drives action and commitment to change.

OUR MISSION
We are a force for positive action – anticipating and responding to the greatest needs of our clients, and bringing together our partners, members, and diverse communities to build safer, healthier, stronger workplaces.

OUR VISION
Every worker home safe and healthy.

WE WILL ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION BY BEING...

EXPERTS:
Mobilizing our know-how in the management of high-risk hazards.

KNOWLEDGE BROKERS:
Acquiring and creating knowledge unique to our industries, and optimizing information exchange.

CHANGE AGENTS:
Facilitating organizational improvement through auditing, consulting and training.

CHAMPIONS:
Advocating workplace health and safety in Northern Ontario communities.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

This event would not be possible without the dedication of the Ontario Mine Rescue staff, the 2017 Provincial Competition Planning Committee, and the extremely passionate people at Compass Minerals Goderich Mine. With the support of safe and innovative underground mine operators like Compass Minerals, Ontario Mine Rescue can challenge the best teams in the province with realistic mine emergency response scenarios, to the face, in their actual place of work.

Thanks to all the support staff, drivers, setup crew, helpers and organizers involved in the execution of this year’s Provincial Competition. Special thanks to the competing teams for the tireless work beyond the call of duty to prepare for this Mine Rescue evaluation. Win or lose, the training you have undertaken will be invaluable as you become leaders of Mine Rescue teams during future emergencies.
COMPASS MINERALS GODERICH MINE

Compass Minerals is a leading provider of essential minerals that solve nature’s challenges, including salt for winter roadway safety and other consumer, industrial and agricultural uses, and specialty plant nutrition minerals that improve the quality and yield of crops.

Based in Overland Park, Kansas, the company produces minerals at locations throughout the U.S., Canada, Brazil and the U.K., and operates the largest operating salt mine in the world in Goderich, Ontario.

Named one of Forbes’ 100 Most Trustworthy Companies in America in 2015 and 2016, Compass Minerals’ mission is to be the best essential minerals company by delivering where and when it matters.

COMPETING TEAMS

TIMMINS DISTRICT:
Tahoe Canada,
Timmins West &
Bell Creek Mines

RED LAKE DISTRICT:
Goldcorp,
Musselwhite Mine

THUNDER BAY & ALGOMA DISTRICT:
North American Palladium,
Lac des Iles Mine

SUDBURY DISTRICT:
Vale Canada Ltd.,
West Mines

KIRKLAND LAKE DISTRICT:
Kirkland Lake Gold,
North Complex
Holt-McDermott & Taylor Mines

ONAPING DISTRICT:
Glencore,
Sudbury Integrated Nickel Operations

SOUTHERN DISTRICT:
Canadian Gypsum Company,
Hagersville Mine
TIMMINS DISTRICT – TAHOE CANADA, TIMMINS WEST & BELL CREEK MINES

Back row: Vice Captain Yannick Marchand, Captain Adam Weagle, #2 Sylvan Falardeau, #6 Jon Beaulieu, #4 Pete Gagne, #3 Nicholas Schwehr
Front row: Technician Dan Guillemette, Briefing Officer Terry Roy

RED LAKE DISTRICT – GOLDCORP, MUSSELWHITE MINE

Back row: Vice Captain Holly Robinson, #2 Andrew Legree, #3 Steve Godin, #4 Ryan LePage, Technician Leo Levac, #7 Kylan Pickett
Front row: Briefing Officer Brad Towle, Captain Chris Horde, #6 Robin Jilks

THUNDER BAY & ALGOMA DISTRICT – NORTH AMERICAN PALLADIUM, LAC DES ILES MINE

Back row: #5 Justin Wilson, #2 Rylan Vesa, #3 Dave Chony
Front row: Briefing Officer Trevor Puumala, #4 Cody Vold, #6 Cyle Wheeldon, Captain Mike Newbold

SUDBURY DISTRICT – VALE CANADA LTD., WEST MINES

Back row: #2 Roch Berthiaume, Vice Captain Mario Ceccon, #6 Dustin Hirschfeld, #3 Nick Cecconi, #7 Chris Charbonneau
Front row: Briefing Officer Lorne Beleskey, Captain Jeff Farquharson, #4 Aaron Brouse
KIRKLAND LAKE DISTRICT - KIRKLAND LAKE GOLD
NORTH COMPLEX, HOLT-McDERMOTT & TAYLOR MINEs

Back row: Briefing Officer Erik Barr, Captain Jonathan Boutin, #2 Jonathan Aubry,
#3 Justin Arsenault, #4 Scott Gillett, Coach Terry McKnight
Front row: Vice Captain Ben Young, #6 Patrick Adams, #7 Steve Campsall,
Technician Norm Gannon Jr.

ONAPING DISTRICT - GLENCORE, SUDBURY INO

Back row: Briefing Officer Paul Leclair, Captain Andrew Jorgensen,
#4 Pat Robitaille, Vice Captain Max Kant, #6 Peter Robichaud
Front row: #7 Cory Foucault, #3 Dave Wylie, Technician Simone Hensher,
#2 Rock Carriere

SOUTHERN DISTRICT - CANADIAN GYPSUM CO.,
HAGERSVILLE MINE

From left: #7 Matt Peebles, #4 Darren Martin, Vice Captain Jim Winkworth,
#6 Travis Mitchell, #3 Scott Walton, Captain Dan Brown, Briefing Officer Shawn Hunt,
#2 Justin Reinbrecht

COMPETING TECHNICIANS

KIRKLAND LAKE DISTRICT - Norm Gannon Jr.,
Kirkland Lake Gold
Macassa Mine

ONAPING DISTRICT - Simone Hensher,
Glencore Sudbury Integrated
Nickel Operations

RED LAKE DISTRICT - Dave Hay,
Goldcorp
Red Lake Gold Mines

SOUTHERN DISTRICT - Rick Reid,
K+S Windsor Salt
Ojibway Mine

SUDBURY DISTRICT - Ron Weaver,
Vale Canada Ltd.
East Mines

THUNDER BAY & ALGOMA DISTRICT - Steeve Pinel,
Richmont Mines Inc.
Island Gold Mine

TIMMINS DISTRICT - Dan Guillemette,
Tahoe Canada, Timmins West
& Bell Creek Mines
WORKPLACE SAFETY NORTH
ONTARIO MINE RESCUE STAFF

WSN's Ontario Mine Rescue Officers train and prepare more than 850 active volunteers who work at our Ontario underground mines to react to fire and non-fire emergencies. In addition, they are responsible for executing Ontario Mine Rescue District and Provincial Competitions. In addition, support staff dedicate significant time to preparing the banquet and awards presentations to recognize the hard work of teams and volunteers.

Candys Ballanger-Michaud         President & CEO
Ted Hanley                       General Manager, Ontario Mine Rescue
Shawn Rideout                    Chief Mine Rescue Officer
Penny Pagan                      Executive Assistant
Becky Barrett                   Mine Rescue Associate
Ken Sitter                       Communications
Justin Konrad

MINE RESCUE OFFICERS

Walter (Wally) Adler             Sudbury, Onaping
Wayne Baker                     Kirkland Lake
Duane Croswell                  Thunder Bay & Algoma
Dan Davidson                    Sudbury, Onaping
Tim Ebbinghaus, Emergency Services Specialist
John Hagan
Michael Krell                   Sudbury
Jason Leger                     Onaping
Dan Rulli
Grant Saunders                  Thunder Bay & Algoma
Shawn Shail                     Timmins
Gorden Sullivan                 Southern Ontario
Danny Taillefer                 Red Lake

2017 COMPETITION JUDGES

Ontario Mine Rescue and Workplace Safety North would like to acknowledge and thank the many Mine Rescue volunteers and alumni, and company officials who serve as judges for their time, effort and impartiality in making the event a learning opportunity for all.

PLATINUM SPONSORS

Dräger is proud to support the Ontario Mine Rescue and miners everywhere.
Ontario’s mine rescue teams go above and beyond the call of duty. Maintaining a high standard of mine rescue capabilities is essential to our industry. Technica Mining salutes all of Ontario’s mine rescue teams for their hard work, professionalism and dedication. Every day, we know you are there to back us up. Thank you.
Since its creation in 1929, Ontario Mine Rescue has established a reputation for high standards in training, equipment and emergency response, as well as in the development of safe, effective mine rescue practices. We have served as a role model for the establishment of training and safety programs for mine rescue organizations in other provinces and countries.
Greetings from the Minister

On behalf of Premier Kathleen Wynne and the Government of Ontario, I’d like to welcome everyone to the 68th annual Ontario Mine Rescue Provincial Competition.

For the past eight decades, Ontario Mine Rescue has played a critical role in keeping Ontario’s mines safe. Hundreds of men and women are now employed by Ontario mines, ready to answer the call when mine emergencies occur.

As others are trying to get out, you are trained to go toward harm, and willingly enter these dangerous places in order to save the lives of others. Your training standards also set the benchmark, and your dedication to safety has inspired better programs at mines across Canada and around the world.

This competition shines a light on the great work you do. It brings together the best of the best from communities across Ontario, competing for the prestigious Provincial Mine Rescue Trophy.

So, congratulations to all the teams participating at this 2017 provincial competition, and thank you on behalf of all miners in Ontario for the selfless work you do.

Best of luck to the competitors. I hope the next few days inspire everyone to do everything they can to make our mines even safer.

Sincerely,

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