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National - 2010 national manhours have surprisingly positive Q4, to end the year up .84 per cent. Sprinkler head shipments into Canada also improved, while well off the peaks of 2007, they were 7 per cent over 2009.

- Jan. 1 - Jamie McKenzie joins CASA staff as Western Regional Manager and National Training Manager
- CASA audit commences February 7th at head office
- CASA 50th Anniversary Commemorative book sponsorships are an overwhelmingly success. Sponsorships and Congratulatory Notes are completely sold out.
- National Road Sprinkler Fitter Collective Agreement pocket booklets and National Sprinkler Fabrication Collective Agreement pocket booklets will be distributed in February.
- 2011 CASA educational programs finalized. Look for electronic notification and registration forms for your area. Web postings live in later February.
- Jan. 28 - Mr. Tadeusz (Ted) Wieclawek appointed to the position of Fire Marshal of Ontario.
- CASA has had successful meetings with the Alberta Home Builders, Lethbridge government officials, the Lethbridge fire service and several contractor members. Lethbridge is moving forward with the development of trade up legislation for the use of residential fire sprinklers.
- CASA Annual Conference is scheduled for June 3rd through 7th in Toronto.
- CASA to participate in the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs conference
- CASA to present to the Canadian Home Builders Association annual meeting
- Long time member Mueller Flow Control changes its name to FLOCOR

Upcoming Live Online Technical Seminars

February 1, 2011 - **FM Data Sheets**

February 15, 2011 - **Paint Spray Booths (NFPA 33)**

March 1, 2011 - **IRC/NFPA 13D Prescriptive Pipe Sizing (P2904)**

March 22, 2011 - **Plastic Pallets**

April 12, 2011 - **The New NFPA 25**

April 26, 2011 - **Pipe Stands**

May 10, 2011 - **What Happens During Plan Review?**

May 24, 2011 - **Storage Occupancies: Ceiling Slopes and Clearances**

June 7, 2011 - **High Velocity Low Speed (HVLS) Fans**

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British Columbia - Positive Economic Indicators for 2011

- The September 2010 report shows 956 major construction projects are planned or underway across the province – the highest ever – with an estimated value of \$197.7 billion, more than four times than in 2001.
- The value of the year-to-date building permits during the ten months of 2010 totals \$8.56 billion, up by \$2.4 billion compared with the first ten months of 2009.
- The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp' reports that construction in Vancouver City, Coquitlam and Surrey is pushing single family starts in the Vancouver Metropolitan area to exceed the ten-year average level for this period. Over the first eleven months of the year, 13,502 new housing units broke ground in the Vancouver Metropolitan area, up 84 per cent over the pace set in 2009.
- Statistics Canada is reporting that lumber production is rising, up 21 per cent compared with 2009
- B.C. remains firmly established as North America's third largest television and film production center.
- Both the Port of Prince Rupert and Port Metro Vancouver are reporting that shipping volumes in 2010 are well above 2009 levels.

2011 In Class Educational Seminars

Vancouver, BC –Wednesday November 16 thru Friday November 18

Standpipe Systems for Fire Protection -Vancouver, British Columbia – Wednesday November 16th

Sprinkler Protection for General Storage - Vancouver, British Columbia Thursday November 17th

Sprinkler Protection for Rack Storage & Special Storage Applications - Vancouver, British Columbia - Friday November 18th

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Alberta - Alberta is expected to lead the country in economic growth next year after falling behind the national average this past year.

- In 2011 the province will be “top of the pack” with 4.3 per cent economic growth compared with 3.6 per cent for the country.
- Alberta's strong forecast is owed to improvements in a number of areas, particularly the booming energy sector and increased job creation since spring which helped bring down the stubbornly high unemployment rate.
- With the interest in developing the oil sands growing ever higher, the gush of capital spending on megaprojects is expected to continue next year and beyond.
- The impact of Alberta's strengthening demographics will be especially positive for consumer spending in 2011 as retail sales are expected to soar to a rate of 5.6 per cent, higher than any other province.

2011 In Class Educational Seminars

Calgary, AB - Monday June 20 thru Wednesday June 22

Sprinkler Protection for General Storage - Calgary, Alberta - Monday June 20th

Sprinkler Protection for Rack Storage & Special Storage Applications - Calgary, Alberta - Tuesday June 21st

Fire Pumps for Fire Protection - Edmonton, Alberta –Wednesday June 22nd

Edmonton, AB - Thursday June 23 thru Friday June 24

Inspection, Testing & Maintenance of Water Based Sprinkler Systems - Edmonton, Alberta - Thursday June 23rd

Standpipe Systems for Fire Protection - Edmonton, Alberta - Friday June 24th

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- Saskatchewan** - Saskatchewan's population has grown, to a record high of about 1.049 million people.
- Thanks in part to the potash boom, Saskatchewan's economy should see 5.3 per cent growth in 2011. (up almost 15 per cent through September 2010, after a 66 per cent decline in 2009)
 - The province's gross domestic product (GDP), is expected to experience the strongest growth of all the provinces in 2011. Getting its boost from the soaring mining sector, including oil and gas.
 - Much depends on how well agriculture performs in 2011.
- The provincial economy is expected to cool off slightly in 2012, with real GDP around 4.3 per cent.

2011 In Class Educational Seminars

Regina, Saskatchewan –Monday May 16 thru Wednesday May 18

Fire Pumps for Fire Protection - Regina, Saskatchewan – May 16th

Inspection, Testing & Maintenance of Water Based Sprinkler Systems - Regina, Saskatchewan –May 17th

Seismic Bracing for Sprinkler Systems (Basic & Advanced) - Regina, Saskatchewan –May 18th

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Manitoba - Manitoba's economy is poised for considerable momentum over the next year with growth accelerating from a modest 1.8 per cent in 2010 to 3.5 per cent in 2011 and then moderating to a solid 3.2 per cent in 2012.

- Construction spending will gradual strengthen through 2011 and 2012, but will still under perform relative to 2009 results.
- The province's manufacturing sector is expected to return to positive growth of six per cent in 2011.
- There are expectations of a return to more normal growing conditions that will result in the output in agriculture rebounding ten per cent in 2011 and six per cent in 2012.
- According to senior vice-president and chief economist, RBC. "We project the province's economy will grow robustly and at a rate slightly higher than the national average in both 2011 and 2012.

2011 In Class Educational Seminars

Winnipeg, MB - Wednesday November 2 thru Friday November 4

Sprinkler Protection for General Storage - Winnipeg, Manitoba - Wednesday November 2nd

Sprinkler Protection for Rack Storage & Special Storage Applications - Winnipeg, Manitoba - Thursday November 3rd

Plan Review Procedures & Policies - Winnipeg, Manitoba - Friday November 4th

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Ontario - College of trades is accepting applications for board and staff positions

<http://www.collegeoftrades.ca/appointments/>

- Ontario employment numbers are unchanged with a 0.1 per cent increase
 - Non residential construction investment in Ontario is up 15.1 per cent over 2009 with Industrial and Commercial leading the way
 - Residential building permits are down 16.3 per cent over 2009
 - CASA to participate in the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs conference in Toronto
 - Ontario Government holds public input sessions on safety in care facilities
- <http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/stellent/groups/public/@mcscs/@www/@com/documents/webasset/ec083920.pdf>

2011 In Class Educational Seminars

Ottawa, ON - Monday March 28 thru Wednesday March 30

Fire Pumps for Fire Protection - Ottawa, ON - March 28th

Inspection, Testing & Maintenance of Water Based Sprinkler Systems - Ottawa, ON - March 29th

Seismic Bracing for Sprinkler Systems (Basic & Advanced) - Ottawa, ON - March 30th

Toronto, ON –Thursday March 31 thru April 1

Sprinkler Protection for General Storage -Toronto, ON - March 31st

Sprinkler Protection for Rack Storage & Special Storage Applications -Toronto, ON - April 1st
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Atlantic - The plans for the “2011 Design Symposium “are well under way. It will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 @ The Hampton Inn & Suites, 700 Mapleton Road, Moncton, New Brunswick.
- Things are also going well for Newfoundland and Labrador in terms of construction activity. Because the job market is going well we have seen a demand for new housing construction.
- Moving to Prince Edward Island, the smallest province in Canada, we find a similar economic story. A large construction initiative has been announced,
- Looking forward, the forecast is weak for both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The forecast is 1.8 per cent growth in Nova Scotia, and 1.6 per cent in New Brunswick for 2011. Both provinces have major public infrastructure programs underway, which helped these two provinces during the recession in 2009, but the construction expenditures will be a lot less in 2011.
- The Red Cross has reported that there was a sharp increase in the number of fire related deaths in Atlantic Canada in 2010, 33 had died in 2010, that’s up from 16 in 2009.
- Next Atlantic Regional meeting will be Wednesday March 9th, in Moncton New Brunswick.

2011 In Class Educational Seminars

- Moncton, NB - Monday April 18 thru Wednesday April 20

Fire Pumps for Fire Protection - Moncton, New Brunswick - April 18th

Inspection, Testing & Maintenance of Water Based Sprinkler Systems - Moncton, New Brunswick - April 19th

Seismic Bracing for Sprinkler Systems - Moncton, New Brunswick - April 20th

- Halifax, NS - Thursday April 21 thru April 22

Sprinkler Protection for General Storage - Halifax, Nova Scotia - Thursday April 21st

Sprinkler Protection for Rack Storage & Special Storage Applications - Halifax, Nova Scotia - Friday April 22nd

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