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National – Second Quarter manhours continued to drop another -25 per cent from the First Quarter for a total of -5.33 per cent year-to-date compared to 2008. While this continues for now, the rate of decline for the sprinkler industry in Canada is far less than many other trades.

- Scott Pugsley elected as AMS Technical Committee Representative.
- Sprinkler Industry Pension Plan Trustees met August 5th in Toronto.
- U.A. International Representative, Mike Zangari, retirement dinner, September 11.

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- C.A.S.A./N.F.S.A | **Online Technical Seminars | August 25, 2009 |**

Field Identification of Sprinklers

Various product recall and replacement programs have made it important to be able to identify particular types and brands of sprinklers, but field identification goes beyond this. Attributes such as temperature rating, orifice size, response sensitivity and orientation determine sprinkler system performance characteristics, and the need to properly replace sprinklers requires a complete understanding of all variations. (Great study guide for NICET Work Element 41017) for more information please follow the following link

<http://www.casa-firesprinkler.org/education.html>

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British Columbia – The B.C. local Joint Training and Apprenticeship Committee to meet in Vancouver, September 24th

- B.C.'s unemployment rate is 7.8 per cent, and is the fourth lowest in the country.

- B.C.'s economy has outperformed the national economy for six out of the past seven years.

- Leading economists indicate B.C. will get a boost from the 2010 Games – the Royal Bank of Canada is predicting growth of 2.9 per cent in 2010.

- Corporate tax reductions planned for the next three years will give B.C. a combined federal / provincial rate of 25 per cent by 2012,

which is 10 points lower than the U.S. federal rate.

- July 2009, over 193,000 British Columbians were employed in the construction sector, an increase of nearly 75 per cent compared to the 2001 monthly average of 110,700 jobs.

- B.C.'s population has increased by 74,000 in the past year to reach 4,435,344 as of April 1, 2009.

Alberta - January 1, 2009, Alberta's population was 3,632,483.

- Alberta has undertaken a nine step Action Plan that will provide a supportive environment for companies to grow and become successful in world markets.

- Commencing January 1, 2009, Alberta's provincial Scientific Research and Experimental Development tax credit is worth 10 per cent of a company's eligible expenditures up to \$4 million.

- The Government of Alberta has also established the \$100 million Alberta Enterprise Corporation to attract and strengthen venture capital investments in Alberta. This corporation will invest in a range of venture funds, which in turn will invest in promising companies.

- Alberta's economy continues to thrive on its expanding technology, manufacturing and service sectors and government is to continue to implement initiatives to help build technology companies and products in Alberta.

- The construction industry is Alberta's third largest industry relative to employment and many of those working in the construction industry are trained through Alberta's apprenticeship system.

Saskatchewan - The Government of Saskatchewan has introduced amendments to the Construction Industry Labour Relations Act. The changes will provide for greater choice for employees on who represents them. Employees will have the freedom to join the union of their choice. The amendments will allow the trade unions to organize on a multi-trade or "all employee" basis, as well as on a craft or single trade basis. It will also allow any trade union to certify an employer.

- In order to meet demands caused by the skills shortage, Skills Canada Saskatchewan has taken action. They encourage young people to examine a career in skilled trades and technologies, and show them that apprenticeship is an exciting post-secondary path.

- The province is offering \$20,000 to recent graduates, who have moved elsewhere in the country. If they return to Saskatchewan they would be paid out 10 per cent a year up to \$20,000.

Manitoba - The Conference Board of Canada summer provincial outlook report predicts Manitoba will narrowly avoid recession this year, with real GDP growth of 0.8 per



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cent for 2009. GDP growth of 1.8 per cent has been forecast for 2010.

- “Construction Looking Forward” for Manitoba shows the combination of government stimulus and planned projects, including airport redevelopment, mine upgrades and pipeline conversion, will boost employment in many skilled trades by more than 5 per cent between now and 2011.

- “Construction companies remain in a hiring mode which reflects the positive outlook for the industry,” states John Schubert, President of the Winnipeg Construction Association. “There are terrific career opportunities for those who want to enter the skilled trades.”

- Manitoba’s construction sector is expected to see a 7.9 per cent increase in output in 2009 and a 2.8 per cent decline in 2010.

Ontario – Ontario Regional golf tournament, Monday, August 31st at Eagles Nest Golf Club, visit www.casa-fs.org for more information – Lunch/registration begins 11:30am, Tee-off @ 1:30pm

- C.A.S.A. staff meet with Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs and Build Group (Ontario home builder) on August 12, to discuss technical issues and future marketing of residential fire sprinkler as new options.

- Ontario Fire Marshal Public Safety Council met August 6th and in part discussed new public service announcements (PSA’s) to be developed for the Christmas season to include “fire sprinklers save lives”.

- Next ORG meeting September 3rd 2009 GTAA fire Training Facility

Atlantic - Work in Atlantic Canada remains steady. The contractors remain busy with work in a number of nursing homes .Bidding is still low in the Atlantic Region.

- The NDP Government has yet to present a budget, although there is a lot of road work being done through-out the province. With the budget it is hoped that some of the stimulus money will be earmarked for a number of projects that were put on hold, will start to generate work for the next while.

- Next Regional meeting will be held on Wednesday September 9th at 10:00 am in Moncton, New Brunswick. CASA President John Galt and Sean Pierce will be in attendance. Please contact Joe Young at 902 852 2208 or jyoung@casa-firesprinkler.org to confirm attendance.

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