

**DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 5, 2008**



**HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT**  
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The Joint Health and Safety Committee met September 11, 2008. The main issues this fall have been the Violence Prevention Plan, building an auditable management system, change of Board Health and Safety Policies that encompass visitors, students and employees and incorporating Health & Safety values within all Departments (a milestone initiative).

In September there was training of new Health and Safety Site Representatives. Joint Representatives training was conducted October 28 at Tilbury District High School and November 4 at Lambton Central Collegiate-Vocational Institute. Theme was Violence in the Workplace. Keynote speakers were Jennifer Wilson and Erica VanRoboys on Lessons Learned from the Windsor Hotel Dieu inquest. John Arnold from Workers Health and Safety Centre and Denise Pockele lead the school inspections.

Level 1 Certification course will be held end of November. David Page, Barb Young and Alan Foster have registered. Gayle Stucke has sent a memo to all administration encouraging them to become certified. The Board has set an objective to certify 30 elementary and secondary administrators in five years. This is a very aggressive quota and leading edge among boards of education.

TDHS, WDSS, CKSS and AMSS still have sewer smells in the science areas. This remains an agenda item.

I would like to thank OSSTF District 10 for sponsoring my registration for a workshop in Sarnia, Thursday, October 23, 2008 "Standing Still is Not an Option". Dr. Linda Duxbury was an amazing speaker, a pioneer in the field of organizational workplace health, stress and demographics in Canada. She is the David Foot of this decade. She may be speaking this spring at the invitation of Lambton College. I highly recommend that members attend if the opportunity arises.