



## MISSION STATEMENT:

To represent & support the membership in areas of professional development, safety, uniform interpretation and application of appropriate legislation, to assist our members in meeting the needs of the communities they serve . . .

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### CHANGES IN STRUCTURE AND FOCUS

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The Association serves all Rural Municipalities, Counties, Towns, Special Municipalities and Villages in Alberta.

Employees from any of these municipalities, who coordinate or operate any public utilities and/or who have an inherent interest in the safety and well being of their communities and colleagues, will benefit from participation in this association.

The Association is working with the Alberta Municipal Health & Safety Association in order to fill the need, in "Rural Alberta", for a safer workplace and in the long-term, a decrease in

costs to the municipalities.

We are supportive of the Partners in Injury Reduction Program, which the Workers' Compensation Board, Alberta Occupational Health & Safety and Alberta Municipal Health & Safety Association have developed.

We continue our support and programs for those who have not had a change in responsibilities and who are still involved in public utility operation, coordination, installation and/or inspection.

**In summary, the Association has always been concerned with issues of safety in our respective municipalities and plans to carry on this directive.**

## GOALS



- ☞ To ensure long term viability of the Association;
- ☞ To ensure the professional development needs of the membership;
- ☞ To achieve professional status for the Association and its members;
- ☞ To ensure our members are kept abreast of environmental, legislative and technical changes;
- ☞ To create and promote safety awareness of the membership and of the communities they serve;
- ☞ To ensure that the membership recognizes and responds to the changing needs of their communities; and
- ☞ To provide an environment for fraternal needs of the membership and opportunities to network.

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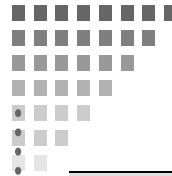
**RURAL  
UTILITIES &  
SAFETY  
ASSOCIATION**

## **HISTORY**

The Rural Utilities & Safety Association was formerly the Utilities Officer Association of Alberta, with its beginnings in 1973. The association was a support group for "Local Utilities Officers" who were hired initially to inspect and coordinate the installation of natural gas services in Rural Alberta.

In the years to follow, the duties of the Utilities Officer were expanded to include the coordination and/or installation and/or operation of all utilities within the municipal boundaries. During this time, Utilities Officers also carried out various other duties for their municipalities, many of which were related directly to safety or safety issues. As a result, the Association has evolved to respond to those needs.

In working with our neighbors: the Towns, Villages and other small urban centers; it became evident that we had common duties and responsibilities and, in many cases, were partners in projects and/or utility coordination. We had a common mandate also: the need to ensure the safety of contractors, workers, the public and future generations when working on or living near to any utility in the municipality.



## **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

An annual conference including:

- ◆ The Annual Meeting
- ◆ A two-day Workshop; and
- ◆ Trade Show

**DURING THE LATE FALL**  
of each year.

The workshops have been a cooperative effort between the

**RURAL UTILITIES & SAFETY  
ASSOCIATION**

and the

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL HEALTH &  
SAFETY ASSOCIATION**

and the

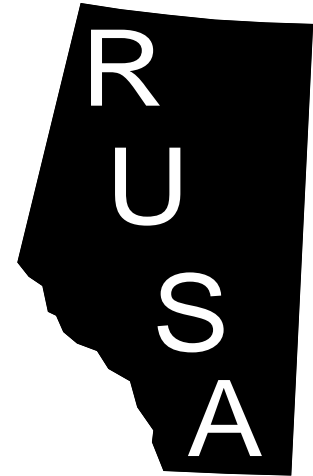
**ALBERTA CITIES SAFETY COUNCIL**

In 1992, the "Utilities Officer" program under the Rural Gas Act was dissolved.

The Association has also expanded its scope to include health and safety issues and, as a result, is creating interest in small rural and urban municipalities as an opportunity for "one-stop-shopping" for a lot of their employee needs.

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