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A day “at the office” for Manitoba Heavy Construction Association WORKSAFE™ safety advisor Dave McPherson is unlike most. Based out of Flin Flon, McPherson has more than 60 clients working as far north as Tadoule Lake and as far south as Swan River. McPherson is one of four safety advisors that comprise MHCAs WORKSAFE™ team. WORKSAFE™ covers all regions, and is Manitoba’s only safety and health training program to employ a full-time advisor living in northern Manitoba.

WORKSAFE™ advisors help companies obtain and maintain COR™ certification, conduct safety audits, provide training, and address workplace safety and health regulatory requirements.

“If you’re doing your due diligence and making sure people understand the jobs they’re doing, things should be fine. Training is huge,” he says.

“You want to make sure the group that leaves home to work in the morning is the same group that comes home that night.”

McPherson also provides safety instruction to First Nation communities and construction companies building Manitoba’s winter-road system.

The WORKSAFE™ safety advisor in the Eastman region, Randy Olynick, works with many companies that operate larger-scale sand and gravel operations. Olynick joined the WORKSAFE™ program in 2015, bringing 20 years of safety experience in the construction and manufacturing sectors, as well as regulatory expertise obtained working at Workplace Safety and Health.

“We are a safety service. If companies need assistance, they can count on us to help connect them with solutions to their safety challenges,” Olynick says. “Whether the question is about a regulatory detail or what to do during a serious incident, I can assist you, and if need be, come directly to your workplace.”

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WORKSAFE™ safety advisor Ed Gregory works with many of the MHCAs smaller member companies located in the southern region of Manitoba. Gregory joined the MHCAs in 2012, bringing 20 years of experience in safety and risk management.

“We encourage our companies to use their WORKSAFE™ advisor as a resource. We are available around the clock and do our best to help our companies, whether it is answering a question over the phone, on-site visits, or through on-site training.”

The majority of the work sites Gregory oversees involve a variety of heavy construction firms, building roads and highways from scratch or repaving roads in subdivisions.

Workplace accidents can have a significant impact on a company’s ability to get its work done effectively, he says.

“WORKSAFE™ isn’t just a safety program at work. It is an initiative that helps our workers get home safely to their families. Many of the younger workers in our industry are just starting their families. I want to be part of the solution that helps ensure they make it home safely.”



From top: MHCAs WORKSAFE™ regional safety advisors Ed Gregory (Southern Region), Randy Olynick (Eastern Region) and Dave McPherson (Northern Region), on a job site with Smook Contractors manager JR Beavis (left).



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