



Safe Environments.
Healthy Workers.

PSHSA Update

April 2023



Courses to help build resilient public safety workplaces: Free to the first 100 registrants

R2 for Leaders Building Resilient Organizations

- April 18
- May 16
- June 21

Learn more and register

Managing Mental Health - Stay at Work & Return to Work for First Responders

- April 20
- May 17
- June 28

Learn more and register

R2 for Leaders Building Resilient Organizations Distance Learning Program

Distance Learning

At Your Workplace

organizational leaders understand what

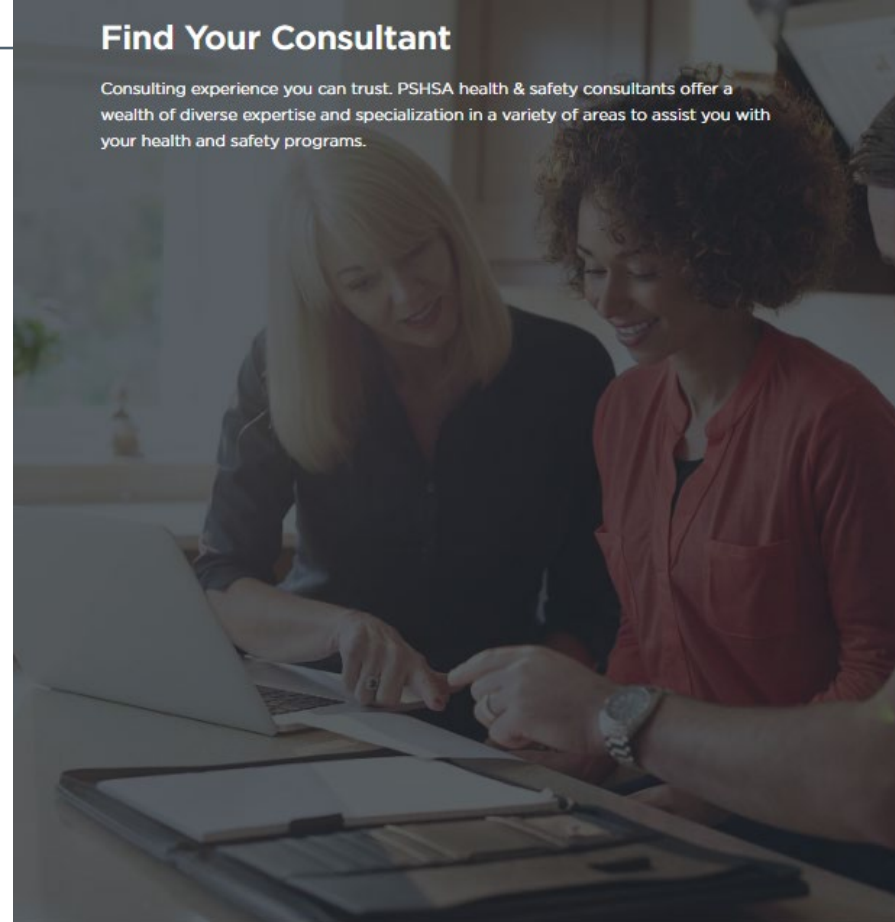
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Onsite requests: Find your Consultant

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Consulting experience you can trust. PSHSA health & safety consultants offer a wealth of diverse expertise and specialization in a variety of areas to assist you with your health and safety programs.



Do you have questions about health and safety in the community and healthcare, education and culture, or municipal and provincial government sectors? Subject matter expert consultants are available to discuss a range of topics related to health and safety in Ontario. Our highly experienced directors oversee larger provincial issues in our community and healthcare, education and culture, and municipal and provincial government sectors across Ontario.

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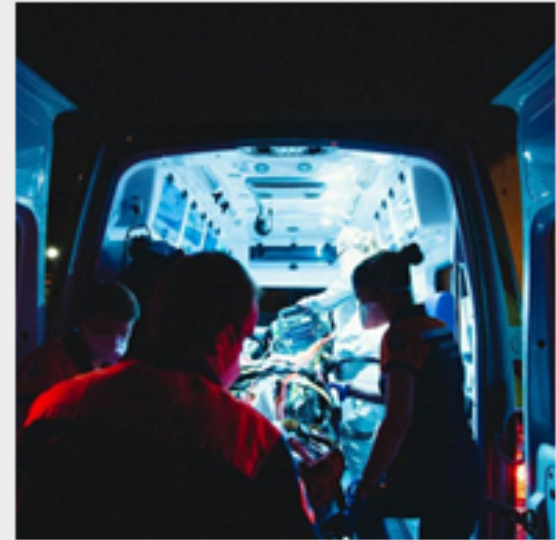


Paramedic Services Section 21 Committee

Paramedics to get OHS section 21 committee

The Ontario government has established a Paramedic Services Committee under Section 21 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act to develop resources that address the unique health and safety risks these first responders face.

OHS committees provide the government with technical expertise and sector-specific advice on health and safety issues, including recommending regulatory changes and actions on emerging issues.





Joint Fire, Police, Paramedic S21 Meeting

March 2, 2023

First in many years

Common issues

- Traffic safety and control
- Mental Health
- RTW/Accommodation
- Respiratory Protection
- Joint response – specialized rescue
- Joint response and incident command – violent incidents (active shooter)



Section 21 committees Overall Objectives

- **Advise and make recommendations** to the Minister of Labour,, Immigration, Training and Skills Development on matters relating to the occupational health and safety of all firefighters/police/paramedic/healthcare workers in the Province of Ontario.
- Engaging in **bipartite discussions** on health and safety issues within the sector;
- Reviewing health and safety issues of **provincial scope**;
- Supporting the development of **industry best practices**; and
- **Developing and maintaining guidance material** for workplace parties as needed to protect workers in Ontario. This guidance material may outline recommended best practices and acceptable standards to be used by workers to prevent injury or illness and will comply with the intent and provisions outlined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act and related regulations.



Education and Presentations

Respiratory Protection for First Responders

- Overview of NIOSH vs CSA Z94.4.1-2021

Return to Work

- Accommodation, Communication, Trust

First Responder Research, OCRC

- Cancer rates for PSP
- Impact of work simulation on fit test
- Diesel exhaust





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Fire Section 21



Police Section 21



Paramedic Services Section 21



PSHSA Support





Prevention Updates

Ontario expanding cancer coverage for firefighters

Firefighters put their lives on the line to protect us, which can sadly lead to work-related cancers. The Ontario government has proposed changes that would give them faster access to compensation and support their recovery. Changes will allow thyroid and pancreatic cancer claims to be processed faster.





Health and Safety Excellence Program

Achieving health & safety excellence in your workplace, one step at a time

Whether you are just getting started or want to optimize the systems and processes you already have in place, the Health and Safety Excellence program can help you reach your health and safety goals and create a safer workplace.

“When I first signed up for the program it seemed overwhelming, however, once the first topic was under my belt, it became easier. We now have seven topics completed and have signed up for the next five. The support from Allison Whyte and Shelly Hurley has been above and beyond, they are my cheerleaders.” - Municipality of Central Elgin.





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Take Care and Stay Safe!

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