

National Day of Mourning – April 28 2017

In 1983 the National day of Mourning was launched by the Canadian Labour Congress and has since spread to 80 countries around the world. In 1991 the Federal government officially recognized the National Day of Mourning. What began as Canada's Day of mourning continues to be an internationally recognized event

Canada's flag on Parliament Hill will fly at half-mast. Workers throughout the country and around the world will participate in memorial ceremonies at monuments in their communities. They will light candles, don ribbons, black armbands and observe moments of silence. On the national Day of Mourning it is time to reflect and recommit ourselves to Health, Safety and the Environment by striving to prevent workplace deaths, illnesses and injuries.

The most recent statistics from the Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada (AWCBC) tell us that in 2015, 852 workplace deaths were recorded in Canada. Among those dead were four young workers aged fifteen to nineteen years; and another eleven workers aged twenty to twenty-four years.

Add to these fatalities the 232,629 claims accepted for lost time due to a work-related injury or disease, including 8,155 from young workers aged fifteen to nineteen, and the fact that these statistics only include what is reported and accepted by the compensation boards, and it is safe to say that the total number of workers impacted is even higher.

What these numbers don't show is just how many people are directly affected by these workplace tragedies. Each worker death impacts the loved ones, families, friends and coworkers they leave behind, changing all of their lives forever.

As in past years members of the Plant Joint Health and Safety Committee (JHSC) and Plant Management representatives are encouraged the attend this very important ceremony.

Ceremony Details:

Friday - April 28, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Hamilton City Hall

Council Chambers

If you will not be attending, the plant whistle will sound at 11:30 . Please stop for a moment & remember those who have been injured, or died on the job.

The plant flags will be at half mast to help us remember.

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Plant JHSC Co-Chairperson

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