

Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Year-end Report
June 20, 2026 SIFPS AGM

The Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee presently consists of Chak Estable-Duquette, Jackie Borosa, Keith Preston, Kyra Haworth, Peter Clark, Samantha Fache and Sheila McQueen. It meets monthly to discuss workplace health and safety concerns as they arise, issues identified in inspections of the two worksites, and progress in addressing workplace hazards.

This past year Committee members have, amongst other things, updated Hall safety diagrams and emergency contact lists, purchased training vouchers for new Committee members, ensured both Halls have Safety Data Sheets, requested safe storage for volatile materials, and are working on an OHS Program specifically for SIR with a focus, at present, on high-risk field safety protocols and OFI's. An emerging concern is ensuring the psychological health of Volunteers. We continue to try to make sure our worksites and procedures are compliant with relevant legislation and regulatory requirements - in how we run our meetings, the makeup of the Committee, availability of documentation...

Ensuring ongoing Occupational Health and Safety depends on the training provided to our Volunteers and the conscientious manner in which they, and in particular the Chiefs, carry out their work. The Committee thanks them all.

As well as continuing to maintain a healthy and safe workplace, in the coming year the Committee would (again) like to see more Volunteers undertake both introductory and higher level OHS training.

Keith Preston