

## CALGARIANS URGED TO OBSERVE NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

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**Calgary, AB** – All Calgarians are invited to attend a public memorial service marking the **National Day of Mourning** on **Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** at **James Short Park**.

The Day of Mourning is observed every April 28<sup>th</sup> to honour the memory of workers in Canada who have lost their lives due to work-related injuries, illness or disease. It is an opportunity to remember fallen workers and re-commit to creating safer workplaces.

Last year, 110 workers in Alberta lost their lives as a result of work-related injury, illness or disease, including eight workers in the Calgary area.

This year marks the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Canada and the Day of Mourning is now observed worldwide.

“It’s a very important day,” says Rosemary Lindsay, the Chair of Calgary’s 2010 Day of Mourning Committee. “Everyone should recognize those who have lost their lives and commit to making their workplaces as safe as possible.”

Calgary’s public memorial service to remember friends, workers and families that have been affected by workplace injuries is being co-hosted by the Alberta Construction Safety Association, Alberta Motor Transport Association, Canadian Society of Safety Engineering, Manufacturers’ Health and Safety Association, Calgary Regional Safety Committee, Enform and Calgary’s 2010 NAOSH Committee.

The event - which takes place at Noon at James Short Park, located atop the parkade at 115 4 Ave. S.W. – will feature a speech by Julie Hamilton, whose son Tim was electrocuted in 1999 while setting up a tent for a Stampede breakfast. As well, candles will be lit for the eight Calgary-area workers who lost their lives as a result of work-related injury, illness or disease.

The Day of Mourning will be followed by several NAOSH Week events in Calgary, including a Speakers Conference & Trade Show on April 29<sup>th</sup>, the Official NAOSH Week Proclamation on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and a Community Event/Steps for Life 5 km Walk on May 8<sup>th</sup> at Deerfoot Mall.

For more information on the Day of Mourning and other NAOSH Week events, go to **[www.cssecalgary.com](http://www.cssecalgary.com)**, check out the *NAOSH Week 2010 – Calgary* Facebook group or go to [www.twitter.com/CalgaryNAOSH](http://www.twitter.com/CalgaryNAOSH).

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