



## **2nd Annual Construction Day A Huge Success**

On absolutely every measure, COCA's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Construction Day was an overwhelming success.

## **What's Been Happening at COCA?**

Over the summer months, COCA consulted with many of its member organizations to determine what could be done to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of your provincial federation and serve the needs and interests of your members better. This consultation was precipitated by our ongoing commitment to continuous improvement and also importantly by the resignation notice received from the OGCA and subsequent concerns expressed by MCAO. A number of former COCA members were also consulted to determine if there was something that might be done to attract them back into the COCA family.

## **SAFETY IS A BUSINESS IMPERATIVE; WE CAN AND MUST DO BETTER!!!!**

Construction work by its very nature is dangerous. Between 2005 and 2009, 117 construction workers died as a result of work related injuries and another 998 were seriously injured. Construction fatalities in that period represented almost 40% of all work related deaths even though construction workers make up a much smaller percentage of the total number of workers covered under Ontario's workplace compensation scheme. These statistics highlight the inherent danger of construction work and the need for construction employers to have effective safety planning incorporated into their business plans to ensure that a robust safety culture lives on every construction worksite in Ontario.

## **Construction Industry be wary - Ottawa is sending subtle warnings about the economy**

The latest analyses of the global and Canadian economies coupled with Ottawa's backing away from traditionally resolute policy positions on stimulus and taxation ought to serve as a red flag for Ontario's construction industry.

## **Leadership change at the IHSA**

The Infrastructure Health & Safety Association announced today that IHSA Vice-President of Prevention - Specialty Services, Al Beattie will assume the role of Interim President & CEO. Mr. Beattie assumes the role following the departure of Michael Delisle to pursue new endeavors.