

## County focuses on Health and Safety



During North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, which is recognized as May 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, the County of Prince Edward is renewing its focus on health and safety in the workplace and recognizing its recent achievements. At a special ceremony on May 10, 2007, Mayor Leo P. Finnegan presented a certificate to the members of the H. J. McFarland Home in recognition of their success in achieving four straight months accident free.

In 2004 the County hired an Occupational Health and Safety Officer to help the municipality improve its performance in health and safety matters. As a result, a total of eight Joint Health and Safety Committees are now in place, composed of employer and worker representatives. The Committees meet regularly to identify hazards in the workplace, address training needs and respond to health and safety concerns raised by employees. The County is also in the process of formalizing its health and safety program and establishing health and safety standards, such as incident reporting, accident investigation and workplace inspections.

“Our employees deserve recognition and congratulations for their efforts to reduce workplace accidents,” said C.A.O. Richard Shannon. “Their hard work is paying off as our recent statistics show.”

“This Council has made the health and safety of our employees a high priority,” said Mayor Leo P. Finnegan. “Accidents in the workplace are costly, both to the taxpayers and to the employees and we want to take every precaution and action we can to minimize occurrences.”

The County wishes to remind both its employees and residents that the North American Occupational Safety and Health Week is a time to focus on health and safety, not only in the workplace, but at home.”

Visit [www.naosh.ca](http://www.naosh.ca) for information on North American Occupational Safety and Health Week.