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Dear Members:

I hope each and every one of you had a safe holiday season so far.

I am pleased to announce to all of you, a new election process for electing our Station Safety Representatives throughout the Province, starting January 1, 2013.

In Oct 2012, I introduced a creation of a new bylaw (13.b14) at our Annual Convention, which defines station level elections. The new bylaw reads:

“The elections of all station level positions shall be held biennially, within the relative station.

(a) Station level positions shall be defined as: Shop Steward and Station Safety Representative.

(b) Nominations shall commence biennially on January 1 and shall remain open for a period no less than three (3) weeks.

(c) Elections shall commence biennially on February 1 and shall remain open for a period no less than three (3) weeks.

(d) Results from station elections shall be forwarded to the appropriate Regional Vice President or Provincial Safety Director within seven (7) days of election close.

(e) For posts, which require Platoon Safety Representatives, positions shall be elected from the pool of Station Safety Representatives within the relevant district.

(f) All positions shall be subject to an election commencing January 2013, with all positions subject to elections biennially thereafter.”

These Station Safety Representative positions are for 2 years.

With this new election process in place, the newly elected Station Safety Representatives will be responsible in attending the DOSH meeting in March in their relative Region or District. At that face-to-face meeting, a Committee Co-Chair person will be selected among the Safety Representatives of that Region or District.

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“For post, which require Platoon Safety Representatives, positions shall be elected from the pool of Station Safety Representatives”... as well as a Committee Co-Chair.

All stations should commence nominations on Jan 1, 2013.

Remember, these are “our” Safety Representative positions...so let’s get involved, and be a part of keeping us all safe.

Please feel free to contact your RVP or myself if you have any questions about the new election process.

Sincerely,

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