



CORRECTION: April 28: National Day of Mourning for workers killed and injured on the job

April 26, 2011

On April 28 ... the National Day of Mourning for workers killed and injured on the job ... HSA President Reid Johnson and the unions Board of Directors joins BC workers mourning for the dead and fighting for the living.

All workers and their families are invited to pay tribute to workers who have been injured or killed on the job, or stricken with occupational disease.

April 28, 2011
8:00 am - 9:00 am
Hastings Park
Vancouver, BC

HSA President Reid Johnson said injury and fatality rates in BC are still far too high. -On the Day of Mourning, we honour workers who have died ... and we recommit to the fight to improve workplace health and safety," he said.

Earlier this month, at HSAs annual convention, Johnson presented an occupational health and safety award commemorating a union member killed on the job.

-HSA member David Bland was a vocational counsellor who worked at Richmond Mental Health Services," he said. -At the end of an otherwise ordinary workday in January of 2005, as David left his workplace and walked to his car, a former client was waiting in the parking lot ... and murdered David.

-The events of that day sent shockwaves throughout health care and social services, and exposed the reality of our work," he said. -Ever since, in Davids memory, the union has presented an award to honour the important work that union members and stewards undertake as advocates for their colleagues in ensuring we all work in a safe environment," he said.

The union awarded this years David Bland Memorial to Llaesa North from the Prince George Child Development Centre. North won this year's award for tireless advocacy to ensure members who drive as part of their work are safe.

Read about past recipients of the award on HSAs website.

Listing of Day of Mourning events, April 28, 2011:

Kamloops & District Labour Council
St. Andrews, Seymour Street, Kamloops, BC (6:00 pm)

Peace River District Labour Council
Walk from City Hall to Centennial Park, Fort St. John, BC (12:00 pm)

CORRECTION: Prince George & District Labour Council
Workers Memorial Statue (at Patricia Blvd. & Queensway), Prince George, BC **(NOON)**

South Cariboo Labour Council

Ceremonies at the City Hall Cenotaph, Williams Lake, BC (11:00 am)

Quesnel & District Labour Council

Monument on Anderson Drive, (next to Firehall on the West Side), Quesnel, BC (5:30 pm)

North Okanagan Labour Council

Ben Lee Park, (near Leathead Rd. & Hollywood Rd.), Kelowna, BC (12:30 pm)

New Westminster & District Labour Council

Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC (12:00 pm)

East Kootenay & District Labour Council

Centennial Hall, 100 ... 4th Avenue, Kimberley, BC (7:00 pm)

BCFed & Vancouver & District Labour Council

Hastings Park (PNE), Enter Gate 2 off Renfrew, Vancouver, BC (8:00 am)

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