

## **SCGA Celebrates 15 Proud Years of Promoting Public Safety!**

Do you remember the year 2007?

The third installments of the Spiderman and Shrek movie series were the top grossing movies of the year. Apple released the very first iPhone. And in November, the Saskatchewan Roughriders, led by quarterback Kerry Joseph, claimed their third Grey Cup with a victory over the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in Toronto.

But there was also an especially important milestone in the world of public safety that year.

That's because the [Saskatchewan Common Ground Alliance \(SCGA\)](#) was formed that year. We're proud to be celebrating 15 years of a network of businesses and communities committed to damage prevention in our Province.

Prior to 2007, there were many parties who saw a need to educate the public on the need to protect not only the billions of dollars of underground infrastructure that provide the services we rely on, but also the safety of those working around it.

But mostly, these companies and communities were pursuing their safety programs in individual ways, without a wider network to share resourcing, discuss best practices and coordinate activities. From its modest beginnings, the SCGA grew to offer members a way to work together . . . right at a period when Saskatchewan's economy (as well as its digging activity) began to experience tremendous growth.

Over the past 15 years, the SCGA has collaborated tirelessly with its partners to promote safe digging and construction practices to frontline workers and to the general public.

The SCGA spring series of contractor Dig Safe [breakfasts](#) in communities across Saskatchewan has been a tremendous tool in promoting these safety messages to thousands of front-line workers.

The SCGA has also developed a series of professionally produced education [videos](#) on a variety of topics, as well as safety information cards and resources on its website at [www.scga.ca](http://www.scga.ca). A quarterly newsletter is produced to share and we have social content on Facebook, Twitter, and Linked-In channels.

Our partnership with [Sask1stcall.com](http://Sask1stcall.com) has allowed us to take our safety focus to the tens of thousands of digging projects every year in Saskatchewan. And our members share a commitment to promote best practices through joint discussion and tools like the Damage Information Reporting Tool (D.I.R.T)

Another highlight was the 2021 launch of our [Youth Ground Disturbance Program](#), a free safety training initiative for students aged 14-21, delivered in cooperation with the Saskatchewan Safety Council and Heavy Construction Safety Association of Saskatchewan.

We are proud that today, we have grown to ninety-five members and sponsors who share our vision of a safe digging community where all work safely, come home to their families at day's end and protect the vital underground infrastructure that we all depend on.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to where the next 15 years takes us . . . together in partnership with all of Saskatchewan.

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