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Safety2007 Attracts High Profile Keynotes

IFAP's **Safety2007 Conference** program is now available and this year looks set to continue the trend as a “must see” event for safety professionals for an impressive sixth year running.

This year's event promises to be the best yet with a top line-up of speakers including three high profile keynotes. They are: Lieutenant Commander Richard Sellers from the Royal Australian Navy on the Sea King Incident, Dr Karl O'Callaghan, WA Commissioner of Police and Professor Jim Joy from the University of Queensland.

Lieutenant Commander Sellers, Deputy Director-Human Factors, from the Royal Australian Navy will present “*Aspects of the Safety Investigation into the Sea King Incident*”. On April 2, 2004 a Navy Sea King Helicopter crashed whilst helping victims of the tsunami and earthquake-ravaged island of Nias, killing nine Australian Defence Personnel. The Navy Board of Inquiry is due to report its findings in late June 2007. Safety07 Conference is likely to be the first public presentation on the findings.

Dr Karl O'Callaghan, Commissioner of Police, will present “*Police and Occupational Safety and Health*”. The Commissioner's academic studies have focussed on police reform, culture and ethics.

Professor of Risk Management, Jim Joy, will deliver two topical presentations: “*Is a Worksite Safe? Establishing the Case for Acceptable Risk*” and “*Can Design Kill? Human Error and Equipment Design*”.

IFAP Managing Director Martin Ralph said WA was leading the nation in economic growth and the impact of this on the OSH profession was significant.

“In the shrinking OSH world, the regulatory framework, challenges, and public accountability facing companies are the same, regardless of size,” he said

“The skills shortage is felt by the OSH community as we scramble to attract experience and talent to the profession while, at the same time, trying to update our skills.”

He said the conference was an opportunity to see how industry was meeting these demands and challenges.

The Safety2007 Conference, sponsored by **Coffey Environments, GIO, Kirfield Limited, Advanced Safety Magazine, Western Hearing Services and TCC Group**, will be held at the **Sheraton Perth Hotel** on **Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 September**.

The conference program incorporates a total of 20 presentations featuring a broad range of topics and quality speakers. For a copy of the full program, please contact IFAP on 9430 6611 or visit www.verticalevents.com.au

Other events to be held in conjunction with the conference include a cocktail function and the Skilled Gala Dinner featuring the 2007 IFAP/CGU Safe Way Awards presentations and the IFAP Corporate Golf Day, raising funds for nominated charity, PBF Australia.

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