

Saskatchewan Firearms Office

Presentation to SARM fall Convention

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Meet the CFO

- CEO of Brigadier Security Systems (Saskatoon) and Elite Security Systems (Regina) for 34 years.
- Board member and volunteer with the Saskatoon Wildlife Federation for more than 40 years, served as their president for five.
- Elected member of the National Board of Directors for the Canadian Sports Shooting Association.
- Firearms instructor for the possession and acquisition license (PAL) and restricted possession and acquisition license (RPAL) programs.
- Involved in recreation shooting sports as a competitor, hunter and licensed gunsmith for decades.
- I have a strong mandate and commitment to enhance education and safety for Saskatchewan's rural and urban stakeholders in my role as your CFO.

Mandate

- The Saskatchewan Firearms Office is responsible for supporting safe communities by managing the ownership, purchase, movement and use of firearms within the province through the administration of federal firearms legislation.
- The responsibilities of the Saskatchewan Firearms Office include issuing the following:
 - firearm license's for individuals (including minors);
 - firearm business licenses;
 - authorizations to transport restricted and/or prohibited firearms; and
 - authorizations to carry.
- Advocate to promote our long-standing heritage of responsible firearms ownership.

Safety Campaign



Safety Starts at Home

Responsible firearms owners are licenced and store their firearms and ammunition properly.

Safety begins with you.

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Teach them to be safe

Lead by example.

What they see, they will do.

Firearm safety begins with you.

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Education

- The Saskatchewan Firearms Office launched a public awareness campaign to promote firearms safety education in the province.
- The campaign promoted safe practices when using and storing firearms to help prevent accidents and mitigate loss or theft. It also focused on the next generation of firearms owners and encouraged passing down knowledge about safe handling practices to children and grandchildren.
- The campaign ran in the spring of 2022 from March to May.
- The Saskatchewan Firearms Office will continue ongoing consultations with provincial stakeholders in both urban and rural jurisdictions to enhance public awareness around proper licensing and safe storage of firearms.
- The Saskatchewan Firearms Office established an Advisory committee with subject matter experts from across Saskatchewan including a representative from SARM (Norm Nordgulen).

Firearms Legislative Changes

- May 1st OIC ban on over 2000 models of firearms.
- C-21 legislation to ban the transfer of handguns and implementation of a OIC buyback (confiscation program).
- OIC prohibiting the transfer of handguns on Oct. 21,2022 prior to passing of C-21 legislation and ongoing committee hearings.
- Excessive wait times to process PAL, RPAL, transfers in Miramachi, NB.
- Saskatchewan Firearms Office has processed over 2500 handgun transfers and attended many gun shows across the province to engage with firearms owners.
- Saskatchewan continues to advocate for responsible firearms ownership while developing legislation and initiatives to target the illegal use of firearms. We have processed over 200 revocations and refusals in our first year of operation. We are working closely with law enforcement partners to address criminal organizations, mental health, smuggling and straw purchasing of firearms.

I will be available this afternoon during the scheduled breaks should you have any questions?

