

Mark Balsom is the Corporate Health, Safety, and Environment Manager with the Cahill Group of Companies. Mark is responsible for the managing of HSE Management System, HSE budgets and communicating/leading HSE activities on behalf of senior leadership at Cahill.

Mark is happily married with three children (young adults). When not with family, Mark has dedicated the past 22 years of his life to Health and safety and promotion of our profession. Mark maintains networking with industry leaders, suppliers and OHS divisions of government.

Mark has had a broad range of careers from working in a family owned automotive dealership, to managing a grocery store where he learned to decorate cakes. In addition, Mark has worked:

- In fire and safety in the Oil and Gas industry, from 1998 to 2014,
- Currently Mark is Cahill's Corporate HSE Manager with 22 HSE Advisors on various work sites in 7 provinces with the head office in St. Johns NL.

Mark has been in a management role since the age of 19. This has helped Mark communicate to all levels within these organizations and to be successful in his career.

HSE and/or leadership roles as:

- Chapter Chair of NL Chapter 2007 to 2014 Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE),
- Past Chapter Chair of NL Chapter 2015 to current Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE),
- Two years on PDC planning committee Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE), National NAOSH week launch committee NL Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE),
- Various chapter sub committees i.e. NAOSH week NL, CSSE course offerings NL, etc.

Mark holds Designations of; Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP) since 2004, Professional Member (CSSE) since 2018, Certified Health and Safety Consultant (CHSC) since 2007 and Member of CSSE since 2003.

Mark was recognized by his peers in health and safety; Outstanding Service for the Atlantic Region in 2014, which is awarded by the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering.

Mark will work tirelessly on behalf of all chapters within the Atlantic region to ensure CSSE is seen as a leader and the go-to organization for health and safety within our region for all safety professionals. We are at a crossroads in our profession. We must change the way we talk about health and safety and the way we interact with our senior leaders of large organizations right down to the smaller firms of 10 or less. I am looking forward to the next few years in our Profession!