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Mine Rescue Teams Demonstrate Skills during NWT Mining Week

Yellowknife, NT (June 16, 2015) Highly trained northern mine rescue teams from the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Yukon and British Columbia showed their skills in mock scenarios last week, ably demonstrating their preparedness should an accident occur. The event occurred during the annual NWT Mining Week, held June 8-13.

Seven teams competed over two days within two broad categories, surface and underground, and in a variety of skill areas including fire fighting, rope rescue, smoke, and surface and underground obstacles. The Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission (WSCC) sponsored and organized the competition, and companies from three territories and one province sent teams. From the NWT, Ekati sent two teams (surface and underground), and Diavik and Snap Lake each sent single teams. Representing Nunavut was the Meadowbank mine and from the Yukon the Minto mine. The New Afton Mine in Kamloops, British Columbia also sent a team. Winners were announced at the awards banquet on Saturday night.

Top honours went to the Ekati Diamond Mine, which took home both the Overall Surface and the Overall Underground trophies. Other winners were:

Event	Top Team
First Aid	Snap Lake Diamond Mine (NWT)
Surface Practical Bench	Minto Copper Mine (Yukon)
Fire Fighting	Minto Copper Mine (Yukon)
Rope Rescue	Ekati Diamond Mine (NWT)
Surface Written Test	Minto Copper Mine (Yukon)
Underground Written Test	Ekati Diamond Mine (NWT)
Surface Smoke	Ekati Diamond Mine (NWT)
Underground Smoke	Diavik Diamond Mine (NWT)
Underground Bench/Field Test	Ekati Diamond Mine (NWT)
Surface Obstacle/Extrication	Meadowbank Gold Mine (Nunavut)
Underground Obstacle	Diavik Diamond Mine (NWT)
Overall Surface	Ekati Diamond Mine (NWT)
Overall Underground	Ekati Diamond Mine (NWT)

The NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines and its mining members organized the Miners' Picnic and the public were invited to watch the competition and to partake in a free community BBQ. Free food and family activities combined with spectacular weather made for a fantastic event.

For more information on the NWT and Nunavut mining industries, please visit the website at www.miningnorth.com or contact Tom Hoefer, Executive Director at Tel: 867-873-5281 or email: executivedirector@miningnorth.com. For a description of last year's event, click [here](#).