



# **MARIJUANA GROW FACILITIES; FIRE & EXPLOSION RISKS FROM CLANDESTINE DRUG LABS TO LEGAL GROW FACILITIES.**

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

### **CAN/ULC-S4400**

*Understanding the newly released ULC Standard; for Safety of Buildings, Premises and Equipment Utilized for the Cultivation, Production and Processing of Cannabis.*

*This unique presentation will be well attended by Fire Services, Police Services, Building Owners, Facility Managers, Health & Safety Professionals, Emergency Planners and more.*



### **SPEAKERS**

#### **MARIJUANA GROW FACILITIES; FIRE & EXPLOSION RISKS FROM CLANDESTINE DRUG LABS TO LEGAL GROW FACILITIES**

*Presented by Jason M. Williams, OFMEM Fire Investigation Unit*

#### **CAN/ULC-S4400, STANDARD FOR SAFETY OF BUILDINGS, PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT UTILIZED FOR THE CULTIVATION, PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING OF CANNABIS**

*Presented by Brian McBain, Codes and Regulatory Services, Underwriters Laboratories of Canada Inc.*

## **TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019**

### **9:00AM – 12:00PM**

**LOCATION: Fire and Emergency Services Training Institute (FESTI)**

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## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



**Jason M. Williams** is a fire and explosion investigator with the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management for the Province of Ontario.

Jason has conducted numerous investigations in relation to fires/explosions involving Marijuana Butane Honey Oil (BHO) Operations. In 2017 Jason published a paper titled "Marijuana Butane Honey Oil (BHO) Fire and Explosion Investigations", which was published by the Canadian Association of Fire Investigators, International Association of Fire Investigators and Blue Line Magazine. Jason has lectured on this topic at the Ontario Police College and the Ontario Fire College and has been deemed an Expert in this field in both the Ontario and Superior Courts of Justice.

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Marijuana BHO Operations have inherent hazards and dangers associated with the extraction process undertaken by the manufactures of the illicit marijuana concentrate product. Fire and Explosion incidents are occurring at the illegal drug producing facilities, which have caused serious injuries, property damage and even death. Topics Covered: Introduction, History of BHO What is BHO? Types, Value and Consumption Production of BHO Hazards (Production and Investigation) Investigations of BHO Operations Case Studies.



**Brian McBain** has over 24 years of experience in fire and emergency services and has worked in all aspects of fire and life safety. He presently works for Underwriters Laboratories of Canada (ULC) as a Senior Regulatory Affairs Representative where he provides assistance to regulatory authorities across Canada in all disciplines with regards to ULC certifications and ULC Standards.

Mr. McBain has worked at ULC for 13 years. Previously, Mr. McBain also served three years at the Ontario Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management as a Fire Protection Specialist, worked nine years in the Fire Protection and Life Safety industry and currently has 24 years of service as a volunteer Firefighter, Fire Training Officer and Fire Prevention Officer. Mr. McBain holds a Fire Protection Diploma from Algonquin College.

### CAN/ULC-S4400, STANDARD FOR SAFETY OF BUILDINGS, PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT UTILIZED FOR THE CULTIVATION, PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING OF CANNABIS

CAN/ULC-S4400, Standard for the Safety of Premises, Buildings and Equipment Utilized for the Cultivation, Production and Processing of Cannabis This standard and future regulatory instrument is intended to assist designers, property owners, engineers and regulators set the baseline in ensuring the safety and security of the cannabis premises, buildings and processing. The presentation will provide a brief history of this standard initiative, a description of the main features of the standard and future plans and initiatives.



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