

**DRIVING PREVENTION THROUGH RESEARCH TOUR LAUNCHED FOR CANADA'S FIRST MOBILE WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY LABORATORY**

*M-CROSH's inaugural tour includes stops in 12 Northern Ontario communities*

**September 20, 2017 (Sudbury, ON)** - The Centre for Research in Occupational Safety and Health (CROSH) at Laurentian University today unveiled details about the inaugural tour to be taken by its ground-breaking M-CROSH mobile research laboratory. The **Driving Prevention Through Research Tour** will visit 12 communities across Northern Ontario from September 22 through October 5, 2017.

During the tour, M-CROSH will host lab tours and ask visitors to share key health and safety issues that workers and workplaces face in their community, and throughout the region. This input will help shape a 5-year strategic plan for the Centre.

“Health and safety excellence can only be obtained through active participation by all employees and employers in every job, and this includes workplaces in rural and northern communities,” said CROSH director, Dr. Sandra Dorman. This tour will focus on introducing the mobile lab to workplaces and communities with the goal of sharing findings from our current research and learning about the occupational health and safety challenges facing northern workers.”



In June, CROSH unveiled Canada's first mobile laboratory for occupational safety and health research: M-CROSH. The custom designed 40-foot integrated truck/trailer mobile laboratory

(established with funding from the Ontario Ministry of Labour) includes laboratory, meeting, and clinic space to support field research in: mental health and quality of work-life, fatigue, mobile equipment design for accident prevention, vibration induced injury prevention, heat stress, prevention of musculoskeletal disorders, and evaluation of intervention programs; to name a few.

Members of the public are invited to attend any of the following M-CROSH tour stops:

TOWN/CITY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SUDBURY	September 22	10AM-12PM	James Jerome Complex
SAULT STE. MARIE	September 25	10AM-12PM	City Hall
TERRACE BAY	September 26	2:30PM-4PM	USW Union Hall
THUNDER BAY	September 27	10AM-12PM	Oliver Road Community Centre
SIOUX LOOKOUT	September 28	10AM-12PM	Meno-Ya-Win Health Centre
DRYDEN	September 28	2:30PM-4:30PM	Dryden Memorial Arena
KENORA	September 29	10AM-12PM	Kenora Recreational Centre
GERALDTON	October 1	12PM-1PM	No Frills, 1012 Main Street
KAPUSKASING	October 2	10AM-12PM	Palace Sports Arena
TIMMINS	October 3	10AM-12PM	Timmins Public Library
KIRKLAND LAKE	October 4	10AM-12PM	Town Hall
NORTH BAY	October 5	10AM-12PM	Workplace Safety North



### ABOUT CROSH

CROSH was established at Laurentian University in 2008, and it is the only occupational safety and health research centre operating in northern Ontario. Utilizing a FIELD- to LAB- to FIELD (F2L2F) research philosophy, with the goal of achieving PREVENTION THROUGH RESEARCH. F2L2F: CROSH engages in innovative FIELD research to understand an occupational health and safety problem, develops evidence-based interventions for the

problem in the LAB, and then evaluates the interventions back in the FIELD.

For more information on CROSH visit: [www.crosh.ca](http://www.crosh.ca)

### ABOUT LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY

Laurentian University offers an outstanding university experience in English and French, with a comprehensive approach to Indigenous education. Laurentian University, situated on the traditional territory of the Anishinabe peoples of Atikameksheng First Nation, prepares students as agents of change and empowers them to create innovative responses to local and global

challenges. Laurentian's students benefit from small class sizes and exceptional post-graduation employment rates. With nine Canada Research Chairs and nineteen research centres, Laurentian is a recognized leader in its specialized areas of research strength, which include mining innovation and exploration, stressed watershed systems, particle astrophysics, rural and northern children's health, and occupational health and safety.

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