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PSAC announces a new scholarship and campaign in memory of Jordan Roppel

Calgary, Alberta (February 27, 2018) – Today, the Petroleum Services Association of Canada (PSAC) announced the addition of a new scholarship to the Association’s annual Scholarship Program. The “*Remember Jordan*” scholarship, created in memory of Jordan Roppel, aims to remind workers of the dangers of shock load vehicle recovery while supporting Canadian post-secondary education. More details about Vehicle Recovery Safety can be found on the Energy Safety Canada’s website (<http://www.enform.ca/blog/remember-jordan/>).

Jordan Roppel was working his summer job prior to starting college in the fall, when his forklift got stuck on the job site. Whether it be lack of training or lack of equipment, the forklift was pulled out using a pair of slings, a chain, and a trailer ball. The shank of the trailer ball snapped off, becoming a projectile. Jordan was killed instantly when the ball struck his head. We want people to stop and think, whenever there is a vehicle that is stuck and will require some force, or shock load to recover, to use the correct tools or wait for a tow truck. If you get in that situation, *Remember Jordan*. If a colleague gets in that situation, remind them to *Remember Jordan*.

Vehicles go off the road, get stuck in mud, snow and on ice, all situations our members frequently encounter. When a run is taken to recover vehicles in these situations, extreme forces are at play. It is important to use the correct tools for the job; these must be engineered for the job, and capable of being shock loaded. If you do not have an engineered solution, you need to call and wait for additional vehicle recovery assistance.

PSAC President Mark Salkeld said, “Vehicle recovery is a critical task, and using the wrong tools can lead to vehicle damage, personal injury and death. We encourage our members to challenge unsafe practices in the work place and at home, so everyone can get home safely to their loved ones. If you see someone using the wrong equipment for vehicle recovery, tell them, *Remember Jordan*.”

The scholarship, valued at \$2,500, will be awarded annually to a child of a PSAC Core Member company employee, enrolled in a post-secondary program in engineering or the trades. Funding for the scholarship has been provided by Ditch Hitch as part of their tireless campaign to raise awareness about vehicle recovery safety. Applications for the scholarship can be submitted at <https://www.pfac.ca/education>.

The Petroleum Services Association of Canada is the national trade association representing the service, supply and manufacturing sectors within the upstream petroleum industry. As the voice of

Canada's petroleum service, supply and manufacturing sector, PSAC advocates for its members to enable the continued innovation, technological advancement and in-the-field experience they supply to Canada's energy explorers and producers, helping to increase efficiency, improve safety and protect the environment.

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