

The RFABC is saddened by the unfortunate tragic event that unfolded in the City of Fernie recently. We have extended condolences to the staff at the City of Fernie, representatives from CIMCO Refrigeration, and to the board and staff of our sister association, the Alberta Association of Recreation Facility Personnel. The loss of our fellow recreation professionals is hard to process and we feel their loss and the impact upon their families and the community.

The RFABC Board of Directors and staff recognize and understand the effect that this has had upon our members and associates and we share in the feelings that have been and will be expressed over the next days and months. During the next few days or weeks, if anyone has any questions or comments regarding how other facilities or communities are responding to the incident or looking for direction in regards to arena operations, procedures or current best practices, please feel free to reach out to Dan Pagely, RFABC Business Manager at 250-532-0160 or email at [dan@rfabc.com](mailto:dan@rfabc.com).

Our association will be monitoring the investigation as it unfolds and the eventual outcome as it is available. The RFABC will continue to work closely with Technical Safety BC, Work Safe BC and our technical advisors/instructors and staff to provide support and assistance as needed or requested.

We have developed a FAQ fact sheet that provides a general overview of Ammonia in Refrigeration Systems and hope that this will help your front line staff to respond to questions or communication in regards to Arena Operations and Safety.