

## SOCIETY WELCOMES NEW PROGRAM AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

**EDMONTON, August 5, 2020** – The Lifesaving Society is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Jonathan Kusyanto as the new Program and Development Manager for the Lifesaving Society, Alberta and Northwest Territories Branch.

In his new role as the Program and Development Manager Jonathan will provide management and support for the Society's programs and services including our new Training Program Academy. Jonathan will work to develop and grow Lifesaving programs by establishing new programs and improving access to existing programs. He will also be responsible for supporting and growing Lifesaving Sport in both Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

"I have a longstanding relationship with the Lifesaving Society, and I am very proud to be a part of the staff team. I am excited to embrace this new role and support the strategic directions of the Society as the Program and Development Manager. I look forward to continue working with our affiliates, members, volunteers and staff."

Formerly, Jonathan held the role of the Aquatic Safety and Standards Coordinator for the Society. Jonathan has worked in the private and public sector of the aquatics industry for over a decade and has held a variety of positions from Lifeguard and Instructor to Coordinator and Manager.

Jonathan has competed at a provincial and national level as a Lifesaving Sport athlete competing in both Pool and Surf Lifesaving Sport competitions. As a Summer Water Smart Coordinator he has travelled to over thirty communities in the Northwest Territories to deliver Water Smart® programming. He has always been a committed leadership volunteer for the Society and is a current National Trainer. In his role at the World Water Park Jonathan co-founded the first indoor surfing program in North America receiving national attention.

Jonathan Kusyanto can be reached during business hours at the Lifesaving Society's office at the address below or by e-mail: jonathank@lifesaving.org

The Lifesaving Society – Canada's lifeguarding expert – is a charitable organization working to prevent drowning and water-related injury through its training programs, Water Smart<sup>®</sup> public education, water- incident research, safety management services and lifesaving sport. Annually, more than 1,200,000 Canadians participate in the Society's swimming, lifesaving, lifeguard and leadership training courses.

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