

2021 Award of Merit

Ken Blazey



In recognition of exemplary leadership and outstanding dedication to the development of standards for emergency power systems

Since 2004, Ken Blazey has been an active contributor to all aspects of CSA standards for performance, installation, and maintenance of emergency power systems. For the past 10 years, he has served as Vice Chair of the C282 Emergency Electrical Power Supply for Buildings Technical Committee (TC), and participated on many other committees, including the Technical Subcommittee on Electrical Safety and Essential Electrical Systems in Healthcare Facilities (Z32), and Section 46 of the Canadian Electrical Code on Emergency Power Supply, Unit Equipment, Exit Signs, and Life Safety Systems.

Ken has taken on many critical liaison roles with the Installation Code for Oil-burning Equipment (B139) and Installation Code for Natural Gas and Propane Appliances (B149.1) committees to ensure that CSA C282 and CSA Z32 were harmonized with these important codes. He also volunteered to be the C282 liaison when the Ontario Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) asked for CSA input on proposed new regulations. The time he spent reviewing and commenting on CSA fuel burning standards, along with the work done with TSSA, has helped ensure the development of better standards for all stakeholders.

Ken's dedication and enthusiasm are infectious and elevate the standard of commitment for all other members. Through numerous ongoing presentations on installing emergency power equipment, he provides support and guidance to engineering designers who are using CSA standards across Canada. With an eye to the future, Ken has been instrumental in bringing many new members to committees, guiding them through the process, and inspiring the next generation of thinkers, problem solvers, and leaders.

Ken is presently Power Solutions Consultant for Total Power Limited in Mississauga, Ontario, and has been with the company for over 20 years. He has worked in the standby generator industry since 1977 and also has extensive experience in sales, genset & control design, project management, turnkey installations, as well as internal employee education & training. Ken has experience with various complex specifications and standards other than CSA-based as well, including DND AQAP compliance.