



Bracebridge Generation Ltd.

Public Safety Around Dams Presentation
Power of Water Conference
October 19 ,2010



Josue Sebastian Perez

- Born: July 7, 1992
- Died: July 26, 2008





Incident Review

- OPP informed us that there was a group of boys skateboarding in the area.
- They were looking for a place to swim to cool down.
- Local resident gave them directions to a public swimming area. We believe they drove past and ended up at our generation site.
- The oldest was 21, the youngest was 12. Jose was 14 years old. The 21 year old climbed over the rocks, jumped in and swam through the discharge from the tailrace and over to the rocks on the falls.
- The youngest refused to go, thinking it was too unsafe. Jose was coerced by his peers into the water where he attempted to swim though the current but was overcome and didn't make it.





Bracebridge Generation Reviews

- Signs have been updated to the new draft guidelines.
- Booms and buoy's installed.
- Generally children/teens do not obey signs.
- Review of site was completed by Bracebridge Generation staff.
- Internal study and review by BG Joint Health and Safety Committee.
- A similar circumstance could still occur.
- Staff had counseling. This was available through the emergency services.



Idea's

- Education on safety around fast moving water and hydro stations become part of school curriculum.
- Advertisements and campaigns don't reach out to area's with no generation. Drowning victims tend to not be from or familiar with the area or dangers.
- Province wide OWA membership safety advertisements = shared costs????