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Northern BC Safety Conference



1st Annual Northern BC Safety Conference: Don't Miss Out. Register Today!

Saturday, May 30, 2015
CN Centre- Kin 1 Lounge
Prince George, BC

Because of the generous sponsorship from the forest industry, the conference is **free** for all attendees.

All participants **must register by May 18th 2015 here:**
<https://secure.masterpromotions.ca/CNRE2015/?NBCSC15>

The conference is suitable for all workers, supervisors and owners working in the forest industry in Northern BC. Presentations will provide the latest information on high risk activities, and include:

- Grant Aune** – Advantage Fleet Services
- Karen Bowman** – Drop It and Drive
- Gary Anaka** – Your Brain on the Job
- Lothar Czech** – Impairment at Work – Drugs, Alcohol and Fatigue
- Michael Sestito** – Incident Investigation – Bennett Jones
- Mary Lu Spagrud** – Canadian Mental Health Association

A big thanks to the sponsorship of forestry companies and organizations including Spectrum Resource Group Inc, Canfor, West Fraser, WorkSafeBC and the BC Forest Safety Council.

The conference is being held in partnership with the Canada North Resource Expo (CNRE). Registration for Northern BC Safety Conference includes access to the CNRE.

<http://www.masterpromotions.ca/Previous-Events/canada-north-resources-expo-2015/>

Pickup Driver Killed

On April 6th, a forestry worker was fatally injured when he was struck by a pickup truck on a resource road in the Smithers area. Two trucks were traveling together when the first driver pulled over and stepped outside of the truck. The truck that was following collided with the parked truck and the worker.

This is the second direct harvesting fatality of 2015. Both have been motor vehicle incidents.

Our condolences go out to the family and co-workers of the deceased worker.

The RCMP and the Coroner's Service are investigating this incident and the results will be released as soon as possible.

(Note 1: Direct harvesting fatalities are incidents where a worker in the logging, log transportation or silviculture industries is fatally injured at work.)

It's Wildfire Season

How to report a wildfire:

If you see a wildfire, please report it at 1-800-663-5555 or call *555 toll-free on most cellular networks. Or, report a wildfire to 9-1-1.

Motor Vehicle Incident Management

Written By: Grant Aune

It's more than just a matter of "fault" in a motor vehicle incident!

A very integral part of any fleet management/safety system is a quality incident management process. An efficient and effective incident management system can assist the organization with the management of fleet costs associated with vehicle replacement, insurance renewal, maintenance, driver/staff training and legal advice.

Motor vehicle collision investigation can be overwhelming because of the amount of physical evidence that can be present at the incident scene. In the past, the police often attended and performed an independent investigation. That report was made available to all parties, including the insurance company that ultimately determines fault and decides who pays.

Over the last decade, the police have reduced their involvement in collision investigation due to resource management and other priorities within the policing community. As a result, there are often discrepancies about what happened between the parties involved in an incident. Without proper identification, interpretation and collection of physical evidence at an incident scene, the determination of fault comes down to a weighing of statements made by the parties involved.

Organizations must be involved in the investigation process in order to effectively challenge liability issues and potential litigation and/or criminal prosecution. Fleet managers need to have a protocol in place and have trained investigators to perform parallel investigations of motor vehicle incidents in order to protect their interests and to determine the actual root cause of the incident.

Proper incident management and the determination of the true root cause will reduce future incidents and reduce cost associated with WorkSafe premiums, insurance and other related fleet costs.

Grant Aune of Advantage Fleet Services Inc. has been speaking to log haulers, supervisors and loader men as a part of Anatomy of a Rollover sessions across the province. In 2014 more than 800 attended and an estimated 1200 will attend in 17 more sessions in 2015. To learn more, visit:

<http://www.bcforestsafe.org/rollover>



Updates

Resource Road Channel Changes

Resource Road Radio Standard Communications Protocol Implementation Date for the **Chilliwack Region** has changed to **October 2015**.

Off-Road Vehicle Act

Registration of off-road vehicles will become mandatory on June 1st 2015 for off-road vehicles operating on Crown land or forest service roads on Crown land.

The registration applies to:

- Golf Carts
- Snow Vehicles
- Snowmobiles
- All-terrain vehicles (ATV)
- Trucksters, and
- Restricted use motorcycles (RUMs) i.e. dirt bikes

Off-road vehicles that are operated solely on private property do not require registration or a number plate.

For more information on the updated Off-Road Vehicle Act please visit:

https://www.leg.bc.ca/40th2nd/1st_read/gov13-1.htm



Health & Wellness

Log haulers need to take the steps to protect their brains!

Loading and unloading, entering and exiting the vehicle, chaining up and timber marking are just a few of the daily activities performed by log haulers. If not done safety these day to day activities can result in incidents that may have severe and long lasting repercussions like traumatic brain injury.



Did you know that June is Brain Injury Awareness month?

The Facts about Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI)

- Motor-vehicle incidents account for more than 50 per cent of all TBI.
- Including concussions, 587,025 Canadians acquire a brain injury each year.
- TBI is the leading killer and disabler of Canadians under the age of 40.
- More than 11,000 Canadians die each year as a result of TBI.
- Young males are twice as likely as females to sustain a brain injury; though in the elderly, the numbers are about the same.
- After one brain injury, you are at three time's greater risk for a second brain injury and at eight time's greater risk for other bodily injuries.

Follow these tips to reduce the risk of brain injury:

- **Use seat belts and airbags**
- **Avoid alcohol and drug use**
- **Always wear your hard hat at work and when any overhead hazards are present**
- **Always use helmets.** When at work or play, always wear the right helmet whether riding a bike, motorcycle, snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle. Also wear appropriate head protection when playing baseball or contact sports, skiing, skating, snowboarding, or riding a horse.

Preventing falls:

- Use 3 Point Contact when entering and exiting your truck
- Ensure activities outside the truck are done in best light conditions when available.
- Get regular vision checkups
- Get regular exercise

Upcoming Event Reminders

Anatomy of a Rollover & Standard of Care Sessions

When:

May 3rd – June 3rd

Where:

Throughout BC

For more information visit:

<http://www.bcforestsafe.org/rollover>

Canada North Resources Expo 2015

When:

May 29th- 30th

Where:

CN Centre

Prince George BC

Don't forget to visit the Health, Wellness and Safety Zone trade show booths at the CNRE

Northern BC Safety Conference

When:

May 30th

Where:

CN Centre – Kin 1

Prince George BC

RUMBLINGS is produced to help keep you informed on what's happening in BC forestry transportation safety.

If you have best practices you would like to share, concerns you want to discuss, or topics you and others would like to learn more about, please give us a call or email:

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