



Falling Technical Advisory Committee (FTAC) Meets Virtually

Following two cancellations of the FTAC meetings in the first and second quarter due to COVID-19 restrictions, FTAC resumed on September 18th with an online meeting format. The group gathered to discuss:

- New industry resource packages including Trap Tree, Fall and Burn and Glading
- The Phase Congestion/Integration course which is now available on the BCFSC website
- Updates to the BC Faller Training Standard/New Faller Training
- Updates on Falling Safety Advisor activities
- The FTAC subcommittee's work with developing a risk assessment tool and standardized industry safe work procedures to be used when falling on steep slopes, when fall restraint is needed and for the use of springboards.
- The development of falling podcasts. Industry is invited to submit topics they would like covered to Scott Rushton at srushton@bcforestsafef.org

Many FTAC members had positive feedback about the online meeting stating the virtual platform saved them travel time and was an efficient tool for moving important falling initiatives forward. BCFSC is working with FTAC members to find ways to make future meetings more accessible to attend and allow more consistent participant engagement. Some ideas being considered are facilitating shorter but more frequent meetings and changing meeting times. The next virtual FTAC meeting is scheduled for December 4th, 2020.



Faller Certification Card Renewals

In the October 2019 issue of Forest Safety News, BCFSC announced that BC Forest Safety certified fallers would be receiving updated faller cards with a three-year expiry date. All fallers should have now received their updated cards with a 2023 expiry date.

If you have not received your card or require a replacement card, please contact the Falling Department at faller@bcforestsafef.org or call 1-877-741-1060.



New Faller Trainees Complete Initial Training with Cohort Safety Protocols in Place

New Faller Training Course #68

Location: Sooke

Date: September 14 - October 16, 2020

Back left side: Lead Trainer - John Jacobsen and Assistant Trainer - Steve Telosky

Front row left to right: Trainees - Joel Collins, Eli Richard, Jesse Child, Conlan Jones, Assistant Trainer - Matt James and Assistant Trainer - Paul McCaffrey

All participants and trainers were required to complete COVID-19 self-assessments prior to attending the program and were required to stay together in their cohorts until the course's completion to ensure each member stayed safe.