

## SAFER Council Meets for Year End Review and Plan for Next Year



The SAFER Council met December 19th to plan activities for 2017. Seen here Council members are reviewing the new responsive web site design that will work better with mobile devices.

The past year was a busy one for the SAFER Council. They recently reviewed last year and planned for next. Some of the 2016 initiatives were:

- SAFER continued with research into fatigue identifying some major improvements in one mill over a three year period after a number of interventions.
- SAFER did an extensive review of serious injuries in both harvesting and manufacturing which will help focus the 2017 initiatives.
- SAFER will continue to work with WorkSafeBC in the development of a new sawmill worker orientation curriculum.
- SAFER finished four more educational videos and developed speaker notes for nine videos which will help lead safety crew talks.
- SAFER worked with the Redshirt Foundation on research into workplace violence in sawmills.
- SAFER and the Canadian Mental Health Association conducted several successful
- SAFER held a very successful health and safety conference.

Initiatives that SAFER discussed to work on in 2017 were:

- SAFER will continue to work on tools for fatigue management.
- SAFER looks to continue working on the new sawmill worker orientation project.
- SAFER will finish the training curriculum for health and safety committees.
- SAFER will continue to look at ways to help prevent the serious injuries in harvesting and manufacturing.
- SAFER will continue working with the Canadian Mental Health Association on Mental Health in the Workplace workshops.
- SAFER will continue to work with the Redshirt Foundation on Workplace violence prevention.
- SAFER will continue to work on Workplace Wellness initiatives.

## Coming Events

January 26 WCB Occupational Hygiene Pro Development, Richmond BC

February 7/8 BC Fed OHS Part 1/2, 100 Mile House BC

March 7 Leading Mentally Healthy Workplaces, Vancouver BC

March 7/8 BC Fed OHS Part 1/2, Squamish BC

April 3 Western Conference on Safety, Vancouver BC

## Nanaimo Mill Shooter Receives Life Sentence for Killing Two Men and Injuring Two Others

Kevin Addison was sentenced recently in a Nanaimo, B.C. courtroom to life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years, following convictions of first-degree murder and attempted murder, after the laid-off forest mill worker went on a shooting rampage.

Addison, 50, went on a shooting spree on April 30, 2014, killing two co-workers, after he was laid off from the Western Forest Products mill. He was convicted of two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of Michael Lunn and Fred McEachern and two counts of attempted murder of Tony Sudar and Earl Kelly



Kevin Addison won't be eligible for parole until he is 75 years old.

The defence argued unsuccessfully for a manslaughter conviction, telling the court the shootings were unplanned and reflected Addison's severe depression.

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Robin Baird called the killings planned, systematic and ruthless, adding depression alone does not explain Addison's actions.

The court heard victim impact statements from 12 of the family members' shooting victims.

"Person after person talked about the effect of this crime on Nanaimo, and on people they knew, and on their families," said Scott Van Alstine, a Crown attorney.



Marlene Lunn, right (with daughter Marcie), whose husband Michael Lunn was killed, addressed Addison directly, saying she's not angry with him and that his family has also lost a lot, too.

"We were so lucky to have him in our lives for as long as we did," Mrs. Lunn said of her husband outside court.



## BC Forest Industry Fatalities—2016

- November 13, 2016: A log truck driver was fatally injured when he was run over by another log truck in a maintenance yard. The incident occurred near the village of Midway, BC.
- September 11, 2016: A faller was fatally injured when the snag he was falling broke up and struck him.
- September 2, 2016: A log truck driver died in a single vehicle incident on the Elk River Forest Service Road shortly after 6 am. The loaded logging truck rolled over down a steep embankment.
- August 9, 2016: The owner of a log transportation firm died at the scene while attempting to jump start a tractor in the truck shop's yard in the Fraser-Fort George area.
- August 8, 2016: The driver of a loaded log truck was seriously injured when his trailer went off the road, taking the tractor with it while he was travelling down a muddy hill. The driver was transported to hospital but passed away on August 18th.
- July 4, 2016: A faller was fatally injured while working in an area near Bella Bella. He was falling a danger tree when it broke up, fell in an unintended direction and struck him.
- April 13, 2016: A yarder operator died in his machine, near Yale, north of Hope. The steel spar on the yarder collapsed and crushed the operator's cab.
- March 25, 2016: A 37-year-old equipment operator died at a Nanaimo pulp mill after the wood chip pile he was standing on collapsed.
- January 31, 2016: A 23-year-old man died after the empty logging truck he was trying to repair ran over him near Fraser Lake.
- January 27, 2016: A 62-year-old equipment operator died at a Crofton mill.
- January 26, 2016: A 22-year-old log truck driver died in a logging truck incident between Princeton and Merritt.

There were also two associated fatalities in the forest harvesting year-to-date:

- August 15, 2016: A logging truck was driving along the Lougheed Highway near Harrison Mills when it tipped, sending logs rolling into the street. One of the logs struck a pickup truck and the female driver died at the scene. The driver of the logging truck was uninjured in the crash.
- August 3, 2016: A Clinton man was trapped in his crew cab vehicle on Big Bar Road off Highway 97 after he came around a hair pin corner and hit an east bound logging truck. The log truck driver was uninjured. The other driver was seriously injured and transported by air ambulance to Kamloops, where he died.

## Former USW Local 1-424 1st Vice President Brian Croy Receives I. W. Able Award

The United Steelworkers District 3 Health, Safety and Environment Conference was held in Winnipeg in November. The opening address came from retired Local 1-424 First Vice President Brian Croy. Brian was in the Lakelands Mill the night of the explosion and fire that killed two workers and injured 22 more. His accounting of what took place that night brought the conference to absolute silence as he went through the events of that night and the horror that he and others experienced, stays with them to this day.

Brother Croy was awarded the IWA Abel Award at the conference for his ability to remain focused on helping those injured and transporting them directly to the hospital that night. His life saving actions were exemplary considering the events of that night. We all are thankful to Brother Croy and being awarded the Abel Award for Valor is a just way to show that appreciation. The award was established by I.W. Abel, third president of the USWA and is awarded to individuals who demonstrate heroic acts in the workplace.



Brian Croy addresses the USW District 3 HSE Conference in Winnipeg Manitoba. With Brian are District Director Steve Hunt, left and District HSE Coordinator Brian Harder, right.

## Missing 1-2 Hours of Sleep Doubles Crash Risk Study reveals the dangers of getting less than 7 hours of sleep

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety's report, [Acute Sleep Deprivation and Risk of Motor Vehicle Crash Involvement](#), reveals that drivers missing 2-3 hours of sleep in a 24-hour period more than quadrupled their risk of a crash compared to drivers getting the recommended seven hours of sleep. This is the same crash risk the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration associates with driving over the legal limit for alcohol.

The AAA Foundation report found that in a 24-hour period, crash risk for sleep-deprived drivers increased steadily when compared to drivers who slept the recommended seven hours or more:

- Six to seven hours of sleep: 1.3 times the crash risk
- Five to six hours of sleep: 1.9 times the crash risk
- Four to five hours of sleep: 4.3 times the crash risk
- Less than four hours of sleep: 11.5 times the crash risk

"Managing a healthy work-life balance can be difficult and far too often we sacrifice our sleep as a result," said Jake Nelson, director of Traffic Safety Advocacy and Research for AAA.

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