



## Steelworkers Contribute \$100,000 to B.C. Fire Relief



The USW have stepped up to assist in what could be the most expensive wildfire season BC has ever seen. According to the BC Wild Fire Service crews continue to fight more than 150 fires across the province.

TORONTO - The United Steelworkers (USW), joining with the Steelworkers Humanity Fund, are contributing \$100,000 to ongoing relief and recovery efforts for the continuing wildfire crisis in the B.C. Interior.

"The wildfires and evacuations have deeply affected individuals and families, and continue to create uncertainty about the future impacts on jobs in affected communities," said Steelworkers Canadian National Director and Steelworkers Humanity Fund President Ken Neumann.

"The Steelworkers and the Humanity Fund pledged support to the B.C. Red Cross and the Thompson Nicola Cariboo United Way. We are pleased to be able to provide funds to these two outstanding agencies so they can continue their invaluable support for affected USW members in the B.C. Interior and their communities," said Steve Hunt, District 3 Director, United Steelworkers.

"We want to thank B.C. USW locals for responding to the crisis with on-the-ground support for evacuees and fire responders, and with the support of USW locals and SOAR chapters across Western Canada, setting aside additional emergency funds for members facing evacuation," said Hunt.

"This support is possible thanks to Humanity Fund contributions by thousands of individual USW members across Canada and to special contributions from the National and District offices of the USW," Neumann said.

## Coming Events

September 21-22 SHARP Conference, Prince George BC

September 30 Vancouver Island Safety Conference, Nanaimo BC

October 2-5 USW National HSE Conference, Vancouver BC

## SAFER On Location



As part of the Mindfulness project SAFER is producing a video that helps to explain the initiative. Seen here is a mock-up of an upset condition.

The SAFER Council recently reviewed an incident where a loss of situational awareness was a possible contributing factor. SAFER is now looking into the feasibility of bringing "mindfulness" into the forest industry.

Safety consultant Paul Krismer compares forest industry workers to professional athletes says it is common for athletes like Mark Messier, the Seattle Seahawks and even the US Navy Seals to practice visualization and mindfulness training.

## SAFER Council Recognizes Hara



At a recent USW District 3 HSE Committee meeting SAFER Council Directors Pat McGregor, USW local 1-423 (left) and Doug Wood, USW local 1-405 (right) present a inscribed axe to retiring Harbinder Hara (centre) in recognition of all of his tireless efforts for workers health and safety.



## HAZARD ALERT

Injury: Multiple injuries

Industry: Forestry

Core Activity: Dry land sort

Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2017-Jun

A log chunk fell off a dewatered bundle of logs and struck a worker. The worker was airlifted to hospital.

Injury: Lacerations to hand

Industry: Wood & Paper Products

Core Activity: Sawmill

Location: Northern B.C.

Date of Incident: 2017-Jun

While working at a planer infeed conveyor, a worker attempted to clean the photo eyes in front of the cut-off saw. As the worker reached for the third photo eye, his glove became hooked on a sprocket, pulling his hand into the chain and sprocket.

Injury: Facial injuries

Industry: Forestry

Core Activity: Manual tree falling and bucking

Location: Interior B.C.

Date of Incident: 2017-Jun

As a certified faller (a young worker) was falling a cedar tree (80 feet tall, 25 inches in diameter), a dead pine tree (24 feet long, 4 inches in diameter) that was hung up on the cedar released from the limbs and struck the faller.

Injury: Injury to hand

Industry: Wood & Paper Products

Core Activity: Sawmill

Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2017-Mar

As a young worker was handling debris in the gap between the unscrambler and the sorting table, moving materials pushed the worker's hand against the edge of the sorting table.

Injury: Fracture, internal injuries

Industry: Forestry

Core Activity: Integrated forest management

Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.

Date of Incident: 2017-Jun

A worker repositioning a guyline on a grapple yarder entered an active hoe-chucking area and was struck by a rolling log. The worker was transported to hospital by helicopter.

Injury: Head injury, loss of consciousness

Industry: Wood & Paper Products

Core Activity: Sawmill

Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2017-Mar

A worker making mechanical repairs from a stepladder fell and sustained a head injury.

## VISC 2017 - 12th Annual Vancouver Island Safety Conference—Nanaimo BC

Saturday, September 30, 2017  
**The Power of the Mind – Your Brain @ Work**



Join us in learning how the brain functions at work and how your mind can be your most valuable piece of personal protective equipment.

Conference topics will include: improving communication with different generations of workers, building psychologically healthy workplaces and how to create strong teams at work.

Conference highlights will include presentations by:

Shane Jensen – [New Quest Coaching and Consulting](#)

Al Biekse – [BC Federation of Labour](#)

Steven Falk – [Switchback Training Solutions](#)

**There is no charge for this conference. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Loaves and Fishes food bank.**

[Online registration](#) closes September 15, 2017.

## SHARP Safety Conference 2017



SHARPen Your Safety Senses  
*Building Your Health and Safety Toolkit*

September 21 & 22, 2017 at the  
**Westwood MB Church in Prince George, BC**

Please review the [conference brochure](#) for more information on the conference presentations and schedule as well as registration details.

SHARP also welcomes non-members to this conference. It's the aim of SHARP to share ideas and experiences to improve safety in workplaces throughout Northern BC.

Cost for Non Members of SHARP is \$200.00 plus GST.

Non Member delegates will be invoiced post conference.

Please send payment once invoice is received via cheque or EFT payable to SHARP. (Fee includes two lunches and breakfast)

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