

SAFER Council at the Vancouver Island Safety Conference



SAFER Council members Steve Tromel from Teal Jones and Grace Cox from Canfor were busy answering questions at the Vancouver Island Safety Conference at the SAFER Council booth.

The SAFER Council have been long-time sponsors and a member of the planning committee for the Vancouver Island Safety Conference.

The 14th Annual conference that was held on October 5 in Nanaimo saw over 400 participants. This year's conference theme was appropriately "Succeeding in Today's Evolving Work Environment".

This year's Keynote speakers were:

- Mark Devolder - Change Management
- Dr. Ray Baker - Drugs and Alcohol
- Jennifer Sparks - Mental Health



Over 400 participants gave up their Saturday to learn more about how they can make their workplaces safer.

Coming Events

November 13, 2019 BC Fed Level 1, Port Alberni BC

November 18-22 2019 BCFSC Faller Supervisor Nanaimo BC

SAFER Council Meets in Nanaimo

The SAFER Council held a meeting in conjunction with the Vancouver Island Safety Conference at the BC Forest Safety Council board room in Nanaimo recently.

BCFSC CEO Rob Moonen gave the Council members an update on initiatives they are working on. In addition Safe Company Director Sharie Wheelan update the Council members on the Manufactures Advisory Groups (MAG) and Safe Company initiatives. Bill Laturnus updated the Council members on changes to the Safe Company audit. In addition the SAFER Council reviewed recent incidents that have occurred in the manufacturing and harvesting sectors of the forest industry. In

addition the Council reviewed some new short videos they are producing, the research project in partnership with the University of Oregon on logging truck cab guards, future SAFER conferences and workshops, methods of communicating

safety information in a timely fashion, visual literacy and potential workshops, communication systems with no cell service, WHMIS training game and mental health education.



SAFER Council members listen to Jim Allman discuss a game he is developing to provide WHMIS training to workers.

Changes at the SAFER Council

With a number of retirements the faces on the SAFER Council are changing. SAFER Council members are:

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| Pat McGregor, USW Local 1-423 Co Chair | Grace Cox, Canfor Co Chair |
| Steve Trommel, Teal Jones | Doug Wood, USW Local 1-405 |
| Derek Nelson, WFP | Glen Cheetham, USW Local 1-1937 |
| Al Bieksa, USW Local 2009 | David Murry, Gorman Brothers |
| Ed Kent, USW District 3 | |

If you have any questions or comments on workplace safety please discuss with one of the SAFER Council members.



HAZARD ALERT

Injury: Close call

Industry: Forestry

Core Activity: Ground skidding, horse logging, or log loading

Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.

The operator of a hoe forwarder was forwarding logs on a steep slope (greater than 40 percent) when a landslide occurred. The landslide carried the machine downslope about 300 feet; it came to rest on its tracks up against a stump. The landslide continued downslope about another 300 feet. The operator, who was not injured, exited the cab via the escape hatch and was able to walk out to the road above.

Injury: Undetermined injuries (1 worker)

Industry: Manufacturing - Wood & Paper Products

Core Activity: Sawmill

Location: Lower Mainland

A worker was trying to hang a come-along on a ring log debarker when two of the gear sprockets closed together, trapping the worker. The injured worker was freed by co-workers.

Injury: Multiple injuries

Industry: Forestry

Core Activity: Cable or hi-lead logging

Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.

A worker (rigging slinger) was standing on a stump during a cable yarding operation. The worker slipped off of the stump, fell about 8 feet (2.4 m), and landed on a broken branch sticking out of a log on the ground. The worker was transported to hospital by ambulance.

Injury: Crush injuries to arm

Industry: Manufacturing - Wood & Paper Products

Core Activity: Sawmill

Location: Interior B.C.

As a worker was clearing a board from a planer, the worker's arm was drawn into the planer outfeed rolls.

Injury: Abrasions to arms

Industry: Forestry, Trucking

Core Activity: Log hauling

Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.

A driver of a loaded log transporter lost control of the vehicle on a highway, and it rolled onto its side. The load and the cab guard were torn off, and the driver escaped through the front window.

Injury: Lacerations to head and arms

Industry: Manufacturing - All, Manufacturing - Wood & Paper Products

Core Activity: Sawmill

Location: Lower Mainland

A worker was changing the band saw on a 9-foot-tall head rig. As the band saw was raised out of the saw pit by an overhead monorail crane hoist, the saw detached from the hoist and fell to the ground, striking the worker.

Shift into Winter



As road and weather conditions change, so should your speed. Slow down and increase your following distance. Visit shiftintowinter.ca for winter driving resources and safety tips that will help you prepare your vehicle and yourself for winter.

WorkSafeBC launches Student Safety Video

2020 contest theme: Not all injuries are visible

The 15th annual Student Safety Video Contest asks youth in Grades 8 to 12 to explore the causes of workplace injuries they can't see and what they can do to reduce the risks for themselves and other young workers. Want to know more about all of the prizes and how to enter the contest?

Visit worksafebc.com/studentvideocontest for more information.

SAFER Council Members Retire



The SAFER Council recently held a retirement dinner for three key members of the SAFER Council. Retiring from the Council are; Les Veale (far right) from USW Local 2009 who has been a member of the SAFER Council for over 25 years and an outspoken advocate for workers safety and a member of the forest fatality task force that was a turning point in forest industry safety. Also retiring are long-time Council members Harbinder Hara (middle) from USW Local 1-417 who always worked tirelessly for workers safety, as well Ryan Johnson (left) from Tolko who could always be relied on to roll up his sleeves for workplace health and safety. We wish you well in the future.

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