



# RUMBLINGS

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**Safety in Forestry Transportation TruckSafe Rumbings is published biweekly to keep you informed on what is happening in forest hauling safety in BC. Call MaryAnne Arcand to provide input or get the news out on best practices and concerns in the industry.**

**Editor's Note: *until the Forestry TruckSafe position has been filled, MaryAnne Arcand will continue to edit and produce Rumbings. We may have a couple guest editors over the next couple of months, so stay tuned for different perspectives and different 'voices'. Thanks***

## **How's a guy supposed to know everything?**

Regulation changes and additional paperwork seem to be flying these days, particularly when it comes to transportation. WorkSafeBC has made changes to Part 17 around the Transportation of Workers. Field officers are linking those changes to other parts of the regs, as you'll see below, and are starting to ask log truckers and pickup drivers for information and records. This can leave employers and operators unsure about what is required and what their responsibilities are.

We're starting to see written orders for non-compliance in a number of areas. So here's a brief synopsis of recent changes and enforcement issues that we've become aware of. For a full overview, go to the TruckSafe page on the Council's website for the [Licensing and Inspection](#) document which outlines licensing, inspection, documentation and reporting requirements for all Classes of vehicles, including heavy trucks, service trucks, emergency vehicles and passenger vehicles.



## **SAFE Certified? You've got this covered**

You're a step ahead on all of these requirements if you're SAFE Certified:

- For SAFE-certified IOO's you will already be keeping these records between your Maintenance Log, CVSE and daily checks.
- SEBASE and BASE SAFE-certified companies will find the information is already collected throughout Element B of the audit.

If your audit indicated some deficiencies in these areas, you should take this opportunity to review your safety program, and be aware that you may be at higher risk of having orders written during an inspection or investigation.

**Remember! Write it down- if there's no paper trail, it "didn't happen"!**

### **Transporting workers:**

As of January 1 2009 motor vehicles provided by or arranged by an employer to transport three or more workers to and/or from a workplace are covered by the regulation. Proper seating and seat belt requirements apply (both on and off highway) and the operator of a vehicle must ensure seat belts are fastened before the vehicle moves.

Both the employer and the operator are required by the regulation to ensure that every worker transportation vehicle is inspected by a qualified person before first use on a work shift. The inspection should include at least a visual inspection and/or a function check of:

- Wheels, rims, lug nuts, and tires, including the spare tire
- Service brakes, including trailer brake connections and brake adjustment
- Parking brake
- Steering mechanism
- Lighting devices and reflectors, including back up lights
- Windshield wipers
- Securing of material and tools, including any coupling devices
- Emergency equipment, including first aid equipment
- Glazing
- Rear vision mirrors
- Horn
- Lights, including back up lights
- Turn signals
- Engine oil, and coolant levels and fan belts

Note: many of the above inspection items are also mandatory daily inspection or check requirements for a commercial motor vehicle being operated under Section 37.22 of the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations*.

### **Start of shift inspection for mobile equipment**

The operator has the responsibility to inspect the equipment before the start of operation on the shift and ongoing as required to ensure the safe operating condition of the equipment. The operator must report defects and conditions affecting the safe operation of the equipment to the supervisor or employer, and any repair or adjustment necessary must be made before the equipment is used.

### **Inspection and maintenance records**

If you are required to have an inspection and/or maintenance record for a piece of equipment then an effective written or other permanent record must be available to the operator and to any other person involved with inspection and maintenance of the equipment. These records must be kept throughout the life of the equipment.

### **Congratulations to Safety Award Winners Roger Whittaker and Jack Miller**

Roger Whittaker, safety co-ordinator for 3 Leaf Contracting in Powell River, is the recipient of the Council's "MVP" Safety Leader of the Year Award. The Cary White Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded to fallen Jack Miller of Port McNeill, who is employed by Western Forest Products, Englewood Division. Both awards were given out during the second annual Vancouver Island Safety Conference on Saturday.

"Change can only happen in our industry when people stand up for safety and become advocates for a different forestry future," says Reynold Hert, BC Forest Safety Council CEO. "Jack Miller and Roger Whittaker

are true safety leaders and we are proud to acknowledge their contributions to our industry through these awards.”

Miller and Whittaker were presented with the awards at the Vancouver Island Safety Conference held in Qualicum Beach on October 3rd.

### **CILA hits the road with Fuel Efficiencies in the Bush Workshop**

The Central Interior Logging Association is hosting a series of free regional training sessions over the next 8 Saturdays, bringing in FP Innovations to present “Fuel Efficiencies in the Bush”, a combination of the Smart Driver for Forestry course, and the Fuel Management 101 workshops.



SmartDriver for Forestry Trucks is the driver education component of FleetSmart and encourages energy efficiency in all fleet operations across Canada. Energy efficiency not only reduces the cost of operating forestry trucks, it also contributes to Canada's efforts to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. The fuel management component demonstrates the dollars that can be saved and the productivity increases that can be gained with harvesting equipment with some simple steps and efficiency tracking.

Reports from previous course participants show that when some of these techniques are applied, there can be as much as a 10% reduction in fuel consumption, and reduced break down and wear & tear on brakes and drive train components. These days every dollar saved helps!

The training sessions are open to all log and bio mass harvesting contractors, truckers, silviculture contractors, chip haulers, woodlot owners, community forests, licensees and the Ministry. This information is valuable not just for log haulers, but pickups owners and drivers as well. There's a schedule of sessions at the end of this newsletter. To register, call the CILA toll free at 1-877-562-5668.

### **CrossRoads “Fitness to Drive” Road Safety Conference next week**

More than 100 industry, government and community delegates will gather in Prince George for the “Fitness to Drive” Road Safety Conference, organized by the RoadHealth Coalition, of which the Forest Safety Council is a member.

The free conference will focus on issues specifically related to the driver – health, fatigue, stress, attitude, training, and lifestyle- as well as open discussions around aging drivers, young drivers and driving for work. Attendees range from forestry and trucking reps to the new Trucking Safety Council, WorkSafeBC, the BC Ambulance Service, BC Coroner's Service, the Office of the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles, ICBC, RCMP, CVSE, MoFR, MoTI, MEM, Enform, Northern Health and many more.

There's still time to register, and there's no cost. Go to [www.roadhealth.org](http://www.roadhealth.org) for more information.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Oct 20– 21 CrossRoads “Fit to Drive” Road Safety Conference, Prince George

October 24 “Fuel Efficiencies in the Bush” Workshop -Dawson Creek (+ Ft St John, Hudson's Hope, Chetwynd, Tumbler and Moberly Lake areas)

October 31 “Fuel Efficiencies in the Bush” -Smithers (+ Houston, Hazeltons, Burns Lake, Granisle, Topley areas)

November 7 “Fuel Efficiencies in the Bush” Workshop -Terrace (+ Nass Valley, Kitwanga, Kitimat, Stewart Prince Rupert areas)

November 14 “Fuel Efficiencies in the Bush” - Prince George (+ Quesnel, Vanderhoof, Mackenzie, Hixon, Bear Lake areas)

November 21 “Fuel Efficiencies in the Bush” -Williams Lake (+ Quesnel, Likely, Horsefly, McLeese Lake, 150 Mile, 100 Mile, Lac La Hache, Chilcotin areas)

November 28 *"Fuel Efficiencies in the Bush"* - Valemount (+McBride, Dunster, Tete Jaune, Blue River areas)  
December 5 *"Fuel Efficiencies in the Bush"* - Mackenzie (including Macleod Lake, Bear Lake areas)  
December 12 *"Fuel Efficiencies in the Bush"* - Vanderhoof (+ Ft St James, Fraser Lk, Fort Fraser, Prince George areas)  
Jan 14 -15 Natural Resources Forum, Prince George  
Jan 20-22 TLA Convention, Victoria  
Jan 27- 28 Western Silviculture Association AGM & Conference, Prince George  
June 3-5 Resources Expo, Prince George

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