

# RUMBLINGS

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## Safety in Forestry Transportation

**TruckSafe Rumbings is published monthly to keep you informed on what is happening in forest hauling safety in BC. Call Chuck Carter to provide input or get the news out on best practices and concerns in the industry.**

### Director's Note:

Please allow me to introduce myself to the Rumbings audience. My name is Chuck Carter and I am the recently appointed Director of Transportation Safety with the BC Forest Safety Council. Part of my role within the Council is to increase the awareness of road safety issues to road users and to gather road safety concerns back from you. We are extremely fortunate that MaryAnne Arcand has developed and grown the Rumbings newsletter into the widely read and useful publication it is. It is not surprising that Rumbings is so successful, giving the hard work and dedication MaryAnne has consistently shown during her time with the Council directing the TruckSafe program.

While my mandate has expanded into air and marine transportation safety, I will continue to focus the majority of my time to dealing with road transportation issues. However, we will be changing the frequency of publications from two newsletters per month to once per month, focusing primarily on hazard awareness, part of which will continue to include a "Your Voice" section, so I encourage you to send in your thoughts and comments.

Being new to this role, I have a lot to learn about the issues and concerns facing road users today. I look forward to hearing from and meeting with, as many of you over the next several months as possible. Your feedback and input will help shape the direction of this publication going forward.

Drive Safe

Chuck Carter



### CELL PHONES vs 2 WAY RADIOS

I think we all knew that the day was coming, and none too soon, that talking or texting while driving would result in a fine. But there has been some confusion about hand held radios. The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General has confirmed that 2 way radios ARE ALLOWED under the cell phone ban regulations. For further details or clarification go to <http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/osmv/publications/docs/electronic-devices-while-driving-info.pdf>

## **NEW LOAD SECUREMENT REGS FOR JAN 1/2010...clarifications**

MaryAnne Arcand of [The Central Interior Logging Association](#) has gotten clarification that System 7 tie down chains already meet these requirements, as their load rating has been approved for NSC purposes. In terms of bungy cords, "Snappy Hookers" are load rated. Thanks to Bob Schneider at Direct 2 U in Burns Lake for the information

## **Winter Safety**

Check out the latest Council winter safety information and resources at their Winter Safety Page ; [Winter Safety Resource Page | BC Forest Safety Council](#) You will find winter related safety alerts, sample winter crew talks and links to other winter safety resources, broken down into four main categories; Workers, Transport, Machinery and Facilities.

## **BLACK ICE AND WILDLIFE HAZARDS**

With the unusually warm weather we are seeing lots of areas battling black ice with salt (or salt like substance) which is enticing the wildlife to the roads for a lick. Be extra cautious of the ice and watch out for wildlife.

## **WINDSHIELDS**

There is an interesting article in Fall/Winter addition of the Interior Trucker & Logger Magazine about Section 29 of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations around defective windshields and aggregate sizes. To view the full article click [here](#) and go to page 15.

## **Feedback wanted on Provincial Radio Communication standards**

The Radio Communications Working Group has published a discussion paper seeking feedback on proposed radio communications standards. The discussion paper addresses standardized; Radio Calling Procedures, Road Signage, Radio Frequency and Channels. If you would like to review the discussion paper and provide feedback, visit the following website, deadline for comments is March 15, 2010; [Provincial Radio Communications Project | BC Forest Safety Council](#)

## **YOUR VOICE**

As Chuck mentioned, we would really like to hear from you, the road user, on what road safety issues you see and how they can best be addressed. Direct your email comments to [meise@bcforestsafe.org](mailto:meise@bcforestsafe.org)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Jan 28-30 [Western Silvicultural Contractors Conference](#), Prince George  
Apr 22-23 [Interior Logging Assoc.](#), Vernon  
June 3-5 [Resources Expo](#), Prince George

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