

SAFE Companies UPDATE



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CONGRATULATIONS TO 6 MORE SAFE CERTIFIED COMPANIES

Kudos to the following 6 companies that received their SAFE certification Nov. 23 – Dec. 4. They are all keeping their workers safer and contributing to safety throughout BC's forest industry.

Dave Davis dba Double "D" Trucking, Williams Lake • Epsilon Enterprises Ltd., Fruitvale • Kent Watson dba For-Tech Consulting, Williams Lake • LCR Holdings Ltd., McBride • Mel MacDonald dba Mel MacDonald Trucking, Clearwater • Shaun Currie Trucking, Lumby

CLOCK'S TICKING: MAINTENANCE AUDITS DUE AT NANAIMO OFFICE DEC. 31



All companies SAFE certified in 2007 or 2008 — whether you're an IOO or part of a BASE or SEBASE company — have a maintenance audit due this year. The preferred date to get your audit in is always the anniversary of your certification. But remember — the absolute latest

date to get your audits in is the end of the year to maintain SAFE certification and COR rebate eligibility. **That means all audits must be post-marked or have a courier pick-up date of no later than Dec. 31, 2009. If you are hand delivering an audit, it must arrive at our Nanaimo office before 5 p.m. Dec. 31, 2009.**

If you didn't work this year and have zero assessable payroll in 2009 you can maintain your company's SAFE certification by submitting the "No Work Activity Payroll Form" obtained by [clicking here](#).

Please be sure that your maintenance audit goes to our new head office in Nanaimo: 420 Albert Street, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 2V7. If you need more info about submitting your audit, please call 1-877-741-1060.

SAFETY — A WAY OF BEING FOR NEW SAFE COMPANIES DIRECTOR



Steve Chaplin

He believes that safety is more than just saying the right words and doing the right things, "it's a way of being."

He believes that safety improvement begins with open and honest conversation.

And he believes in keeping things simple — simple, effective and practical.

Meet Steve Chaplin, the new director of SAFE Companies. And while he's slated to officially start Jan. 4, he's so excited about making a difference to safety in BC's forest industry that he'll be "unofficially" starting at the Forest Safety Council's Nanaimo office this week.

"Steve literally lives safety," says Council COO Peter Lineen. "We're so pleased he's accepted this role because safety lies at the core of his values. He's the right person to take SAFE Companies to the next level and build on the systems set up over the past four years."

Forestry is also second nature to Steve, a Registered Forest Technologist (RFT) who started his career with BC Forest Products back in 1985. From there he worked in engineering and production at MacMillan Bloedel and Weyerhaeuser, where he was also part of the safety team. His most recent position was as a safety advisor with Western Forest Products.

And when his workday ends, safety isn't something Steve leaves at the office door when he goes home to Campbell River, where he lives with his wife, Melanie, and their teenage sons, Brandon and Lance.

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2446 SAFE certified companies = Safety Leaders

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“When you first start out with safety you have to always think: do I put on my safety glasses, do I have to do this or that? At some point when you truly get it, it becomes the way you are — you just ‘do’ safety,” Steve says. “You reach for safety glasses because you feel naked without them. It’s like putting on your seat belt. And when you slip — and you do sometimes because you’re human — it means your 17-year-old boy walks up and says, hey dad, safety first, here’s your glasses.

“Once you get to a certain point, no one has to tell you, and it starts to rub off on people. It doesn’t mean you’re infallible, it means safety becomes a value — like integrity and honesty.”

Steve Chaplin is also big on open, clear communication lines and welcomes a conversation, whether it’s the good or the bad you want to talk about. You can reach him at 250-739-5175 or email chaplin@bcforestsafesafe.org.



SAFETY ALERT



USE EXTRA CAUTION ON FOREST ROADS

Recently, an incident occurred in the interior that points out the need to always take every precaution on forest roads, especially ones used by the public. The incident occurred on a holiday when the rest of the crew was off

and the grader was working extra hours to catch up on snow plowing. The machine was travelling (high-blading) to the highway when it met a firewood cutter/hunter on the Forest Service Road.

The operator got too far out on the outside edge of the road when he tried to pass the oncoming traffic and slid off the soft shoulder. The machine came to rest upside down. Fortunately, the operator was wearing the seatbelt and wasn’t injured.

To avoid the risk of a similar incident happening, remember:

1. When travelling on forest roads always be prepared to meet members of the public without radios. Pay attention to the road and to your speed.
2. Stop and back up to a wide spot or pullout rather than attempting to pass in narrow sections of road. The shoulder of the road can be very soft and give way, especially following long periods of rain and snow.
3. Always wear your seatbelt!
4. Use the lights and flashers on your machine to improve your visibility.
5. Manage brush along haul roads to maximize sightlines.



IN TRAINING

The following courses still have space available, so send in your applications ASAP for your preferred location. If you leave it until the last minute, it may be too late. For more details on all training courses, [click here](#).

IOO courses: Jan. 16, Castlegar • Jan. 16 Kamloops • Jan. 23, Prince George • Jan. 30, Nanaimo

Small Employer OHS courses: Jan. 14, Castlegar • Jan. 14, Kamloops • Jan. 21, Prince George • Jan. 28, Nanaimo



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