



KUDOS TO 13 MORE SAFE-CERTIFIED COMPANIES!

Congratulations to the following companies that were SAFE certified Oct. 26 – Nov. 6. Every company that becomes SAFE certified is leading the way for making work sites safer:

731009 BC Ltd. dba The Concrete Man, Burns Lake • Aspell Contracting dba Andre Aspell Contracting, 150 Mile House • BD Silviculture Inc., Winnipeg • Brian's Bobcat Service, Valemount • Calvin Black dba McLeese Lake Contracting, McLeese Lake • Chasm Trucking Inc., 70 Mile House • Crown Mountain Enterprises, Roberts Creek • Gordon Klump dba G. Klump Trucking, Tomslake • K. H. & Sons Excavating, Lac La Hache • Rick Boonstra, Telkwa • Ry-Del Carriers Ltd., Quesnel • Trison Enterprises Ltd., Telkwa • Woodmere Cattle Company Ltd., Telkwa

NEW DIRECTOR ROLLS IN FOR TRUCK SAFETY

Safety in BC's forestry transportation sector will be in good hands with Chuck Carter as the new director of Transportation Safety for the forest safety council.

"Chuck definitely has the right mix of hands-on experience, leadership skills and common sense to build on the work that's already been done with TruckSafe, where the ultimate goal is to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries," says Peter Lineen, the council's COO.

Based in Prince George, Chuck will start his new role Dec. 7. Along with his dedication to safety and collaborative approach, he brings 25+ years of experience, most recently as safety coordinator for Canfor's BC/Alberta woodlands ops. He's also worked in coastal and interior ops, including harvesting management and transportation, and with First Nations. He was key in WorkSafeBC's Resource Roads Demonstration Project, heading up the Prince George Forest Road Safety Group. Plus he was instrumental in coordinating community meetings

north of Prince George, helping residents understand the impacts of log hauling through their neighbourhoods. As of Dec. 7, you can email Chuck at carter@bcforests safe.org or call 1-250-562-3215 or 1-877-324-1212.



IN TRAINING

PAINLESS + PRACTICAL = GREAT SAFETY TRAINING

They'll give you as many audit "tip sheets" and helpful info as they can. And they'll spend all the one-on-one time you need, even passing out their personal contact info so you can call them weeks later if you have a problem or questions.

When it comes to safety you can never learn too much. And when the training is as down-to-earth and accessible as Shannon Overland and Steve Lackey make it, you can't lose. Shannon and Steve are two of the 14 qualified instructors leading the training courses for SAFE Companies. But they embody all the attitudes and approaches that ensure everyone taking the courses gets the safety information and training they need for the work they do, and for fulfilling SAFE



SHANNON OVERLAND: Common sense approach

certification requirements. "For me it's all about that 'eureka' moment when you pass on information to people that they haven't heard before," says Shannon, who's trained people across BC.



STEVE LACKEY: Guarantees painless results

"It might be just a little tiny piece of information, but you can see the light bulbs going on in their heads as they make connections about how this affects them." This might be something as basic as getting drivers to put snow tires on early enough to avoid accidents.

Both Shannon and Steve know what kind of info turns the "lights on". Shannon's background is in education, plus she's part of her own family's operation, Quastuco Silviculture Ltd. In her many roles during 20 years she's done everything from supervising tree planters to running heavy equipment. Steve is known for real, up-front communication and building relationships. In fact he's won awards for it during his 38 years of forestry work that's brought him close to everyone from road builders and fallers to safety leaders.

"I promise you'll walk out of my classes with at least two things. You'll meet all your Workers' Compensation Act requirements. And there are a lot of companies without an OHS program, or not very robust ones. At the end of the day, you'll have everything you'll need to develop a good strong one," says Steve.

While IOOs have slightly different needs, the principles are the same. Steve and Shannon will do whatever it takes to have you succeed in the course and your maintenance audit. "It's not at all intimidating. The people teaching these courses have been in the woods and understand the work — and the pain of paperwork. We make it as easy and painless as possible, and we hear your suggestions," he says. For example, one

participant suggested setting up the SEOHS Audit Submission with the tabs needed already in place, and the council did it. **For details on training, call 1-877-741-1060, or check out the council's web site [here](#) for SAFE Companies courses.**



SAFETY ALERT



SAFE CROSSINGS WITH MACHINES

Bridges are common on almost every forest road in BC, and they've typically been designed and built to handle the distributed loads of specific design logging trucks.

The GVW of these loads have their weight distributed over the full length of the vehicle, based on specified axle loads and spacing. Depending on bridge length, not all axles may contribute to the maximum load effects and the full GVW may not come into play on the bridge.

But this changes when you "walk" machines like an excavator across a bridge. Although the weight of the machine may be less than a loaded logging truck, all of the machine's weight is in a relatively short, concentrated area, and could potentially cause the bridge to fail.

If you aren't sure about the load rating of a bridge, or safe passage of a piece of equipment, they must be evaluated by a professional engineer. For more info on GVWs and bridge load ratings, please go to the Ministry of Forests and Range Engineering Bulletin #1 on the council's web site by [clicking here](#).

