



RUMBLINGS

FOR SAFE ROADS, LOADS AND DRIVERS — ACROSS BRITISH COLUMBIA
FORESTRY TRUCKSAFE



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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.

Changes in Carbon Tax for Diesel Fuel

The BC Trucking Association, along with other industries, has been lobbying government to rethink its carbon tax, scheduled for implementation July 1. Word came from Victoria this week that they have indeed made a minor adjustment:

“The [government of B.C.](#) has slightly revised the amount of carbon tax it plans to take from road users. There are reductions for liquid fuels like diesel and gas -- but not by much.

The new rate for diesel fuel, originally to be taxed at 2.76 cents per litre as of July 1, 2008 and rising to 8.28 cents per litre by July 1, 2012, is now 2.69 cents per litre rising to 8.07 cents per litre in 2012.”

The BC Trucking Association estimates that the carbon tax will cost truckers additional \$1,000 for fuel this year alone, about \$3,000 in 2009 and \$6,000 in 2012. **Speaking of gas and fuel efficiency... Smart Driver for Forestry Trucks**

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.

Based on the original version of SmartDriver for Highway Trucking and modified in consultation with the forestry industry, SmartDriver for Forestry Trucks is specifically designed to meet the needs of this sector of the transportation industry. The training offers information on energy efficiency to fleet managers, instructors and drivers for all aspects of trucking, from spec'ing vehicles and components to maintenance procedures, conducting haul operations and driving techniques.

SmartDriver offers a series of questions that will test your knowledge of fuel efficiency and a set of graphics designed to help you select the most fuel-efficient engine size for your needs. All of this and more is presented in five modules that provide up to eight hours of training and can enhance other learning opportunities. Become a SmartDriver member and you will have access to the CD-ROM that can easily be used on any home or laptop computer equipped with a CD-ROM drive. It's free to fleet managers, owner-operators, company drivers and instructors.

You can get more information on Smart Driver for Forestry at the NRC

BC Trucking Safety Council Formed

In an agreement with WorkSafe similar to that of the BC Forest Safety Council, the BC Trucking Association is leading the formation of the BC Trucking Safety Council, the mandate of which will be to make general trucking safer in British Columbia. It will include a COR program, similar to SAFE Companies, and prevention and outreach program similar to what we do with Forestry TruckSafe. MaryAnne Arcand has been appointed to the first Board of Directors and will be bringing her experience with the development of Forestry TruckSafe and forestry transportation to the new Trucking Safety Council table. The first meeting of the new Board of Directors is set for July 31. Other Board members include representatives of big fleets, enforcement agencies, and other trucking associations.

Road Bans Lifted

Road bans have been lifted in most of the interior, and logging has resumed in a lot of places, although quite slowly. On a swing north this week we saw trucks hauling around Chetwynd, Dawson Creek and Fort St John. There is a little hauling around Prince George, and the Williams Lake and Quesnel hauling season has begun. Out west, Houston and Smithers are looking to get going on a limited basis later in the summer.

It's going to be another tough year, especially for truckers, given the cost of fuel, and the carbon tax. It's hard to think about anything other than trying to survive and make a living. But let's do it safely!

BC Timber Sales Sets Deadline for SAFE Companies Certification

BCTS has set a deadline for SAFE Companies Certification. In a press release yesterday, the government said:

"BC Timber Sales is improving forest worker safety by requiring all its contractors and those companies that conduct on-the-ground works under a timber sale licence advertised after Dec. 31, 2008 to be SAFE Company certified."

"We are committed to improving the safety of forest workers," said Rich Coleman, Minister of Forests and Range. "Making safety certification a requirement will help ensure that forest operators have effective health and safety programs for their employees."

Since April 1, 2007, BC Timber Sales has required its contractors in road building and reforestation, and those forest companies conducting on-the-ground work on Timber Sale Licences to be registered in the Safety Accord Forestry Enterprise (SAFE Companies) program of the B.C. Forest Safety Council. Effective Jan. 1, 2009, **the requirement will move from registration to certification**. A company obtains SAFE certification when an audit demonstrates that the company has effectively implemented a health and safety management system that meets the industry set safety standard.

"The endorsement and support of the provincial government have been critical to the successful launch and implementation of the SAFE Companies program," said Tanner Elton, CEO of the BC Forest Safety Council. "The Province is not only 'talking the talk' of worker and worksite safety, they are also 'walking the walk' by requiring certification of their contractors and regional operations. They are treating worker safety as an overriding priority."

The SAFE Companies program was launched in 2006, and has registered 3,543 companies and certified 639 operations to date. The program has been established as an industry-wide standard, with 66 per cent of large employers certified, and nearly 30 per cent of small employers registered as of early June.

WorkSafeBC's Resource Road Safety Practices Matrix

This document (also known as "The Matrix") provides detailed information and guidance for developing, implementing, and maintaining the systems of resource road safety management. It covers the four key components in the process: drivers, trucks, loads, and roads. It focuses on the key obligations of stakeholders and provides recommendations as to how they should work together to keep roads safe and maintained.

WorkSafeBC officers will be looking for compliance starting immediately. A copy of the Field Officers' Compliance Guide is available from WorkSafe for \$20. You can download a copy of the Matrix from our website here http://www.bcforestsafe.org/content-program-trucksafe/trucksafe-08-06-02-resource_rd_safety.pdf, or give us a call and we can send you one. The print is quite small, so faxing probably won't work well. We'll just pop it in the mail.

Northern BC Big Rig Show n Shine Winners!

Congratulations to the winners of the Northern BC Big Rig Show n Shine, Logging Truck Category

1st place went to Marvin Marsolais & Sons, from PG, sponsored by Forestry TruckSafe

2nd went to Glenn Swaile of Quesnel, who's driver Chester De Raspe, just keeps adding features to the truck and will be at the BC Big Rig show in Chilliwack. Second place was sponsored by Dave Barden Contracting, Houston. 3rd went to Brad Smyth, sponsored by the CILA

Best in Show went to Rik from Winnipeg. He hung around for 4 days just to be in our show!



Best in Show Truck from Winnipeg

We want to thank our other trophy sponsors as well. More pictures and winners in the next issue!

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Sleeper Unit 1st-Freightliner; 2nd- Lodgewood; 3rd- Fox Pro Driver

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Gravel Truck 1st- Babine Trucking; 2nd- Canyon Valley; 3rd Fountain Tire

Logger 1st- Forestry TruckSafe; 2nd Dave Barden Contracting; 3rd CILA

Specialty Truck- Group Health North; Rolling Mix Concrete; Ron's Towing

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 5, 6 BC Big Rig Truck Show, Chilliwack

July 5 BC Truck Driving Championships, Abbotsford Tradex

Aug 3, 4 Vancouver Island Truck Show, Saanich

Oct 23, 24 Work Drug Free Conference, Prince George (BC Council on Substance Abuse)

Nov 1 Vancouver Island Safety Conference, Qualicum Beach!!

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