



Qualified Faller Trainer Course

BCFSC held a Qualified Faller Trainer (QFT) course from September 18-23, 2023, in the Parksville area. Six BCFSC Certified fallers attended the QFT course which is designed to prepare experienced fallers to instruct the BC Faller Training Standard program in a one-on-one setting to new and existing fallers.

BCFSC would like to thank Sam Stanko and Mosaic Forest Management for providing the timber site.

For more information on the QFT course, visit the [BCFSC website](#) to find out more. 🌲



Co-instructor John Jacobsen, shown above, demonstrates basic chainsaw training while the QFT participants observe.

New Faller Training

The fall session of BCFSC's New Faller Training (NFT) was underway from September 28 – October 30, 2023. Three NFT candidates participated, working towards meeting the required course outcomes to accomplish their new faller training requirements.

Thank you again to Sam Stanko and Mosaic Forest Management for providing the timber site for this course. 🌲



Lead Trainer John Jacobsen leads the trainees through a discussion on a falling scenario.



The trainees meet with Quality Control from Mosaic Forest Management, discussing bucking cards and considerations when bucking to increase the value of the timber.

Falling Technical Advisory Committee (FTAC)

At the September 15th FTAC Meeting, Mike Kay, an Advanced Care Paramedic Instructor, gave a presentation on Emergency Response Planning, with a focus on critical intervention. Mike is the principal owner of Kay's Consulting which provides instruction and mentoring to up and coming Paramedics. He has over 40 years' experience as an advanced care and critical trauma paramedic.

Before retiring from a long-standing career with the BC Ambulance service and starting his consulting company, Mike was also an instructor at the Paramedic Academy of the Justice

Institute of BC (JIBC) for twenty-five years. He was also the medical instructor at the Canadian Forces Base in Comox for the Department of National Defence (DND), Search and Rescue (SAR) Technicians for eighteen years and is a certified instructor for Advanced Care Paramedicine (ACP), Primary Care Paramedicine (PCP), International Trauma Life Support (ITLS), and Airway Interventions and Management in Emergencies (AIME) courses.

Mike is renowned throughout the province for this dedication to emergency services. He was presented with the Commander 2 Canadian Air Division Generals Coin in 2018 in recognition of his service and has taught more than 20 cohorts of SAR Tech learners. The training he has provided has allowed this exclusive group to confidently perform lifesaving medical interventions in some of the worst conditions for medical rescue missions.

During Mike's presentation to FTAC, he identified three key things to consider when dealing with an emergency:

1. Keep the patient warm.

- An individual's survival rate can increase by 33% if their body temperature is maintained.
- Mike suggested using a Ready-Heat™ blanket or similar, and to limit fluids given to the patient.

2. Mitigate the injury.

- Take reasonable steps to ensure critical injuries are treated before moving the patient. (ie. minimize a bleed by using direct pressure or using a tourniquet if needed.)

3. Move the patient.

- Get the patient moving as quickly as possible and transported to the nearest medical facility.

Mike indicated that by doing these three things, the survivability rate of the patient increases by 70%! He also noted it is vital to know the local resources available to you in your area including Helicopter Evacuation Services (HEMS) and Search and Rescue when creating your ERP. He also suggested it is useful to keep a tourniquet on your person and having a SKED™ stretcher system as a basic rescue system that can be easily packed onto a forestry worksite. This system is a versatile, compact, and durable emergency rescue stretcher providing outstanding patient protection and security in any situation.

If you would like more information on how to contact Mike regarding training opportunities, please reach out to [BCFSC Falling Department](#). 📞

