

# How the Forestry Safety Association of Newfoundland and Labrador came to be

- ❑ The idea of Sectoral Safety Councils has been around since 1990's
- ❑ The concept is simple: *A better overall safety performance can be expected if a given industrial sector develops its own safety standards, practices and management system, rather than having it come from external sources.*
- ❑ Under the guidance of WHSCC, Government Services (OHS), the Employers Council and the Federation of Labour, the NL Construction Safety Association was formed in 1996
- ❑ The concept proved to be extremely successful with a significant reduction in accidents over time, while at the same time, experiencing a significant increase in the construction industry workforce.
- ❑ With this model to follow, forestry was targeted as the next Sector to come on board
- ❑ July 2008 – Forest Industry Governance Committee formed
- ❑ July 2009 – The Forest Safety Association of Newfoundland and Labrador became Incorporated

