



# Forestry Safety Association of Newfoundland and Labrador

## FSANL's 10th Anniversary

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **FSANL 10th Anniversary September 26.** See page 3 for details
- **Free 2 hour map and GPS course September 24.** See page 3 for details
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- **CIF/RPFNL AGM & Conference October 22-24 Comfort Inn Airport St. Johns**
- **WorkplaceNL Symposium October 16 Humber Valley Resort**
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This year marks FSANL's 10th anniversary. It is amazing to see how far the Association has come over the last decade. The support of the board of directors, our sponsors and the industry as a whole has been tremendous and is the key to our growth. A sincere thank you to all of you who have put your support behind us.

To mark our anniversary on September 26, 2019 FSANL will be going to Rideout's Tool and Machine on Maple Valley road in Corner Brook from the hours of 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. We will be having a BBQ with all proceeds going to the Janeway Children's Hospital. Please stop by for a chat, have a piece of cake and buy a hotdog to support the Janeway. There will also be some prize draws during the event.

## Message from the Executive Director

FSANL has been out during the summer months visiting some of our members. It was great getting to meet with some of you at your work sites and we really appreciate the warm reception we received. FSANL will continue with more member visits into the fall and we look forward to meeting with you. If you would like a visit or more information on FSANL please feel free to contact us at any time.

Fall is my favorite time of year. I love the cooler temperatures and getting out hunting and cutting firewood. Please remember as you enjoy these activities to keep safety as your first priority. Obey all rules and regulations related to your activity and please be sure to wear all appropriate safety gear required. Have fun, be safe and keep the sawdust out of your boots.







## Slips, Trips and Fall Statistics



Slips, trips and falls are the third most common cause of workplace injury in Newfoundland and Labrador.

WorkplaceNL received 738 slip, trip and fall claims in 2018. The total claims cost for 2018 is **\$15,863,958**. The average claims cost from 2014-2018 is **\$15,057,746**.

552 workers lost time from work in 2018 after a slip, trip or fall incident at work.

On average slip, trip and fall related claims resulted in 37 weeks of lost time.



In 2018 there were 43 claims involving a fall from a ladder with a claims cost of **\$2,077,923**. The average claims cost from 2014-2018 is **\$1,893,908**.

On average, claims associated with a fall from a ladder resulted in 80 weeks of lost time.

Slips, trips and falls can happen from a height or on the same level as the worker.

Workers should always recognize slip, trip and fall hazards in their workplace and deal with them accordingly. **IF YOU SEE IT YOU OWN IT!!!!** Take the time to do a proper hazard assessment to eliminate these avoidable incidents.



# National Forestry Week September 22-28, 2019



## The History of National Forestry Week

Established circa 1920 as Forest Fire Prevention Week, the intention was to encourage greater public awareness towards Canada's forests. At the time, there was no apparent shortage of trees for industrial expansion – the greatest threat came from forest fires, due mainly to human causes. Since then National Forest Week, as it was renamed in 1967, has evolved to encompass the many and varied human and environmental aspects of Canada's forest resources – past, present and future. Although special activities are promoted across Canada, National Forest Week remains first and foremost a challenge to individual Canadians to learn more about their forest heritage and support greater recognition of this valuable resource.

## Ways to Participate in National Forest Week

- arrange a tree planting: [www.treecanada.ca](http://www.treecanada.ca)
- take a walk in woods nearby and get to know your forest
- care for a newly planted or neglected tree, and study its species
- identify all the things at home or school that are made of wood
- learn about organizations that demonstrate sustainable forest management
- tour a forest sector industry or processing site
- learn about the prevention of forest fires
- contact a [provincial forestry association](#) for teaching materials.

Source: [canadianforestry.com](http://canadianforestry.com) (Canadian Forestry Association)

As you can see there are many ways that you can participate in National Forestry Week. The main thing is that you get out and enjoy nature. Appreciate it for all it is worth.

This year FSANL will be holding its 10th anniversary celebrations on September 26. Please join us at Rideout's Tool and Machine and help us celebrate. There will be a BBQ fundraiser for the Janeway Children's Hospital and a few prize draws and specials from Rideout's Tool and Machine.

FSANL will be offering a free 2 hour map and GPS course on September 24 beginning at 6:00 pm. To register please call 388-0374 or email [roma.taylor@fsanl.ca](mailto:roma.taylor@fsanl.ca). There are only 15 seats available so register early.

The week will end with the Annual Janeway Charity Golf Tournament to be held at the Blomindon Golf Course. Contact Sean Greene at [SeanGreene@gov.nl.ca](mailto:SeanGreene@gov.nl.ca) to register your team.



Equipment operator crushed to death by feed rollersWHAT HAPPENED?

Before dawn on an extremely cold morning (-40o C), the owner-operator of a cut-to-length processor, with five years of forestry experience, climbed down from the cab with the machine running and hydraulics engaged, and began work on removing the measuring wheel, which measures the length of logs to be cut.

The processor head was resting on the ground in the upright position. The owner-operator was inside the processor head, with his head and shoulders between the feed rollers that guide the logs into the processor head. As he attempted to manually remove the spring-loaded measuring wheel, a co-worker assisted from outside the processor head with a pry-bar. Shortly after the owner-operator started to pull on the measuring wheel, the feed rollers closed and pinned him, crushing his head and upper shoulders.

WHY DID IT HAPPEN?

In cold weather, operators of mechanical harvesting equipment sometimes leave their machines running through the night to keep the hydraulic fluids warm. In this case, the owner-operator started the processor in the morning and began to do maintenance work while the machine was warming up and without switching off the hydraulics from the cab.

The failure to shut down and lock out the hydraulics and the electronic components before performing maintenance was the major contributing factor in the fatality. Any movement of the measuring wheel could have sent a signal back to the computer, automatically triggering a command to the feed rollers.

HOW CAN IT BE PREVENTED?

Maintenance work must never be done on equipment unless the equipment is shut down, locked out, and in a zero-energy state. If this simple but crucial rule of occupational health and safety had been followed, the fatal incident would not have occurred.

Even in extremely cold weather, when machinery needs to be warmed up in order to function properly, the only safe way to do maintenance work is with the equipment shut down and locked out. In this case, the cut-to-length processor should have been started up only after the work on the measuring wheel was completed. If there is any doubt about how to perform repairs or maintenance work, the owner's manual should be consulted and, if necessary, the work should be done by more qualified personnel.

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