



# Forestry Safety Association of Newfoundland and Labrador Newsletter

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## Safety Here, There and Everywhere!!!

**The 6th Annual Health and Safety Conference was held at the Corner Brook Civic Center on April 5th. There was a great turn out with almost 100 people in attendance.**

We were fortunate to have a great host of presenters which included,

Perry Pollard- *Safety Advisor, Newfoundland Power, Safety and Environment Department.*

Tom Welton- *Industrial Director of Prevention Services, Work Safety North.*

Dennis Hogan – *Chief Executive Officer, WorkplaceNL.*

Jan Michaelsen – *Research Leader, Transport and Energy, FPInnovations.*

Harvey Rice—*Assistant Manager, Springdale Forest Resources.*

Rick Donato— *Senior Safety Manager, Major's Logging Ltd.*

Kurt Ferguson- *Student at Academy Canada.*

You cannot put a price on the wealth of knowledge and advice shared during the conference. Experience is the best teacher and we were fortunate to have such a diverse group be able to inform others of what they have learned and how to proceed going forward.

Kurt Ferguson who is presently an OHS student at Academy Canada shared his personal injury story that almost took his life. Kurt had been working on a building site when he fell through an uncovered opening in the floor and become impaled with a piece of rebar up through his armpit and it came out behind his ear.

Fortunately for Kurt one of his co workers noticed he was missing and once discovered activated emergency services. Kurt was transported by air ambulance to hospital where he under went several surgeries to save his life.

Today Kurt is an advocate for safety in the workplace and has decided to dedicate his career to helping people make their workplaces a safer place to work.

In conjunction with the FSANL Health and Safety Conference we were pleased to host the National Forum Of Forestry Safety Associations (NFFSA) here in Corner Brook. Working with our national counter parts will allow FSANL to have input into any national standards that may be developed and access to information and support from the whole group. Sitting around the table all parties agreed that by working together we will be stronger and we can expedite safety in each others provinces by sharing info instead of trying to recreate the wheel with new initiatives. If one province has developed a program on dust mitigation for example then all provinces can share the info.

Due to difficult weather unfortunately not all provinces could be represented. That being said we were pleased to welcome Steve Wallace from Heavy Construction Safety Association of Saskatchewan, Tom Welton from Work Safety North, Jan Michaelsen from FPInnovations Montreal, and Landon Lee from New Brunswick Forestry Safety association.

We were also pleased to have Tom and Jan present at our Health and Safety Conference.



# FSANL Safety Champion!!!

FSANL is dedicated to safety in the forest industry both the commercial and domestic users. As a way to recognize a company or individual for their dedication to safety FSANL has created the Safety Champion Award.

The winner of this award will be nominated by a FSANL board member or regular member. Once nominations are received the nominees will go through a selection process where the award committee will gather info on how the nominees are promoting safety in the workplace. The award

committee will then decide upon a winner.

We are pleased to announce that Nobles Resources 2012 Inc is the first winner of the FSANL Safety Champion Award.

Nobles Resources has shown a dedication to safety that cannot be overlooked. In conversations with their employees you will hear how the company puts safety first before production. This is the right way to run a company. It has to start at the top and flow

flow down to the worker level.

Nobles Resources is also Contractor of the Year for Cornerbrook Pulp & Paper Ltd for 2016. Congratulations on a job well done.



Above: Grant Noble accepting Safety Champion Award from Cory Chubbs, FSANL Chairman.

## Message From The Executive Director

Spring is in the air and we are all anticipating the point where we can forget about old man winter and enjoy the renewing of the earth with the spring flowers and budding trees. Thanks to "Daylight Savings Time" our clocks have moved ahead 1 hour and our days are getting longer. Many of us are counting down the days to salmon season and dreaming about hooking that elusive Atlantic salmon. Others are looking forward to lying in the sun and soaking up some rays.

Before this happens we have to endure spring. It is a time that can be deceiving when working in the forest. When you turn off the pavement in the early morning the mud is usually frozen or at least very

stiff. As the day goes on the hard ground turns to mud and can be very slick for driving and walking. Caution must be taken when working in these conditions. Equipment and vehicles can slide on the mud on slightly uneven surfaces. It makes stopping a vehicle a challenge as well. We need to keep in mind that we need to drive slowly in these conditions to maintain control of our vehicles. Deep ruts form in the road and can cause damage to the undercarriage of vehicles and can also guide a vehicle off the road if care is not taken.

The mornings seem lovely this time of year and we need to remember to dress for the season and not the day. It may be warm when

you leave for work but conditions and temperatures change very quickly. Don't be caught without adequate clothing. Dress in layers and be sure to take water resistant clothing with you when preparing for work. The old adage says...

"It is better to have and not need, than to need and not have". You can always put on more clothes if you have it with you.

As you work this spring remember to keep safety first and foremost in mind.



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**Safety  
Is  
Good  
Business  
Plain And  
Simple**

## Words of Wisdom

### **Make Eye-Contact**

*Safety Tip For Being Around Heavy Equipment This Season*

"With the weather conditions this winter, make sure that you always make eye contact with heavy equipment operators. Never assume he/she sees you! Make sure they know you are in the area. Don't try to pass behind without them being aware of your presence there! It is always a risk to even attempt to cross behind heavy equipment without making eye contact and with these weather conditions the risks are even higher!"

*-Terrance Fudge  
Burton's Cove Logging and  
Lumber Ltd.*



**Don't forget to wear the  
proper safety equipment**

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