

# Forestry Safety Association of Newfoundland and Labrador

WINTER 2020

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **FSANL**  
Health and  
Safety Con-  
ference  
April 8,  
2020
- **FSANL**  
AGM April  
8, 2020
- **PRIME**  
Refund  
deadline  
February  
28, 2019

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## 2020 Forest Industry Health and Safety Conference

When: April 8, 2020

Registration begins 8:30 am

Where: Corner Brook Civic Centre

FSANL Annual General Meeting to follow Conference

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The Forestry Safety Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (FSANL) is pleased to announce that we will be having our 2020 Forest Industry Health and Safety Conference at the Corner Brook Civic Centre on April 8, 2020. We encourage anyone with an

interest in the forest sector to make every effort to attend. We have another great line up of speakers again this year.

Registration begins at 8:30 am and the conference will start at 9:00 am. A hot lunch will be provided.

Registration fee \$60.00 HST included

Student rate \$40.00 HST included

We will be awarding the 2019 FSANL Safety Champion award and the FSANL AGM will follow the conference.

# Message from the Executive Director

**“Don’t forget to submit your annual employer statements to WorkplaceNL before February 28 to be eligible for your PRIME refund”.**

2019 has been an extremely busy year for FSANL. I had the pleasure of getting out to 20 operations this year and had some great conversations with many of you. The industry has changed dramatically over the last decade and my hats off to those men and women who continue to work hard and make a living from our forest. We have a tremendously under utilized resource. It needs to be revitalized to help deal with climate change and create work for many hard working people in our province who desperately need and want it!

July 10, 2019 was the 10 year anniversary of FSANL. When we first started there was a lot of uncertainty. When I had my interview 5 years ago they were not sure if there was even going to be a position. We have come a long way in a short time. I am very privileged to be apart of such an amazing organization.

The mobile training unit has been out conducting training courses and at other promotional events. Thank you to all sponsors who made this possi-

ble.

FSANL now issues cutting permits for Corner Brook Pulp & Paper Ltd on Kruger managed land. The permits are available online or you can drop by the office and pick up your permit. Our door is always open at FSANL.. Feel free to stop by for a permit, safety information or just a chat. We’d love to see you.

FSANL has put a lot of work into a slip, trip and fall information package for you. There are 5 days of toolbox talks, statistics fact sheet and promotional posters available at the office or on our website. If you like we can even mail you out a copy free of charge.

We have completely revamped our website this year to add more content, make it more secure and user friendly for both desk top and mobile users. We hope you like the new site.

FSANL is accepting nominations for the 2019 Safety Champion. If you know of a company or individual who deserves this honor please

drop us a line so we can acknowledge their great work.

FSANL has also developed and distributed a guideline for safety in the forest industry. It is meant to compliment the Act and Regulations and offers some industry best practices for companies starting operations in our province. If you have any questions on this document please drop us a line.

Don’t forget to submit your annual employer statements to WorkplaceNL before February 28 to be eligible for your PRIME refund. Why would you give your money to someone else when you’re the one who worked for it?

In 2020 FSANL will be working on a hearing conservation information package that will be available to you. Always remember to protect your hearing. Once its gone its too late.

As this is the last newsletter for the year I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.







# FSANL Safety Moment

## Snow Build-Up on Vehicles

Another Canadian winter storm, another generous helping of snow - that means a whole lot of time you'll have to spend brushing the snow off your vehicle.

It is tempting to just clear the windshield, but it is very important to get all the white-stuff off your ride before you venture out for a drive. Not removing all the snow poses a safety hazard to you, your passengers and other road users.

For example;

If your headlights and taillights aren't cleaned off, you may not be easily visible to other drivers. That increases your risk of being in a collision.

Not clearing your back window renders the rear-view mirror useless and creates a massive blind-spot.



### ***What about that snow on your vehicle's roof that is hard to reach?***

*It can become dangerous too if, as you are driving along, the motion of driving and the heat from the inside of the vehicle causes it to loosen and slide down onto your windshield.*

Even if you are able to react quickly by turning on your wiper blades, thick and heavy snow does not clear easily or quickly. If the snow is heavy enough, your wiper blades may not be able to move at all, creating a lapse in visibility that can have dangerous and deadly implications.

Instead, realize that part of staying safe through a Canadian winter is properly preparing before you leave your parking spot!!!!!!

So, what's the best (and fastest) way to clean off the snow?

Start by protecting yourself from the elements, dressing in warm layers and wearing waterproof snow boot, hat and gloves.

Check that your vehicle's tailpipe isn't blocked by snow. If it is, clear the snow, and then start the engine to warm it up. Turn the defrost and fans on their highest setting.

Once you're outside the vehicle again, start from the top and work your way down. An SUV, truck or van may require the use of an expandable snowbrush or scraper to pull the snow from the roof. Taking one side at a time, work your way around the vehicle until the roof is clear.

Then clear snow away from the windshield, back window, side windows, mirrors, lights, doors and around the license plate.

Be sure to clean around the wiper blades and windshield washer nozzles, always test the wipers before you put your ride in drive.

For more information on safe driving, visit [www.canadasafetycouncil.org/traffic-safety](http://www.canadasafetycouncil.org/traffic-safety).

Now Offering Safety  
Training Courses  
Province Wide!!!

Programs offered on a continual basis!

Contact us to book your seat in the following courses.

Chainsaw Safety Awareness

Brush Saw Safety Awareness

Power Line Hazard

OHS Committee Training

Emergency, Standard, Wilderness First Aid

ATV, UTV, & Snowmobile Training

Fall Protection (1 or 2 day)

Confined Space

Lock out/tag out

Environmental Awareness

Certificate of Recognition (COR)



**Don't forget to wear the  
proper safety equipment  
for the job!**

**We're on the web!**

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## Kruger Firewood Permits

FSANL is now issuing firewood permits for Corner Brook Pulp & Paper Ltd on Kruger managed limits.

To get your permit visit us online at [www.nlforestsafety.ca](http://www.nlforestsafety.ca) or drop by the office in Corner Brook located at 10 Main Street upstairs in Suite 202.

