



Forestry Safety Association of Newfoundland and Labrador

UPCOMING EVENTS

- BBQ July 5th for the 13th Anniversary of FSANL
- National Forestry Week is September 18-24, 2022
- FSANL Conference will be held September 20, 2022

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This years conference will take place in person and virtually for those who can not attend, but wish to take part. We look forward to seeing each and everyone of you.

As usual, those in attendance will be served a hot lunch and everyone will get to experience the great lineup of presentations for the day.



Wearing a mask and social distancing is not required but recommended. This is a great opportunity to hear some great presentations and socialize with members of the industry. Book now as seating is limited.

The cost to attend in person is \$60 HST included and to attend virtually is \$25 HST included. To book your seat email raeann.pennell@fsanl.ca or call (709)388-0374.

Fire Safety Tips

Due to carelessness, many cities, towns and forests have had devastation due to fires. To be able to deal with extreme fire emergencies that may take place, planning ahead and being prepared is extremely important.

People living in forested areas need to be aware of wildfire threats and ways they can take action to make their home and community become "FireSmart."

The following tips will help you to reduce the risk of your home property from the ravages of a wildfire;

- Remove debris such as leaves, twigs and needles from around the house and under decks.
- Keep lawns mowed and irrigated.
- Enclose decks with non-combustible materials to discourage the collection of debris and embers.
- Keep firewood piles and other items stacked at least 10 meters from the house, especially during wildfire season.
- Ensure a clean, fire-resistant roof and clean eaves.
- Enclose soffit and vents to ensure embers cannot enter.
- Ensure trees and shrubs are pruned, branches do not contact the home and they are not connected to the surrounding forest - minimum 3 meters between it and the forest.
- Don't forget to consider any buildings or fences within 10 meters of the home and take steps to FireSmart them as well.

For more information on becoming a FireSmart Community see the following link:

<https://www.firesmartcanada.ca/>



PLEASE CALL
1-866-709-FIRE (3473)
IN THE EVENT OF A FOREST FIRE

Pre-Inspection Toolbox Talk

It is imperative to do a thorough check of the truck and its major systems to maintain safety on the road. Inspections need to occur before the start of a driver's shift and each time before entering public roads.

Important step for pre-inspection.

- Not only are you required to do so by federal law, but you also want the documentation in case of any claims against you and your company.
- Check for fluid leaks on the ground, including fuel, oil, coolant, power steering fluid, brake fluid, windshield washer fluid.
- Ensure your truck's air lines aren't damaged, don't leak, and are properly sealed. Brake checks should include air brakes, parking brakes, and hydraulic braking systems.
- Inspect tires to make sure you have an acceptable amount of tire tread for safe operation. There should be no cuts, bubbles, or gouges. There should be no foreign objects, such as stones or large debris, between the wheels and no space between tires and rims. Also, be sure to check and maintain the appropriate air pressure.
- Regardless of tire condition, you also need to check the lug nuts. Tighten any loose wheel fasteners.
- Check the lights, warning lights, head lights, taillights and turn signals to insure they are working properly, and lenses are clean for maximum visibility.
- It is important to make sure the horn is working as it is used to warn others of the vehicle's approach or presence, or to call attention to some hazards.
- Check coupling system and pay particular attention to your kingpin and the sliding fifth wheel locking pin. Then check the other components that connect your trailer to your cab, including air lines, apron, electrical connections, gap, glad hands, locking jaws, mounting bolt, platform, release arm, skid plate.
- Ensure loads are secure and in place. Decks must be kept free of gravel, mud, loose branches, and any other debris.



Summary

Driving a truck is one of the most dangerous occupations so a pre-trip inspection checklist helps keep drivers safe. Your inspection is important to ensure safety, maintenance, and procedures are followed to help mitigate accidents (some fatal) and liability.

Message from the Executive Director

Well folks time is going by so fast and summer is here already. Its that time where the days are longer, the air is warmer and people start hitting the road. Many of you travel our highways and forest resource roads for work and for pleasure.

As the traffic increases so does the probably of traffic accidents. There are people towing trailers that are too heavy for the vehicle they are driving and towing utility trailers that should not be on the road. Please remember to drive to the conditions whether that be traffic congestion or environmental factors.

We can control what we do behind the wheel but unfortunately we cannot control the actions of others. We see too many times that people take chances passing other vehicles and drive at excessive speeds. We are still seeing people being pulled over for intoxication of alcohol and more increasing drugs. In this day and age this should not be happening.

There are more and more recreational vehicles on our forest access roads and even on our public roadways. These vehicles can come up on us rather quickly and catch us off guard. Be vigilant, stay on guard and drive with care. It is better to get there a little late, then not get there at all.

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
- Fall Protection (1 or 2 day)
- Confined Space
- Lock out/tag out
- ATV, UTV, & Snowmobile Training

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Fire work Safety

These are a few tips for firework safety. For more information please visit: www.gov.nl.ca

- Read the instructions, cautions and warnings on each firework item.
- Set up outdoors in a clear, open space.
- Check the wind and have the wind blowing away from the spectators and not in range of forest or wooded areas as this can cause a forest fire.
- Spectators should be the safety distance written on the fireworks label away from the display, keeping special supervision on children. It is also important to properly take care of your pets. Don't bring your pets if you don't need to as pets can be fearful of fireworks
- Have a bucket of sand, supply of water and a working fire extinguisher on hand.

This is the time of year when people gather to enjoy Festivals and Celebrations. To view what our province has to offer visit: www.newfoundlandandlabrador.com. Please take time to keep yourself , others and the environment safe.

Be safe, stay safe!