



## BC'S LOG HAULERS REDUCE ROLLOVERS BY MORE THAN 50 PER CENT

Over the past three years, high-profile log truck rollovers in BC have been reduced by more than 50 per cent thanks to the dedication of log truck drivers and loadermen, with the support of contractors, fleet managers, licensees and road maintenance contractors.

On average, roughly 2,800 log truck drivers move about one million loads of logs each year across the province with an incident rate of less than 1 per cent. However, it only takes one spilled load of logs to lead to tragedy. In the late summer/early fall of 2013, awareness was heightened with an unusual cluster of five high-profile on-highway log truck rollovers, one of which resulted in the fatality of a member of the public near Whistler.

Within days industry had started the

process to strike a trucking safety group to explore each of the events and focus on what needed to be done to prevent similar incidents. Just weeks later, the Trucking Advisory Group (TAG) was formed, bringing industry representatives together to support the safe delivery of logs. TAG members include representatives from BC's major forest licensees; forest industry contractor associations, such as the Truck Loggers Association and Interior Logging Association; the Log Truck Technical Advisory Committee (LTTAC); log hauling contractors and safety professionals.

Early on, TAG recognized that improving the safety of log hauling activities meant ensuring that each aspect of hauling had to perform optimally. This includes cycle times, mill weight poli-

cies and efficient unloading; road maintenance; and empowering drivers and loadermen with the knowledge for safe loading and transporting. This meant addressing weights, centre of gravity, crowning, load securement, etc. and the mechanical and driving inputs (speed, steering, braking, etc.) that influence roll-overs. Even for many highly experienced drivers and loadermen, attending seminars—particularly the Anatomy of a Rollover—has been an eye-opener. To date, over the three year period, TAG has helped facilitate more than 100 sessions across the province on four critical topics: Standard of Care, Your Greatest Risk, Distracted Driving, and Anatomy of a Rollover. These sessions were attended by over 4,000 drivers, loadermen, contractors, supervisors and licensee

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Did you know?

**COMPANIES HAVE  
3 DAYS  
TO REPORT AN INJURY**

Industry has worked hard to reduce its prior average of 21 days to 12 days in the past year, but more needs to be done. When there is an injury at work, an employer *must* file that information with WorkSafeBC within 3 days. Prompt claim filing means the best outcomes for the injured worker and the company, saving industry tens of millions of dollars in costs. *Safety is good business.*



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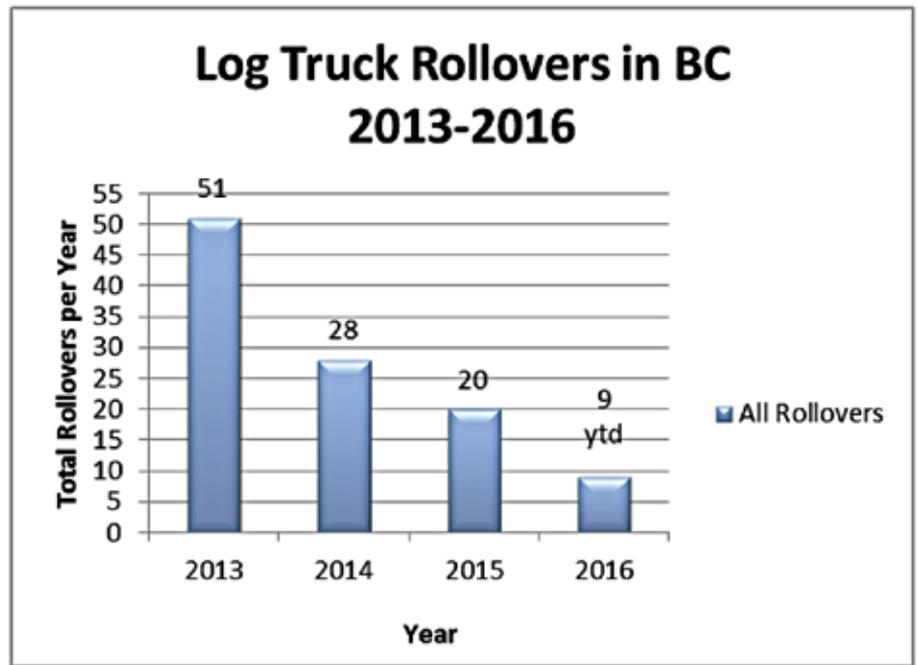
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representatives and they are still available by request. If you'd like a session on any of these four topics held in your community, contact me at 250-562-3215 or [dmeierhofer@bcforestsafesafe.org](mailto:dmeierhofer@bcforestsafesafe.org).

In addition to the reduction in the number of high profile rollovers, for the same period, WorkSafeBC also reported a drop in time loss, short- and long-term disability and serious injury claims in both 2014 and 2015. (Note: A high profile rollover is any rollover that occurs on public roads/in public view and/or is reported by the media.)

Industry continues to work on initiatives to further support a reduction in incidents as well as on improved reporting to better track and share the actual number of high profile public highway incidents as well as all incidents and near misses on resource roads. There is one shared objective: deliver every load safely!

Industry is also aware that despite the efforts made to improve cycle times, a perception continues that how drivers are paid influences driving speed, which increases risk and impacts safety. TAG continues to look at opportunities and find solutions, resulting in several mills

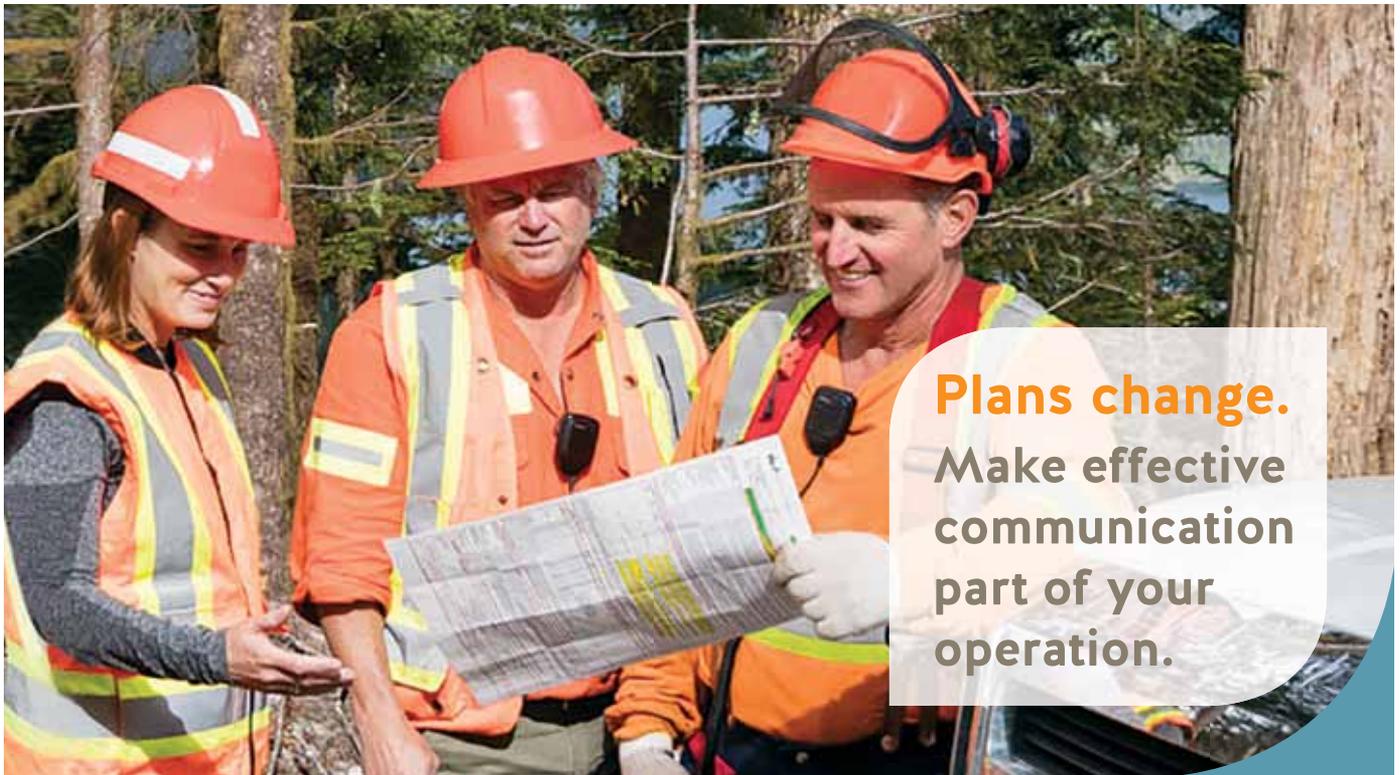


The above data is up till August 15, 2016. Please note that these statistics are for high profile rollovers tracked by the BCFSC's Transportation Safety Department.

improving unloading processes to reduce the wait times and making changes to the way they establish, monitor and compensate for cycle times. Any drivers who are concerned about their cycle

times are encouraged to raise these directly with their licensees, contractors and/or with BCFSC or the BC Forest

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