

### **OneSafe Group finalists in Forestry Industry Innovation Awards**

OneFortyOne with its contractor partners in the OneSafe Group, are thrilled to be a finalist in the 2017 Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA) national Forest Industry Innovation Awards in the Innovation in Safety Category.

The OneSafe Group is a collective Green Triangle safety group between forest owner (OneFortyOne Plantations); harvesting contractors (Harvestco), haulage contractors (Scheidl), harvesting & haulage contractors (KC & MR Boulton, Tabeel Trading, Moreland Holdings, Fennell Forestry) and a log marshalling contractor (ISO) who have joined forces to try a new way forward in safety thinking.

The group was formed in May 2016 between the companies in a way that has never been done before in the forestry industry. The members of the group agreed to share their information and learnings as equals through collaboration, not competition between contractors or direction from the forest owner.

At the time of its formation, the collective \*LTIFR of the members was sitting at a very uncomfortable 22. One year, fourteen meetings, 200 proactive safety conversations and two rounds of peer-on-peer auditing later, and the collective LTIFR of the group has dropped to 8.9.

To bring real change in safety, and make a major shift in an industry safety culture, the group developed a combined safety strategy focusing on three areas of Fatality Prevention, Injury Prevention and Organisational Culture Change.

The group made some immediate improvement around Fatality Prevention through the implementation of updated traffic management signage in forests. This gave harvesting contractors greater control on site to prevent unauthorised access by members of the public.

Drug and alcohol screening has now been introduced across 100% of the wider workforce, meaning more than 500 workers over 90,000ha are tested.

Safety Interactions have also been implemented. These proactive leadership conversations about safety are designed to promote early identification and rectification of hazards, and to build a culture of trust and respect. Safety Interactions are a key step to shifting individual safety attitudes from compliance to personal commitment.

The winner of the Innovation in Safety Category will be announced at AFPA's Industry Gala dinner on Tuesday 12 September 2017 6:00pm in the Great Hall, Parliament House, Canberra with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull in attendance.

*\*Lost time incident frequency rate the number of lost time injuries occurring in a workplace per 1 million man-hours worked. An LTIFR of 7, for example, shows that 7 lost time injuries occur on a jobsite every 1 million man-hours worked.*

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