CHAINSAW OPERATORS SAFETY COURSE

Course Overview This two day course is developed and presented to facilitate compliance with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act [Section 25 (2) (a)]*. The course provides participants with the knowledge and the basic skills to sharpen, maintain and operate a chainsaw competently; they will know how to fell and limb timber under a variety of conditions; they will be able to identify and deal appropriately with hazardous situations. The course consists of the following 6 modules:

- **Module 1:** Protect Self and Others
- **Module 2:** Work in Safe Environment
- **Module 3:** Plan Organize and Prepare Job Site
- **Module 4:** Maintain Chainsaw and Related Felling Equipment
- **Module 5:** Fell Trees
- **Module 6:** (optional) Chipper.

Who Should Attend: This course is designed for all public works employees and contractors who operate chainsaws/chippers as part of their regular maintenance activities.

Learning Objectives: By the end of the course participants will have the knowledge and basic skills to:

- Sharpen, maintain and operate a chainsaw competently
- Fell and limb timber under a variety of conditions
- Identify and deal appropriately with hazardous situations.

Group Size

- Maximum course load is 12 trainees
- Minimum course load is 10 trainees
- Each trainee must participate in both training days
  - **Day 1:** theory
  - **Day 2:** practical

Participant's Required Materials: Each trainee will require the following personal protective equipment and supplies for both training days:

- A chainsaw with chain brake
- CSA approved workboots
- Chainsaw safety pants or chaps
- CSA approved class B hard hat
- PPE equipment
- Felling wedge and depth gauge
- Proper size round file for chain sharpening
- Chainsaw combination tool (wrench and screw driver)
- Cleaning brush (old tooth brush or nail brush)
- Proper fuel mix and chain oil

Evaluation/Documentation: Theory exam (multiple choice) and/or oral exam (by instructor). Each successful participant will be provided with a certificate of completion.

About the Facilitator: Delivered to you by **Greg Pfaff (Greg Pfaff Service) and Jason Gear.**