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What happens when someone calls you at 2:30 in the morning and needs your opinion? For most of us our minds are still filled with sleep but for others that I work with, it is the start of a new day. I have had the pleasure of more than a few calls at that time of night or morning, it all depends on your perception of what early is, right? The point I am trying to make is, we at Timber Safe have made it known since the inception of this program is that we are available to help you through a safety concern regardless of the time. In my opinion the program would not have much merit if we made that statement and did not back it up. So, for the ones reading this that have made those calls keep them coming. The running of your job or the equipment you run makes the difference each day. The program we offer, and run can have the same effect. That is Timber Safe's goal. A well informed, safe and productive team! Reach out. We will be there to help!

I was driving down the interstate on a very cold night. The thermometer in the car showed below zero. Enough to turn up the heater a bit. As I came around a bend I could see the flames in the distance. It was a truck on fire. I could see the lights of emergency vehicles in the distance, but the truck was by itself at the moment with no driver. I never

found out what happened to the driver, but it made me think of an instance in the past. Most trucks state by their side door "fire extinguisher inside." Is there one inside, can you get to it, is it fully charged? I was involved with a fire one time with a loader at a mill where I worked. The operator could not get to the extinguisher. It took guys from the mill running out with fire extinguishers from the mill to put it out. There was a lot of damage, but it was repairable, and no one was hurt. Sometimes fire extinguishers are put in the craziest places by the factory. Literally inaccessible! Make sure they are mounted in a convenient place, and everyone knows where they are and how to use them! We do pre shift checks on our equipment, make sure the fire extinguisher is on that list! You will be glad of it if the time ever comes when you need it fast!

Stay Safe - Pat

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