

# **FOREST EQUIPMENT FIRE ALERT!!**



The forestry industry has experienced a high number of logging equipment fires. Major financial loss has resulted from these fires, and in some cases personal injuries have occurred. Efforts continue to identify the factors contributing to such fires, so that preventive measures can be taken. In 2001, TEAM was formed to address these concerns. TEAM consists of representatives from logging companies, equipment manufacturers, equipment dealers, fire prevention specialists and insurance companies. The first TEAM action is developing nationwide Forest Equipment Fire Awareness and Education Programs.

Training equipment operators to develop good cleaning and maintenance habits and to recognize potential fire hazards will reduce fire losses.

The majority of forest equipment fires are preventable. Most fires are caused by:

- Accumulation of debris around exhaust systems.
- Damaged or modified electrical, fuel, and hydraulic system components.
- Build-up of oil, grease, and fuel from leaks and spills.
- Accumulation of debris around rotating shafts.
- Overheated brakes.

The key to reducing forestry equipment fire is to CLEAN, INSPECT and REPAIR.

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