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Fall Prevention

-Patrick Knight

Falls are a common cause of serious work-related injuries and deaths. Employers whose workers are exposed to fall hazards are responsible for ensuring not only that those workers have appropriate fall protection, but also that they're trained on how to use it.

As part of ERAC's dedication to safety, we will start tracking the fall prevention training for all our responders starting June 30, 2017. Responders will have the option of uploading their employer provided, fall prevention training certificate or taking the ERAC, on line, fall prevention training program through SafetySync.

In addition ERAC will promote the use of work positioning – fall restraint systems by demonstrating its use and components with all teams during the first day of every regional training event in 2017.

The hope is that responders will have the opportunity to experience the difference between fall arrest and fall restraint systems and appreciate the higher level of safety based on the demo and their experience during day one.

The teams will have the option to use both fall arrest and fall restraint systems but ERAC will continue to promote fall restraint as the preferred and higher level of safety.

I also would like to provide some clarification on my last newsletter article. The four preliminary assessment questions that ERAC implemented into their incident briefing form were referenced from the Transport Canada - Emergency Response Task Force, Final Report Recommendations.

