

# Standing by as friends board the baby train 11

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## Fatal mishap rattles family

Family and friends were searching a Red Deer man who died after a vehicle pulled him into a river and trapped him beneath the water.

Dustin Sean Mitchell, 38, had been helping a friend move logs on a property in the hamlet of Marshfield, 75 km northwest of Innisfail where the accident happened about 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

"It's tragic — a huge loss," his brother, Kevin Mitchell, said yesterday. Large logs were being moved

by which attached to a Geo Tracker, a small SUV, which became insecure and rolled into the Medicine River.

The red-crested scull skinned Mitchell said the water washed on top of him, pinning him to the ground.

"They were just clearing some logs off the land to prevent the water from flooding up on the land," said Kevin.

Mitchell was trapped under the vehicle in the water for several minutes while a friend worked to free him, said Kevin. "He managed to pull him out and he tried CPR."

Mitchell was re-animated at the scene and airlifted by STARS to Foothills hospital in Calgary but he died of his injuries in hospital, said Mitchell.

Mitchell, who worked as a radio operator at the airport, is remembered as a hardworking man who was always helping others.

Kevin lost over 100 lbs shortly after a couple of weeks ago in Calgary.

"He gave himself CPR in the truck on the river — that's how big of a heart he had," he said.

Mitchell's mother, Susan, wept, and the family is shattered by his sudden and untimely death.

"It was shocking that he was a young father — helping friends, she said.

Inniskill RCMP continues to investigate, but they believe Mitchell's death is avoidable.

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## Push for Canuck employment hits city

Organizers of a nationwide campaign that visited Calgary this week led by a group of off-shore jobs seekers say they know that the unemployment clock is ticking.

The Keep Jobs in Canada campaign made a pit stop in Calgary yesterday joining with the National Unemployment Clock to show a real-time number of how many employable Canadians are currently jobless.

"We're making a statement that there are many jobs that have been off-shore," said David Rowland with the campaign.

The clock, which increases by one person roughly every 35 seconds, calculates the total through a logarithm based on unemployment statistics.

While in Calgary, the number of employable Canadians without work was hovering around the 1.414,000 mark.

"This is something that reflects the whole middle class," said Thomas Strickham, who also works on the campaign.

He said he believes some companies are using the recession as an excuse for layoffs even though they are still quite profitable outside Canada.

—Jenna McKeown, 24, 2009



MOBILE MESSAGE: Thomas Strickham, left, and David Rowland, right, of the Keep Jobs in Canada campaign were joined by Chelsea Price of the Telecommunications Workers Union in Calgary yesterday. The campaign is a leading clock, Canada with the National Unemployment Clock, which shows a real-time estimate of how many employable Canadians are currently without work.

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