

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, April 3, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Brian Silbernagel
Bruce Lawson
Chris Miller
Cindy Regier
Dave Davidson
Dave Kaiser

Dennis Mahoney
Diana Gray
Eliot Lapidus
Ellis Brasch
Gary Beck
Kimberly Wood
Marilyn Schuster

Michelle Potter
Roger Dale-Moore
Ron Brooks
Ron Haverkost
Tony Howard

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Dave Davidson
Introductions were made

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made, second and minutes approved as submitted.

Posted Construction Advisory Committee minutes can be found at:

http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osha/standards/const_advise.html

Lessons Learned:

Roger Dale-Moore -

Started the conversation by emphasizing the importance of using different training methods for new hire and temp employees. He has found that using a hands-on approach and not using a video orientation, the training is more valuable and easier to absorb.

Dianna Gray-

Mentioned a recent near miss that involved a plumbing contractor that was remodeling upper floors of an occupied building. The floor was core drilled to accommodate new pipe when the pipe or conduit fell through the floor hole and nearly hit occupant employees working below.

Eliot Lapidus-

Recalled a suggestion that was made years back in another state for a ski resort to install permanent fall protection anchors. The anchors would allow employees of the facility to remove snow accumulation from the roof, to avoid excess snow and ice from sliding off the building and hitting customers. The facility did not install anchors and a customer was recently hit.

Ron Brooks -

On a recent construction project the roofers had established a controlled access zone. The signage that was installed did not clearly convey the fall protection's intended use. For consistent communication, the roofing contractor adjusted the signage to limit other trade access to the location and emphasize for roofing only.

Cindy Regier-

Called in a situation when she saw a HVAC contractor pushing a HVAC unit up an extension ladder to two employees waiting on a roof that were not using fall protection. The contractor was on site to install a ground mount unit and continued to attempt installation to the roof design. Multiple hazards put the employees at risk.

Michelle Potter -

Recalled an event that prompted company wide change to rigging practices. The company trained bellmen to the master rigging level and have seen better safety practices for picking subcontractor loads that have not been engineered. The company empowered the riggers to make safety decisions that benefit all employees on site.

Bruce Lawson -

In windy conditions a tree lost limbs that affected a power line that eventually fell on an unoccupied piece of equipment. The 115 kV power line affected the construction site beyond hazards that may have been recognized simply because of the woodland environment and the weather conditions.

Dave Parsons -

Sent in a lessons learned via e-mail while in southern California. The emphasis of the lesson was to remind employees to stay focused on the task at hand. Staying focused at work should extend to driving in regards to others that speed, tailgate, text or talk on the cell phone; stay focused and stay safe.

Continuing Business:

Status of rule making –

Rulemaking updates can be found at:

<http://www.cbs.state.or.us/osha/pdf/rules/2010development.pdf>.

Marilyn gave a brief update:

Confined space has been published with a public hearing date of May 2, 2012, 9:30 AM @ the L&I building, Salem, room F.

Penalties- Plans are to propose in the next couple of weeks.

Dave did mention that Oregon OSHA has published a quick guide for PPE; copies were available at the meeting and online

<http://www.cbs.state.or.us/osha/pdf/pubs/2738.pdf>

There was a reminder about resource material the Labor and Industries in Washington has. Narratives and reports on safety and health fatality investigations are found on their web at.....

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/Safety/Research/Face/ReptNarr/default.asp>

Bruce asked about the standardization of company weekly safety meetings. His company has decided to create their own method to fit the type of work they do and he asked what other company methods may be. Some mentioned that they do a combination of job specific topics mixed with corporate issues and policies. One company has begun requiring that at least one company policy is read at each meeting. Bruce has begun to emphasize reading JHA's and going over material safety data sheets each week. During the conversation fire rated protective equipment was referenced. Dave K recently attended a NFPA 70E update for the new edition. NFPA has changed the fire rated (FR) distinction to an arc rated (AR) category. FR is now AR.

Ellis mentioned there is a new FACT sheet coming out soon on Lead in Construction and the new Resource is now available.

<http://www.orosha.org/pdf/resource/2850-2012-04.pdf>

Overnight Hospital Report:

Dianna Gray gave an update.

Fatalities for March- A 32 year old employee at a plastics plant was struck by a large plastic pipe. The employee was reportedly trouble shooting for electrical problems in the production line. He found the problem in the system, however failed to control the material from advancing and the nearly 400 pound pipe fell on the victim.

A cab driver was traveling on remote highway 395 at approximately 11 PM in southeastern Oregon when he hit a black cow. The driver was fatally injured and two passengers sustained minor injuries.

The construction industry reported one accident in March. An employee was ascending an 8ft step ladder, reportedly distracted and turning to talking to a co-worker. The victim fell sustaining several broken bones. Training or lack thereof may have been a contributing factor.

A group conversation concerning the dangers of ladders went from recent training during a local ASSE meeting to Oregon OSHA developing an interactive on-line training on selection and proper use of a variety of ladders.

Gary mentioned one other accident that occurred in eastern Oregon. A county employee was filling pot holes on a country road with travel speeds at 55 mph without advanced warning. The victim was hit and was fatally injured.

Roundtable:

Marilyn Schuster opened up a conversation about employers not reporting accidents or fatalities. Consistently employers will call SAIF or their insurance provider and not know or understand their obligation to contact Oregon OSHA. It was reported that some companies are faxing their report to their insurer. The 801 includes language to remind employers of their obligation to report to Oregon OSHA. It was suggested that Oregon OSHA publish the requirement in some of their more frequent publications, such as, the Resource and the Construction Depot. Ellis will make it a part of the next Construction Depot.

http://www.cbs.state.or.us/osha/pdf/rules/division_1/437-001-0700-0742.pdf#page=15

When reporting Fatalities and Hospitalizations to Oregon OSHA, you must report the following to Oregon OSHA, at 1-800-922-2689 or 503-378-3272, within the given time limits:

Fatalities 8 hours after occurrence or employer knowledge.

- You must report a fatality caused by a heart attack at work.
- You must report a fatality resulting from motor vehicle accidents that happen during the employee's work shift.
- Report a fatality only if it occurs within 30 days of the accident.

Catastrophe 8 hours after occurrence or employer knowledge.

- For the ease of the reader, the definition for *catastrophe* is – An accident in which two or more employees are fatally injured, or three or more employees are admitted to a hospital or an equivalent medical facility.

Overnight Hospitalization 24 hours after occurrence or employer knowledge of one or more employees.

Overnight hospitalization is for medical treatment only. Hospitalization for observation is not reportable, nor is emergency room treatment.

You must report injuries related to a heart attack or motor vehicle accident as well as other work related injuries.

Marilyn reminded the group about the video contest award ceremony. The link to information:

http://www.cbs.state.or.us/osha/admin/newsrelease/2012/nr2012_07.html

Dianna reminded the group of the upcoming Safety Break for Oregon on May 9th.

<http://www.orosha.org/subjects/safetybreak.html>. She also mentioned that the enforcement program does provide pre-job conferences. She recently assisted a painter in resolving fall protection issues while on a tile roof. Some encouraged the installation of a permanent anchor, another suggestion was looking for products like window or door jamb anchors.

http://www.dbifallprotection.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=category.display&category_ID=28

Ellis mentioned that the next Construction Depot will have five articles including one on green roofing systems as it relates to the landscaping industry. He will also add the Oregon OSHA accident and fatality reporting requirements.

Bruce wanted to report that the local ASSE group is providing valuable information and is a great resource not only to the members but the trainers that contribute to the safety and health community. The local meeting is held the second Tuesday of the month at 7 a.m. at the Red Lion Hotel in Salem.

Eliot wanted to recognize Wildish Construction for being awarded First Place AGC Construction Safety Excellence Award at the national level. The AGC Construction Safety and Excellence Awards recognize companies who have developed and implemented excellent safety and loss prevention programs. Congratulations to Wildish who brought home First Place in the Highway 300K – 700K hours worked category.

Dave Davidson provides follow up to his clients based on information that he receives from SAIF. He gets OSHA citations and looks at the abatement method the company may have used and ensures they are following up on the citation issue so it doesn't occur again.

Very informative and productive meeting, thanks to all that participated.

The small construction crane subcommittee follows this meeting.

Planning for Agenda and for Next Meeting:

When: Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Where: L&I Salem Room F