

Oregon OSHA

Construction Advisory Committee

Tuesday, March 04, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Andy Collins
Barry Moreland
Bill Haskins
Billy Griffin
Bruce Roller
Bryan Davis
Dave Davidson

Dawn Morse
Dede Montgomery
Gary Beck
Jeff Wilson
Jill McConnell
Kevin Jensen
Kevin Wheatcroft
Marilyn Schuster

Mark Tobiasson
Mary Lou Wilson
Melissa Diede
Peg Munsell
Roger Dale-Moore
Tony Howard

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Mark Tobiasson.
Introductions were made

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes were approved with no changes.

Posted Construction Advisory Committee minutes can be found at:

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

Lessons Learned:

Tony Howard – Shared an experience he had driving behind someone whom he thought was a drunk driver and it turned out to be a drowsy driver. Drowsy driving is just as dangerous as drunk driving. Supervisors should be aware of worker's conditions and should spread the message about the dangers of drowsy driving. Some employers give their worker's the option to stay at a nearby hotel (paid by the employer).

- Dede mentioned an interactive test that is a reaction time challenge to see how alert you are: <http://healthysleep.med.harvard.edu/need-sleep/whats-in-it-for-you/how-awake-are-you>
- Department of Transportation – information on sleep apnea: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/sleep-apnea/sleep-apnea.aspx>
- For more information, check out <http://drowsydriving.org/>.

Continuing Business:

Status of rule making – Rulemaking updates can be found at:

<http://www.orosha.org/pdf/rules/2014development.pdf>

Confined Space Entry –

The next meeting is scheduled for 3/11/2014 from 9 am – 12 pm at the PGE Building. Please send feedback to Dave McLaughlin at Oregon OSHA.

Oregon OSHA will allow employers to comply with either the state-initiated rule or the federal rule until revisions to the state-initiated rule are finalized. The final rule will not include any requirements that are more stringent than those in the current Oregon rule. (Link to the [confined space meeting minutes](#).)

Oxy-fuel gas – Divisions 2/H, 2/Q, 3/F, and 3/J.

Work to update and improve Oregon's oxygen-fuel gas rules for welding in general industry and construction is still underway. Major topics of possible change being discussed are:

- Installation of reverse flow check valves
- Installation of flashback arrestors
- Drop and/or leak testing prior to use of equipment
- Limiting the practice of cracking to oxygen cylinders only
- Training and documentation of training requirements

([Compressed Gas Advisory Committee](#)).

Small Capacity Cranes – Division 3/CC.

Peg will be sending an email to the committee to ask if they should reconvene next month.

Communication Towers – Oregon OSHA will be sending a letter to the association regarding the increased number of fatalities in their industry and reminding them to take immediate steps to prevent injuries and fatalities.

Monthly Overnight Hospitalizations & Fatalities Report

Jeff Wilson reviewed recent overnight hospitalizations and fatalities and discussed some of them in detail.

Accidents:

- January 16th (Portland) – Worker was on the subfloor above 10 feet when he stepped out to remove a rail. The OSB subfloor broke and the worker fell and landed on his head.
- January 29th (Portland) – Employee was working on the second floor approximately 20 feet from the ground. It is thought by the Superintendent on the site that the employee stepped back and fell through the railing system.
- February 19th – (Aumsville) – The employee was building an awning over a front entry of a building. Approximately 4 to 6/12 pitch. The sheeting was already in place. The employee was near the edge and lost his footing. He fell approximately 8 feet resulting in a broken leg.

Fatalities:

- February 6th (Selma) – A Timber Faller was struck by a limb while falling a tree.
- February 3rd (Portland) – A Machine Operator at a foundry was found on the ground and passed away from a seizure at the hospital.
- February 6th (Hwy 224) – An employee (Weigh Master) was killed by a member of the public that the employee had pulled over.

- February 11th (Wallowa) – An employee was working as a guide leading a cross-country tour in the Wallowa Whitman National Forest. The group was caught in an avalanche and the employee died.
- February 14th (Beaverton) – An employee collapsed at the top of a stairway. The employee passed away the following day of apparent non-work related issues.
- February 24th (Eugene) – An employee was found lying on his back in the road by other employees. Nobody observed the incident. Employee was last seen 20 minutes prior.

Oregon OSHA Reporting guidelines: Fatality/Catastrophe = 8 hours
Overnight Hospitalization = 24 hours

Fatalities are posted on the Oregon OSHA website as well as Hazard Alerts.
<http://www.orosha.org/standards/fatals/>
http://www.orosha.org/subjects/hazard_alerts.html

Roundtable:

Mark Tobiasson – Continuing from last month, when digging inside of a building, they came up with an interior dig permit (detailed checklist a few pages long). Email Mark if you would like to know more.

Also, there is an OSHA 30 class and he is looking for guest speakers/volunteers. Contact Mark if you would like to help.

Andy Collins – Oregon OSHA inspected their job site and it resulted in a hazard letter. He asked how an employer can remove it from Oregon OSHA's file? An employer can request an informal conference. (An informal conference can be requested on any subject.) Also, an employer can call and speak to an Oregon OSHA manager.

Kevin Wheatcroft – Had a question regarding disposal/clean-up procedures for broken fluorescent lamp bulbs. It is a DEQ issue.

Dawn Morse – Asked when a Compliance Officer is on the jobsite and identifying hazards, can he/she add to it later? A compliance officer documents the jobsite through taking notes and photo's and it is possible that when they go back to the office, they identify an additional hazard.

Barry Moreland – There's been a few incidents where workers are missing the last step/rung of the ladder and asked if any one had any tips or tricks. Jeff Wilson said he would look into it.

Next Meeting:

When: Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Where: AGC Office, Wilsonville