

**Oregon OSHA**  
**Construction Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday, January 5, 2016

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Alta Schafer	Dawn Morse	Mike Riffe
Barry Moreland	Eliot Lapidus	Nathan Taylor
Bill Haskins	Glenn Curry	Pat Brunson
Bret Taylor	Ian Chase	Paul Magrone
Brian Silbernagel	Jeff Wilson	Peggy Munsell
Bruce Roller	Kevin Wheatcroft	Robert Miller
Chris Ottoson	Mark Hillyard	Russell Nicolai
Clark Vermillion	Mark Tobiasson	Tony Howard
David Davidson	Melissa Diede	

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The meeting was called to order by Nathan Taylor, Chair

Self-introductions were made.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved.

**Lessons Learned:**

A worker had contact with electricity in his forearm from a live wire he didn't see. He was sent to the ER and he was ok. The electricians had left charged wires hanging down from the box and it was in a tight area that was not entirely visible.

-A discussion was had on why the wires did not have the wire nuts put on, and who's responsibility it should be. If you see a wire, or an area where wires could be, double check to make sure they are either not live, or have a wire nut on them.

-The employer is responsible for knowing what the condition of the work environment is.

A truck ran into a transformer and caused a small fire over the summer. They were removing the transformer rubbish and were told that it was dead, but there was a spark when they touched it. Is there a way for the company to test it to ensure that it is in fact dead? The answer is no, the company needs to call the PUD utilities to have them test it, and to make sure they ground it.

**Continuing Business:**

**Status of Rule Making:**

**Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution Standard for General Industry and Construction** - The [rule was adopted](#) and went into effect January 1, 2016.

**Fire Fighting** - The [rule was adopted](#) and will take effect July, 1, 2016

**Fall Protection** - The Fall Protection rule has been proposed, and OSHA will be having their [public hearings January 7 -20, 2016](#). Please see the link for the full details.

**Record Keeping and Reporting** - The [new rule](#) went into effect January 1, 2016. There is a [new training video](#) on OR-OSHA's website.

## **Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:**

### **Accidents**

1. 12/2/15 (Portland) An employee was on an 8 foot A-Frame ladder, observing the ceiling space for a potential water leak in a room. The employee did a 180 degree turn while on the ladder to look behind him while on the ladder and reached for a light and lost balance and the ladder came out from underneath him, and he fell to the carpeted floor. The fall resulted in fractured ribs and right Clavicle.
2. 12/2/15 (Portland) Employee was working from a 2nd story roof approximately 25 feet high on the west side of a residential home, cleaning debris from the gutters using an extension pole with a gutter spoon attached when the knot in his fall protection failed. Employee fell approximately 10 feet to lower roof surface and continued to fall to ground level. Employee was transported by Ambulance to OHSU.
3. 12/5/15 (Portland) The employee was climbing a ladder to install his safety rope. A gust of wind blew the employee off the ladder and he fell approximately 12-18 feet to the ground. Resulted in Broken ankles and a sprained back.
4. 12/15/15 (Portland) The employee was in a lift performing electrical work. Something caught on fire and the employee's shirt also caught on fire. Employee suffered burns.
5. 12/15/15 (Portland) Employee was working from a ladder when the ladder slipped causing the employee to fall approximately 2 Stories. The employee suffered broken bones in the elbow area.
6. 12/23/15 (Florence) The victim was limbing a spruce tree when it kicked back and hit his big toe. The victim was transported by the crew to the hospital and surgery was performed.

### **Fatalities**

1. 12/13/2015 (Portland) Fuel Delivery, Motor Vehicle Accident
2. 12/17/2015 (Portland) Department Store, Natural Causes
3. 12/28/2015 (Roseburg) Trucking, Natural Causes

## **Silica: PowerPoint by Chris Ottoson**

Chris went over a PowerPoint presentation on Silica that he created. You may find more information on the topic on the [OR-OSHA website](#).

## **Round table:**

Lead exposure/abatement- If you are in this industry make sure you are following the [standard](#).

**Next Meeting:** February 2, 2016 OR-OSHA Portland Office  
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