

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, January 07, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Barry Moreland
Bret Taylor
Brian Silbernagel
Chris Ottoson
Cindy Regier
Dave Davidson
Dede Montgomery

Ian Chase
Illa Gilbert-Jones
Jeff Wilson
Jill McConnell
Kevin Wheatcroft
Mark Tobiasson
Mary Lou Wilson
Melissa Diede

Nathan Taylor
Peggy Munsell
Roger Dale-Moore
Russ Nicolai
Teri Watson
Travis Stone

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

Approval of Minutes:

There were no minutes finalized for approval. Jill will send out once finalized.

Posted Construction Advisory Committee minutes can be found at:

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

Lessons Learned:

Melissa Diede brought up the fatality in Seattle where an ironworker fell 50 feet on his first day on the job. <http://blogs.seattletimes.com/today/2014/01/worker-killed-in-fall-from-seattle-building-identified/?prmid=obinsource> Roger shared on an injury on his jobsite with similar circumstances (unclipping then tripping and falling). This led to discussion on training, repetition, practicing what you preach, being responsible for yourself and others, etc...

Continuing Business:

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

<http://www.orosha.org/pdf/rules/2013development.pdf>

Confined Space Entry –

The next meeting is scheduled for 1/14/2014 from 9 am – 12 pm at the PGE Building. A draft rule was emailed out and will be reviewed at the meeting.

Oregon OSHA's state – 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 – A meeting is scheduled for January 23rd at Oregon OSHA’s Salem Field Office (1340 Tandem Ave NE Suite 160) from 9:00 – Noon.

Monthly Overnight Hospitalizations & Fatalities Report

Jeff gave a report of fatalities and overnight hospitalizations in Construction for the month of December. There were 6 fatalities and 6 overnight hospitalizations.

1. December 4th (PFO)
Victim was found unresponsive. Passed away at the hospital of a heart attack.
2. December 6th (PFO)
Victim worked for an insulation installation company and was driving a company vehicle when the driver lost control and ended up in a ditch/area with water. The victim drowned.
3. December 16th (PFO)
Victim was complaining of heartburn. (Construction) Had a heart attack.
4. December 19th (EFO)
Worker working for an auto towing company was crushed.
5. December 23rd (BFO)
Victim was driving an ATV on a cattle ranch. Overturned the ATV which crushed him.
6. December 31 (MFO)
Unknown at this time what the cause of death was. Douglas County Justice Dept.

There was interest on what came out of a fatality where a worker fell off of a bridge in La Grande. Jeff will research and report back to the committee.

There was a discussion on pressure testing/air testing of piping systems. Pneumatic pipe plugs – often used for pressure testing – are also used for many other tasks that require workers to temporarily stop a pipes flow. If used improperly, plugs can present a hazard. There was a suggestion to include this topic in the OR-OSHA’s [Construction Depot](#).

Roundtable:

Jill - Mid-Oregon Construction Safety Summit -

http://www.orosha.org/conferences/OSHA_conference/Mid_Oregon_const.html

- January 27-28, 2014
- The Riverhouse - Bend, Oregon

Barry – Both ANSI and NFPA now give free access (read only) to their codes/standards. Also, the Center for Construction Research and Training (aka CPWR) has added 52 new toolbox talks to their site. <http://www.cpwr.com/publications/handouts-toolbox-talks>. An OR-OSHA rep will tell Ellis Brasch to include in the Construction Depot.

Jeff Wilson – Distributed copies of Oregon OSHA’s fact sheet, *Using warning lines: Construction industry best practices*. Jeff has received comments that the terms “warning lines” and “best practices” cause confusion. He asked the group to review the document and come back to the next meeting with ideas/thoughts. Jeff will speak to Tony Barsotti to get his thoughts as he played a big role in developing the fact sheet.

Dede- Had four announcements: 1) The deadline for the O[yes] teen video contest is February 3. <http://youngemployeesafety.org/contest/>

2) O[yes], ASSE, SafeBuild Alliance, and the Construction Safety Summit are co-sponsoring a training, “Youth at Work: Talking Safety”. This is a train-the-trainer course for OSH Professionals which will be held on February 26 (9:00 a.m.-Noon at Clackamas Community College, cost \$20).

3) The first GOSH program planning meeting is set for January 8 (Noon – 3:00 p.m. at AGC). If anyone is interested, let Dede know as she is the lead co-chair of the committee.

4) Dede and her co-workers are looking at doing research on sleep and shift work. She asked the committee if there was interest on those topics and the group said yes.

Mark Tobiasson – The AGC Safety & Health Council’s next meeting is scheduled for February 21 at the NW College of Construction with the meeting topic being Best Practices.

Reminder: All meetings in 2014 will be held at AGC in Wilsonville.

Next Meeting:

When: Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Where: AGC Office, Wilsonville