

**Oregon OSHA**  
**Construction Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday July 1, 2014

**Meeting Minutes**

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Attendees:

Andy Collins	Cindy Regier	Kathleen Fenton
Bret Taylor	Clark Vermillion	Kevin Wheatcroft
Brian Silbernagel	David Davidson	Marilyn Schuster
Bruce Roller	Dawn Moore	Mark Tobiasson
Bryan Davis	Doug Rodgers	Melissa Diede
Camryn Miller	Ian Chase	Michael Wood
Chris Ottoson	Jeff Wilson	Peggy Munsell

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The meeting was called to order by Mark Tobiasson, chair.  
Self introductions were made.

Minutes of the June meeting were reviewed by the group.

***Lessons Learned:***

There was a discussion related to the challenges created in a working relationship between a general contractor and a sub contractor when safety is a higher priority for the sub contractor than for the general. This is especially true when the general is allowing or creating conditions that expose sub contractor employees to hazards.

A question was raised if there has ever been a case study done on this subject. Oregon OSHA agreed to look into having a case study done for a future issue of the Construction Depot.

***Rules:***

Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution rules are in the process of being reviewed by stakeholders in the industry. Next meeting will be held July 9, 2014 at 8 AM. Anyone interested in attending was encouraged to do so. Information, including meeting minutes, is available on the [Oregon OSHA web site](#). At this time the stakeholder group had reviewed the changes in the Federal rule that had the biggest impact and were in the process of reviewing the Oregon initiated rules in sub division V. Several rules had been found to be addressed in the new Federal standard, or for other reasons no longer needed. These were being eliminated.

Confined space fiscal impact is finished and comments closed July 1, 2012. A public hearing for proposed changes to the confined space standard will be held at PGE in Salem on August 25, 2014 at 10am.

Welding rulemaking is wrapping up. Cylinder separation of empty and full compatible content cylinders as discussed at the last meeting will not be part of the final rule. However, the topic will be included as a best practice in a fact sheet for compressed gas safety.

A CASPA was filed against Arizona over fall protection. OSHA has a 6ft rule while Arizona's rule is 15ft. This caused OSHA to start looking at other states fall protection rules. Currently, Oregon OSHA's rule is 10ft. OSHA sent Oregon OSHA a letter regarding this issue. Michael Wood [responded](#) to that letter. As of yet, Oregon OSHA has not heard back from OSHA.

### ***Continuing Business:***

No continuing business.

### **Monthly Overnight Hospitalizations and Fatalities Report**

#### **Accidents**

1. May 20<sup>th</sup> Portland.  
Worker was removing a commercial carpet/linoleum remover from a vehicle via a ramp (8ft x 12in above ground level) the equipment drive motor engaged and started moving backwards. The equipment went off the ramp and fell on top of the worker who was sitting on the equipment prior to the motor engaging.
2. June 10<sup>th</sup> Gresham  
An employee was [transferring hot tar](#) doing hot mop process on a roof. The lugger "exploded" burning the employee.
3. June 12<sup>th</sup> Portland  
Employee on a construction site fell while attempting to navigate through a busy/cluttered area, resulting in serious injuries.
4. June 13<sup>th</sup> Sherwood  
A lineman was working on a switch on a pole. The worker was using a ladder approximately 20 feet from the ground and was using PFAS. The system was unknowingly energized and the worker came in contact with energized components. The worker was knocked unconscious. He was rescued by co-workers, brought down and given CPR by the co-workers. The employer had an AED on site that was used immediately, resulting in the victim's heart being put into a normal, functioning rhythm and saving his life.
5. June 16<sup>th</sup> Eugene area  
An employee was doing roofing work on an existing home; the second story roof had an approximate 3/12 pitch. The employee was installing felt when he encountered a swarm of

bees. He unhooked his PSAF to escape and fell from the roof resulting in two broken ankles.

6. June 16<sup>th</sup> Clatskanie  
An employee's foot was run over by an aerial lift.
7. June 16<sup>th</sup> Tualatin  
A worker in an office collapsed. The worker was hooked up to an AED just as paramedics arrived on scene. The defibrillator was used and the employee started breathing.
8. June 19<sup>th</sup> Bend area  
An employee kneeled on a nail gun and was shot in the knee.

### **Fatalities**

1. June 16<sup>th</sup> Medford  
The employee fell in a parking lot. Two days later he went to the hospital where it was discovered that he had swelling and bleeding around the brain. He passed away on June 13<sup>th</sup>.
2. June 19<sup>th</sup> Junction City  
The employee was felling a large fir tree and it snapped the top off a nearby tree which had grown into the larger tree. When the larger tree fell, the top of the smaller tree came down on the employee.

### ***Round table:***

Oregon OSHA is currently working on a mobile app for calculating fall clearance. Currently, Miller has one that is being used in the industry but the group felt that a generic app would be very useful especially for small employers.

A discussion was held regarding the success rate and importance of AEDs.

Oregon OSHA to put something similar to 'ladders last' in the Construction Depot.

Clark Vermillion of the Construction Safety Summit announced that they currently have scholarships from the Wayne Thomas Memorial Fund, up to \$500, for safety training. This works especially well for individuals whose employers will not pay for training.

Oregon OSHA is currently accepting [applications](#) for grant funding to develop innovative workplace safety and health training programs. Any employer or labor consortium, association, educational institution affiliated with a labor group, or other nonprofit organization may apply.

**Next Meeting:** August 5, 2014 at 9:00am, AGC Office, Wilsonville