

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday October 7, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Alta Dixon	Dawn Morse	Kevin Wheatcroft
Barry Moreland	Demetra Star	Marilyn Schuster
Bret Taylor	Doug Rodgers	Mark Hillyard
Bruce Roller	Ellis Brasch	Mark Tobiasson
Chris Ottoson	Ian Chase	Melissa Diede
Clark Vermillion	Jeff Wilson	Pat Brunsen
Cody Adams	Ken Langley	Peggy Munsell
David Davidson	Ken Myers	Tony Howard

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

Minutes of the September meeting were approved by the group.

Lessons Learned:

An employee was bundling up the candlesticks and trying to tie them together with rebar tie wire and he was not wearing his safety glasses. The tie wire slipped and poked him in the eye through the sclera and released some fluid from the eye. He is expected to make a full recovery. They normally do not use the tie wire for this purpose; plastic wrap should be used to secure the bundles together. The lesson learned is to wear safety glasses, and use the correct product for the task.

The Using Ladders Last Program, though a little time consuming and can have a financial impact, is a worthwhile program and it utilizes safer working options. Also, the “Nothing Hits The Ground” training program is great and helps with ladder and scaffolding safety.

Another lesson is to take safety home with you. A gentleman fell off a roof at home and was injured.

Rules:

Federal OSHA has made updates to the record keeping rule, and Oregon OSHA has six months to implement. There will be two meeting that will be held at the Labor and Industries Building in Salem, the first meeting will be October 24, 2014 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, and the second

meeting will be November 7, 2014 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Oregon OSHA is also looking into separating recording and reporting so they are easier to understand.

The confined space amendments will be effective January 1, 2015 for General Industry, and March 1, 2015 for the Construction Industry. <http://www.orosha.org/pdf/notices/proposed2014/ltr-div2j-confined-space.pdf>

Changes to Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution rules are completed. Oregon OSHA has worked closely with industry representatives and will propose amendments to the current rules in October 2014. There will be 3 hearings held in the near future, and dates will be provided.

A 3 year extension was filed for crane operator certification. Federal OSHA still hasn't finished their rule.

Oregon OSHA will be updating program directives and educational materials.

On November 25, 2014 the Construction Safety Summit will be holding training on confined space.

Continuing Business:

Oregon OSHA met with one of the managers from ODOT. If you have any questions, suggestions, or need anything addressed you can go to ODOT's website and there is an Ask ODOT section you can email or call them. <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/CRO/Pages/index.aspx>

Monthly Overnight Hospitalizations and Fatalities Report:

Accidents

1. August 28th Imnaha

An employee was attempting to avoid potholes, rolled a forklift down a 100 foot embankment, landing in the river below.

2. September 7th Junction City

An individual was hanging an event sign when he fell off a ladder, resulting in a broken femur.

3. September 23rd Corvallis

The employee was working off a ladder doing a roofing project when he lost his balance and fell backwards to the ground below. Injury listed is fracture of back/neck/sternum.

4. September 22nd Astoria

Worker was engaged in bridge demolition. The worker was standing on I beams, work on dismantling them. An I beam shifted creating a pinch point (like a scissor) which the employee became caught in. Both ankles were broken and one was dislocated.

5. September 25th Junction City

The worker was driving a T-Post in with a post pounder. He missed the T-Post and hit himself in the head, knocking himself unconscious.

Fatalities

1. August 19th NW Portland

An employee was stabbed to death while showing an apartment.

2. August 29th Wilsonville

Employee had a stroke on company grounds outside of the building.

3. September 2nd Portland

An employee climbed some wall forms and then climbed a tower crane and jumped from approx. 150 feet. Apparent suicide.

4. September 2nd Medford

Heart attack

5. September 14th The Dalles

An employee slipped getting onto a skidder, fell back and struck his head on the skidder blade. The employee continued to work several hours before going to the hospital. He was admitted and released. The next day he was re admitted to the hospital and died several days later.

6. September 10th Medford

The employee was attending a customer sponsored golf tournament on behalf of the employer when he suffered a heart attack.

7. September 17th Springfield

A truck driver was found slumped over his seat. Apparent heart attack.

8. September 17th Roseburg

Homicide at a convenience store.

9. September 17th Lyons

The victim was crushed by a plywood press.

10. September 24th Vernonia

The victim indicated he was injured and needed help. He was operating a chainsaw. Co-worker ran up to the truck and called 911. The victim's son was administering first aid to the injury to stop bleeding. Columbia County EMS was on site within 30 minutes.

11. September 26th Portland

Suicide.

Round table:

A Illumagear Halo Light was brought in for everyone to look at. <http://illumagear.com/safety-products/the-halo-light>

A question was raised regarding how far away do flaggers need to be away from a working traffic light? Does the traffic light need to be turned off?

Per the Oregon Traffic Control Handbook in chapter 3.4 section 2, *DO NOT CONTROL TRAFFIC BY FLAGGING IN CONFLICT WITH NORMAL INTERSECTION TRAFFIC CONTROL.*

Please click on the link to view the full rule.

http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/TRAFFIC-ROADWAY/docs/pdf/2011_ottch.pdf

The AGC Safety and Health Council Meeting is October 16, 2015 at 9:30 am at the AGC Oregon-Columbia Chapter building.

The Construction Safety Summit meetings, for December and January, have been moved to the third Tuesday rather than the fourth Tuesday due to the Holiday and the Mid Oregon Construction Safety Summit. The meetings will be held December 16, 2014, and on January 20, 2015.

Oregon OSHA has a fall distance education app on their website. It is accessible from mobile devices as well. There are 3 scenarios that is calculates to show the fall distance with fall protection.

http://www.orosha.org/interactive/fall_safety/index.html

Ellis Brasch would like any suggestions for articles in the Construction Depot newsletter. You can email him at ellis.k.brasch@state.or.us

A question arose about can an employer make an employee seek medical attention? The answer is no. The employee has the right to refuse medical attention. However, you can call 911 and the medics will come and there are some circumstances where the patient will need to go because they are a danger to themselves or others. The employer also has the right to request a medical clearance from a physician for the employee to come back to work, if it is necessary. If the injury is minor and both parties are comfortable with work resuming after the situation is under control they may resume work.

Some companies are leaving things hanging from the cranes while not on duty, i.e.; boats, trucks, tools, materials, and this is not ok. It poses a safety risk to others.

There is an end of the year celebration scheduled after the Safety Summit at 4:00 pm at Blitz, off of HWY 99.

Next Meeting: November 4, 2014 at 9:00am, AGC Office, Wilsonville