

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday November 4, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Alta Dixon	Cindy Regier	Mary Lou Wilson
Amme Standring	Clark Vermillion	Melissa Diede
Andy Collins	Dede Montgomery	Michael Wood
Barry Moreland	Gary Beck	Nathan Taylor
Bret Taylor	Jeff Wilson	Peggy Munsell
Brian Silbernagel	Kevin Jensen	Roger Dale-Moore
Bruce Roller	Kevin Wheatcroft	Scott Peabody
Bryan Davis	Mark Tobiasson	Tony Howard

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

Minutes of the October meeting were approved by the group.

Lessons Learned:

A New Jersey man was [killed by a one-pound tape measure](#) that a construction worker dropped from the top of a building, 400 feet above him. The tape measure ricocheted off a piece of metal, then struck the guy in the head as he was getting out of his vehicle. It knocked him unconscious and he died later at a hospital. He was not wearing a hardhat.

A company lost a 6 foot step ladder out of a window when the wind picked up. There were guards on the window, but the wind was extremely strong. No one was injured. Be aware of the conditions and plan accordingly the best you can.

A tube of caulking blew off the roof and it landed point first into some foam below next to a person.

An employee was hammering rebar into concrete and there were clear marks for utilities on the ground. When the employee pulled up the rebar it had pierced a gas line and the pressure blew material up from the hole. The employee was wearing safety glasses and was not injured. It is important to wear personal protective equipment, and to be aware of markings and your surroundings.

Rules:

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

There was a stakeholder record keeping hearing on October 24, 2014. Discussion topics included what is work related, hospitalization stays, amputations, heart attacks and other natural causes. There is a definition issue with amputation.

Hearings for [Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution rules](#) will be held November 15 in Wilsonville, December 3 in Medford, and December 8, in Bend.

Oregon OSHA has had talks with Federal OSHA regarding the Fall Protection Standard. Fed OSHA wants to change the 10 foot trigger height to a 6 foot trigger height, and remove the use of slide guards. OR-OSHA is continuing conversations with Fed OSHA defending our rule. They will notify us sometime in the future if we need to change our standard to meet theirs. Fed OSHA is looking at Oregon, Washington, Kentucky, and Arizona's standards on fall protection.

Iron Workers Masonry Rule Making Request. There will be a fuller discussion on this issue at the January meeting. A sub group was put together to discuss further information and ideas. The group is made up of Jeff Wilson, Tony Howard, Kevin Jensen, Andy Collins, and Roger Dale-Moore.

Continuing Business:

None.

Monthly Overnight Hospitalizations and Fatalities Report:

Accidents

1. Oct.1st Ashland
The Victim was struck in the jaw by a piece of wood that was kicked back out of a table saw. The saw was a saw stop brand. The guard was not used. Not anti-kickback device and no splitter in place. Cutting maple. Victim's Jaw was broken. And will result in a facial scar.
2. Oct 3rd, Portland
An employee was working from a Baker Scaffold at about 5 feet from the ground when the scaffolding moved and the employee fell. He landed on his arms, breaking both.
3. Oct 7th Albany
The employee was using a Skillsaw to cut a piece of wood. He was holding the piece of wood in his left hand and the saw in his right hand when he lost control of the saw. He cut his left palm and nearly amputated his middle finger.
4. Oct 8th Noti
A chunk of wood rolled down the hill and struck the employee in the back resulting in a broken shoulder blade and a cut on the eyebrow.

5. Oct 8th Clackamas
The employee was operating a Gradall Forklift. He got off the lift and walked between it and the vehicle being loaded. The forklift began to move and pinched the employee between the forklift and the vehicle resulting in a hematoma to the chest.
6. Oct 8th Happy Valley
The employee was driving a pickup with a flat bead trailer to pick up a piece of equipment. The employee backed up the truck and got out to check for clearance when the truck began to roll backward. The employee attempted to reach the break pedal and was struck by the open driver's door, knocking him to the ground. The left front tire rolled over the employee's right leg. The incident resulted in broken ribs and a wound to the leg.
7. Oct 10th Portland
A telecommunications worker was working alone on an extension ladder that was placed on a telephone pole or strand. He fell approximately 15 feet to the ground resulting in a fractured elbow left hip and pelvis.
8. Oct 13th Detroit
An employee was struck by a carriage resulting in broken ribs and shoulder blade.
9. Oct 13th Vernonia
A log truck driver swerved to miss a vehicle coming into his lane. The truck went into a ditch resulting in neck trauma.
10. Oct 15th Tualatin
An employee was setting one end of a 13,000 lb beam when one of the two straps broke causing the beam to swing and drop hitting the support. This caused the structure to collapse. Knocked off the bridge and fell approx. 15 feet to the surface below. Multiple injuries. Nylon strap.
11. Oct 17th Dayton
The victim fell from a ladder in an orchard while picking apples resulting in a fractured leg and ankle.
12. Oct 21 Portland
The employee was on an 8 foot step ladder that was being held by another employee when he leaned backwards to avoid a hoist that was coming towards him. He fell off the ladder striking his head on a table on the way down. The employee received a laceration on the head.
13. Portland
An employee was going up a ladder with a bundle of materials. When he reached the top of the ladder and was transitioning to the roof he slipped and fell approximately 6 to 8 feet, resulting in a broken leg.
14. Oct 23rd
An employee was taking down a large tree by cutting 8 to 10 foot sections at a time. Two workers were on the ground at each side of the tree about 50 feet away. One employee was

struck by a portion of the tree that ricocheted when it fell. The wood striking him broke four bones in the right foot and fractured his hip.

15. Oct 23rd Corvallis

While the victim was guiding a concrete manhole hoisted in the air the load shifted at the pick points. This resulted in a fracture.

16. Oct 28th Pendleton

The employee was riding horse/roping a calf, missed on the first attempt, and was gathering rope. This resulted in a fracture.

Fatalities

1. October 2nd Eugene

An employee was found unresponsive at his desk. Unattended death-presumed heart attack

2. October 14th Portland area

The employee collapsed while walking to work. He was found unconscious and was pronounced dead at the hospital.

3. The victim was an owner/operator that was driving a loaded log truck down a steep, bumpy road when the truck left the road and drove into a small gully. The load of logs came forward and through the cab, killing the victim.

4. October 18th Unknown

Heart Attack.

5. October 22nd North Bend

Drowned in the Bay.

6. October 23rd Portland

The worker was standing on a railcar platform approximately 63 inches above the asphalt below installing an inner box connector to the top of a container on the railcar when he fell from the platform, resulting in his death.

7. October 23rd Cloverdale

The victim was driving and was hit head on by a car that crossed the center line, killing the victim. The other driver was driving with a suspended license due to a prior DUI.

8. October 28th Portland

A worker was pinned between two semi-trailers.

Round table:

On November 25, 2014 the Construction Safety Summit will be holding training on confined spaces at John's Incredible Pizza.

On November 19 from 4pm - 6pm SAFECO Alliance will have a meeting at the McMenamins Kennedy School. If there are any questions please see Amme.

Amme Standring has received Intel's Heroes and Legends Award. Eleven people were selected.

The [Total Worker Health Program](#) was re-funded for two more years. They are looking for people to review their curriculum on new programs, and also looking for team leaders who speak English and Spanish.

Nathan Taylor was chosen as the new committee chair person.

Next Meeting: December 2, 2014 at 9:00am, AGC Office, Wilsonville