

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday February 3, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Alta Schafer	Clark Vermillion	Mary Lou Wilson
Amme Standring	David Davidson	Melissa Diede
Andy Collins	Dede Montgomery	Nathan Taylor
Barry Moreland	Demetra Star	Peggy Munsell
Bob Hall	Doug Rodgers	Roger Dale-Moore
Bret Taylor	Eliot Lapidus	Russell Nicolai
Brian Silbernagel	Ian Chase	Scott Peabody
Bruce Roller	Jeff Wilson	Steve Spurlock
Bryan Davis	Kevin Wheatcroft	Tony Howard
Chris Ottoson	Mark Hillyard	
Cindy Regier	Mark Tobiasson	

The meeting was called to order by Nathan Taylor, chair.
Self introductions were made.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved by the group.

Lessons Learned:

A general contractor had a crew working on a site and one of the employees was up on the roof and he had too much slack in his safety line. He fell 12 feet to the first floor and bounced back up and was dangling at the second floor. The crew did not have a rescue plan in place and the other employees said that is was very chaotic before someone finally was able to get a boom lift under the employee that fell. The next day the foreman had a safety meeting with the crew about the incident and they came up with a rescue plan if it were to ever happen again. They shared their experience with the other contractors working at the site.

The lessons learned; have more training on rope management, and make sure you have a rescue plan.

It was brought up if there could be an emphasis on rescue plans. Also, companies should run drills on rescuing. i.e. have a sand bag attached to a safety line and the crews practice getting it down safely.

A company had an evacuation practice and the event went smoothly. They did find that some employees did not hear the air horn that signaled the start of the evacuation, and the employees that did hear it, let all the employees know.

Rules:

OSHA submitted a [proposal for recordkeeping and reporting](#) rule change to Federal OSHA on Friday January 30, 2015.

There are 3 hearings set up for recordkeeping and reporting.

1. February 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Portland
2. March 3, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in Bend
3. March 5, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Eugene

* More information can be found at the link above

The Confined Space rule will be effective March 1, 2015 for the Construction Industry.

Rulemaking for Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution is still ongoing. Currently, work is being done to combine 2/R and 3/V. It is anticipated that the new rule will be proposed in approximately 5 months.

Continuing Business:

None

Monthly Overnight Hospitalizations and Fatalities Report:

Accidents

1. January 4th Gold Beach
MVA. A Crummy left the road and rolled down a slope approximately 300 feet.
2. January 11th Prineville
An operator on a logging site was struck by a log. A skidder operator struck the end of a small deck of logs causing the other end of the log to strike the worker.
3. January 7th Gresham
An electrician touched an unguarded live part while terminating a control conductor in a PLC cabinet. Doing low voltage work. Apparently unaware of the presence of 480V. A wire that the worker was working on came in contact with the 480 line.
4. January 8th Eddyville
A cutter was falling a tree when it Barber-chaired and hit a snag beside him. A 15' chunk of the snag broke out of the top and struck the employee resulting in broken shoulder, vertebrae, ruptured spleen and kidney.
5. January 15th Toledo

3 workers were seriously injured in an arc flash that occurred. Two were sent to Emanuel Burn Center in Portland.

6. January 16th Brooks

The victim was standing next to a John Deere tractor and the tire filled with a calcium like substance exploded, throwing the victim approximately 11' horizontally into a Caterpillar backhoe, resulting in broken ribs.

7. January 19th above Hagg Lake

The center guy on a Thunderbird Yarder broke. The Yarder tipped over and almost struck a processor operator.

8. January 22nd Clackamas

A worker was replacing an overhead electrical lighting controller when he came into contact with a live 277V wire, causing electrical shock. The worker was able to call for help on his own after the incident. Doing hot work. Minor injuries, broken teeth.

Fatalities

1. January 1st Coos County

The victim was found after a missing person report on 1/1/2015 in the AM. Cause of Death was likely exposure to the elements, (hypothermia). Logging site. Found 4 wheeler high centered. Victim did not have his crutches/walker with him.

2. January 5th Powers

A Hook Tender on a logging site died of natural causes. (Seizure)

3. January 12th Lebanon

A worker was found on the ground. An onsite nurse began CPR. He was transported to the hospital where he passed away.

4. January 12th Portland

A worker was found unresponsive at her desk.

5. January 16th Bend

Police suspected a drug overdose. Drug paraphernalia was found near/with the deceased employee.

6. January 24th Coos Bay

The employee collapsed then got up and went to a bathroom. After approx. 10 minutes a co-worker went in to check on the employee. The employee was found bleeding from the mouth and nose. Medical help was called and the employee was transported to an area hospital. Embolism.

Round table:

1. Tony Howard (Chairperson for the Volunteer Committee for GOSH) made a request for volunteers to help out at the Governor's Conference.

2. A question was raised about shackles and rigging hardware that was made in China. Some members had experiences where the hardware failed catastrophically without any "normal" indicators such as deformation, etc. The general consensus of the group was that they did not accept hardware made in China on the jobsite. Of the concerns discussed are:

1. This hardware is stamped "China" There is no indication of the product being tested by any nationally recognized testing lab.
2. There is no company or manufacturer to associate the product with.
3. It is generally accepted that the products are often made of inferior metals and using inferior processes.

3. A question was raised related to trenching and access/egress. Some employees had gone to a training course where they were told that a ladder did not have to be in the trench at all times and could be removed from the trench when the ladder inhibited the work activity. Oregon OSHA addressed this question approximately 1 year ago in a letter. The letter states:

Oregon OSHA's Technical Section response to the question: We recognized that there may be times when space limitations in a trench would necessitate the temporary removal of a ladder to perform a task. In such cases, where a ladder cannot be located in a trench to still allow the work activity, a competent person who is capable of identifying existing and predictable trench hazards must validate the need to remove the ladder. Only when the need exist, Oregon OSHA allows a ladder (of sufficient length to extend three feet above the trench or protective system) to be temporarily removed and staged immediately adjacent to the trench for quick access by a competent safety watch person, stationed top-side, whose sole duty is to continuously monitor the trench for safety hazards, and be ready to lower the ladder into the trench upon request or at any sign for a person to evacuate.

Even though head protection is already required whenever there is a potential for falling of flying objects, I would also emphasize the need for such personal protective equipment due to the likely hurried efforts of the safety watch person to lower a ladder into the restricted space.

A discussion followed. Among other things it was discussed that the conditions addressed in the letter would occur very infrequently and that in a large majority of the cases proper planning would eliminate the need to work in an area where there was not sufficient room for immediate egress. Other options were discussed as well.

4. February is Heart Health Month. Dede Montgomery wrote a blog titled [Hearts at Work](#) addressing heart health in the work place.

5. Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences is holding a Symposium on May 28, 2015 on [Temporary and Contract Worker Safety and Health](#). Contact [Dede Montgomery](#) if you are interested in attending.

6. The Construction Safety Summit is the 4th Tuesday (February 24, 2015) the subject is Behavior Based Safety.

They will also have a quiz area at the GOSH Conference.

7. The 6th Annual AGC/NWUCA Safety & Health Forum is Friday, February 27, 2015 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Visit AGC-Oregon/events for more details and to register. If you have questions or wish to register via phone or email, please contact: Bev Eddy, 503-685-8330, beve@agc-oregon.org

8. There was a discussion if Oregon OSHA accepts online First Aid training.

Oregon OSHA does not have a protocol or required elements of what must be in a first aid program. We do not have the expertise or manpower to evaluate first aid training programs. Our position is that any first aid program that is provided by or based on a nationally recognized first aid provider, such as the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or the National Safety Council, is accepted as meeting the intent of the general industry and construction first aid rules.

9. The SafeBuild Alliance will host their quarterly meeting at the GOSH Conference on March, 9, 2015 at 4:00 pm. Please visit www.safebuildalliance.com for details and to RSVP.

10. [Bret Taylor](#) is doing a comprehensive training in excavation on February 13th in Salem, and February 19th in Portland. Please contact him if you are interested in attending.

Next Meeting: March 3, 2015 at 9:00 am, AGC Building, Wilsonville