

**Oregon OSHA**  
**Construction Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday April 7, 2015

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Alta Schafer	David Zagorodney	Michael Wood
Amme Standring	Dave McLaughlin	Nathan Taylor
Barry Moreland	Dawn Morse	Peggy Munsell
Bob Hall	Dede Montgomery	Paul Johnston Jr.
Bret Taylor	Demetra Star	Roger Dale-Moore
Bryan Davis	Doug Rodgers	Russell Nicolai
Chris Miller	Eliot Lapidus	Scott Peabody
Chris Ottoson	Ian Chase	Tony Howard
Clark Vermillion	Jeff Wilson	
David Davidson	Mark Tobiasson	

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

Minutes of the March meeting were approved by the group with a few changes.

**Lessons Learned:**

General Contractors are using drones on the job for various activities. One company was using one and the controls stopped responding and the drone crashed into a parked vehicle and smashed the back window.

-A discussion was had regarding the uses and if OR-OSHA would have any regulations on them. The drones are under the [FAA regulations](#), and not under OSHA.

**Rules:**

Recordkeeping and Reporting:

Dave McLaughlin discussed the new requirements for recordkeeping and reporting. [A memo on the changes](#) are available on OR-OSHA's website.

**Continuing Business:**

None

# Monthly Overnight Hospitalizations and Fatalities Report:

## Accidents

1. March 3<sup>rd</sup> Gladstone  
Employee fell 20 feet from a ladder while accessing an excavation. A 75 lb metal plate then struck the employee.
2. March 9<sup>th</sup> Beaverton  
Nike Building- Employees were working on a scissor lift using reciprocating saw and had the cord running across the ground and tied the cord to the scissor lift. The employees were working at approximately 11 ft. A Bobcat was working moving piles of demolition debris around the area. The bobcat accidentally caught the cord which was attached to the scissor lift and pulled it over.
3. March 9<sup>th</sup> Coquille  
An employee was standing on top of cab of delimeter tightening guylines. His wrench slipped and he lost his balance falling approximately 12 feet to the ground below. The victim sustaining broken ribs and a fractured vertebrae.
4. March 13<sup>th</sup> Portland  
The employee was replacing a piece of plywood on the building. He dropped the piece on the electrical meter, which started a fire and caused his shirt to catch fire. He got burnt on his hands and face while trying to get his shirt off. He was then taken by ambulance to Legacy Emanuel Hospital Burn Unit.
5. March 11<sup>th</sup> Albany  
When cleaning the tip of his paint sprayer, the worker activated the trigger by mistake and shot himself in the thumb.
6. March 14<sup>th</sup> Seaside  
The employee was facing a tree, when he slipped, causing the saw to fall out of the face, landing on the ground, resulting in the chain coming off the bar, which cut several fingers and a tendon on the left hand.
7. March 15<sup>th</sup> Portland  
A communications industry was bringing his bucket down (Truck Mounted Ariel lift) to get out of it. When he went to retract his bucket it did not retract all the way in. He was 4-5 feet above the ground and was going to step on the bumper to get the bucket to retract in. When he stepped on the bumper of the work truck it was wet from rain and he slipped and hit his head on the bumper. He hit his hard hat on the bumper and landed on his back on the ground. He had a loss of consciousness for a brief period of time. Once Dennis woke up he called a co-worker who was working close buy, who rushed over there and called 911. When he arrived, the injured worker was still in full harness, and safety gear, and did not move- just waited for help to arrive. Due to hitting his head and loss of consciousness he was kept overnight for monitoring at Legacy Emanuel Hospital. It was later determined there was not a concussion, but a back injury.

## Fatalities

1. March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tualatin  
The employee had clocked out and was walking through a gate past the guard shack. The employee had a pacemaker and notified the guard to call 911. CPR was administered immediately and until paramedics arrived. The employee was taken to the hospital where she died three hour later.
2. March 5<sup>th</sup> Hillsboro  
The employee had a heart condition and collapsed while on lunch. EMS was called and the employee was transferred to a hospital. The employee passed away the next day.
3. March 7<sup>th</sup> Junction City  
The employee was found unresponsive on the floor and was transferred to the hospital. He suffered a heart attack and passed away.
4. March 13<sup>th</sup> Malheur County  
The employee was a long haul truck driver and was traveling through Oregon when he suffered from a heart attack.
5. March 19<sup>th</sup> Portland  
The employee suffered from a heart attack during the morning stretch and flex. EMS was called and transported the worker to the hospital. The employee apparently died from a massive heart attack.

## SDS:

A discussion was had regarding the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and the deadline. [The June 1, 2015 deadline](#) is for the manufacturers to have them available to the buyers. As you receive new shipments of products after that date, you should receive the updated SDS's. If you do not receive them you can call them, or look online for them. If the company does not have them available yet keep record of your actions to show your due-diligence.

Nathan suggested when you are doing a search online to use the following format to help narrow down the selections. "*CAS#*" SDS "2015" file type: pdf  
He will keep looking for the updates and will share with the group as they become available. If anyone obtains new SDS's you can also share with the group.

Some companies have kept the name MSDS but have updated to the new SDS format, so also look at the structure and pictograms.

The new [HazCom/ GHS training](#) does incorporate the old MSDS and the new SDS information.

If anyone has any questions you may contact Dave McLaughlin at 503-947-7457 or [dave.mclaughlin@oregon.gov](mailto:dave.mclaughlin@oregon.gov)

## Fall Protection/Harnesses:

The equipment used should be inspected by a competent person annually.

There was a discussion regarding what methods companies are using to track the inspections and manufactures recommendations on when to inspect, and when to remove from inventory.

One company is using a document to track what has been inspected and when. It is easily accessible and easy to use.

Another company is using brightly colored zip ties to show what equipment was inspected. They rotate the colors every year.

A company is using an electronic tracking system that can be scanned with their I-Phones. The company orders the equipment with the tracker in place and into their inventory online.

## Round table:

1. Dawn thought the GOSH Conference was really good.
2. The group thanked Tony for letting them volunteer at GOSH.
3. Bret asked what the Unions role is in competent person training. There is a company that thinks that the Union is responsible for the training.  
*-The employer is responsible for determining that the employee using the equipment on the job is competent and trained to operate the equipment, not the Union.*

He also inquired about the [OR-OSHA standard on the soil classification](#) with the presence of water in an excavation site. Does the water make it an automatic class c soil classification?

It was agreed that this subject will be an agenda item at the June meeting.

4. [The SafeBuild Alliance breakfast meeting](#) will be at the World Forestry Center in Portland. It is Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 from 7am -9am.

Also, Mike Riffe will be presenting his “In Memory Of” training with accident case studies on **Wednesday, May 13, 2015** to coincide with Safety Break for Oregon in Durham.

5. The Construction safety summit is April 28, 2015 at John’s Incredible Pizza from 11am - 1pm. Art Bush and Brian Clark will be speaking about Project Preplanning.
6. There is an online class the *NFPA 70E - The How-to Comply with OSHA Electrical Standards*. To preview or enroll in the course, visit the [NIETC website](#) or contact the registrar at 503-262-9991.

**Next Meeting:** May 5, 2015 at 9:00 am, AGC Building, Wilsonville