

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday May 5, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Alta Schafer	Eliot Lapidus	Michelle Potter
Barry Moreland	Jeff Wilson	Nathan Taylor
Bob Hall	Kevin Wheatcroft	Pat Brunson
David Davidson	Lisa Holland	Peggy Munsell
David Zagorodney	Mark Hillyard	Roger Dale-Moore
Dennis Bonin	Mark Tobiasson	Scott Peabody
Dominique Hofmann	Mary Lou Wilson	Tony Howard
Doug Rodgers	Melissa Diede	

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

Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Lessons Learned:

An employee was working on a Saturday, and he was rushing and getting angry that the sit panel was not going in. He hit it really hard losing his balance and fell. He was wearing his fall protection and the PPE worked. They had a rescue plan in place and the crew was able to get a ladder under him. He climbed up the ladder and unhooked himself and was able to climb down the ladder. He did not sustain any injuries.

An employee had called to report he hurt his foot. He was cleaning up the job site, and the vacuum had gotten stuck on the cord. The employee got angry and kicked the vacuum over the cord.

A discussion was had regarding employees losing their tempers and injuring themselves in the process while on the job.

There have been several instances with employees injuring themselves off the job playing extreme sports. They come back to work wanting to work but the employees and employers don't want them to get hurt more. There is a balancing act of light duties and normal duties to keep them working without further injury.

Rules:

Federal OSHA released their Confined Space rule. Oregon OSHA is in the process of comparing the State rule with the Federal rule for any changes that may need to be made.

Continuing Business:

None

Monthly Overnight Hospitalizations and Fatalities Report:

Accidents

1. April 20th Drain
Employee was setting chokers. He set on one side and jumped over log to set bell/choker. The log rolled up onto victim and pinned him resulting in multiple fractures and punctured lung.
2. April 28th Portland
Employees were doing some sewer repairs. An employee had rigged a trench box to be lifted from a flatbed truck to be set in the trench. When coming off the truck the employee fell, landing on his feet. He stumbled and fell into the 12' trench resulting in fractured ribs, injury to his spleen, as well as other injuries.
3. April 15th Portland
When flipping a piece of angle, the bar hit the side of his head.
Broken Jaw and fractured sinus cavity

Fatalities

1. April 7th 2015 Grants pass
The owner was at agility site pre-season pack test when collapsed of a heart attack.
2. April 13th Sweet Home
The employee was found slumped over his desk. He had apparently died of natural causes.
3. April 17th Coos Bay
An employee was found unresponsive. He passed away from a massive heart attack.
4. April 20th Coos Bay
Employee/ Sherriff was on Timber Patrol. ATV accident.

Fall Protection in Excavation:

We are moving this topic to the July meeting when Michael Wood will be available to attend.

The question around this topic is 'How would you be cited for fall protection in excavation?'

Safety Campaign:

Michelle Potter and Dominique Hofmann have come up with a [Building a Safer Portland Safety PSA Campaign](#). It is designed to educate the community. Tri-Met has agreed to donate space for the advertising. It takes approximately 4 weeks to create the ads from the art work to the installation on Tri-Met. They are looking at an August 1st deadline for commitment from companies that would like to purchase the ads, and the first ads will appear on Tri-Met in September. The advertising company is giving a 50% off discount for PA campaigns. Contact [Dominique](#) or [Michelle](#) for more information.

Round table:

On May 29, 2015 there will be an Excavation Competent Person Training by Cascade Shoring. The site is TBD.

There should be a proper training for spotters, and when to have a spotter and when not to. When you are on the job site, you need to be engaged with your surroundings at all times. If you see something, say something. If you see that an accident or injury could happen, speak up so you can help prevent anything from happening. Oregon OSHA is working on a plan to meet the Federal 6foot fall standard. OSHA will keep everyone updated.

Next Meeting: June 2, 2015 at 9:00 am, AGC Building, Wilsonville