

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday August 4, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Alta Schafer	Jeff Wilson	Mike Riffe
Chris Ottoson	Kevin Wheatcroft	Nathan Taylor
David Davidson	Lisa Holland	Pat Brunson
David Zagorodney	Marilyn Schuster	Robert Miller
Dede Montgomery	Mark Hillyard	Roger Dale-Moore
Doug Rogers	Mark Tobiasson	Scott Peabody
Gary Beck	Michael Wood	
Glenn Curry	Mike LaVella	

The meeting was called to order by Nathan Taylor, Chair

Self introductions were made.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Lessons Learned:

No lessons or safety suggestions were shared.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution Standard for General Industry and Construction - Hearings will be held August 27, 2015, September 3, 2015, and September 8, 2015. Please see the [Oregon OSHA web link](#) for more information.

Fire Fighting - Public hearings were held and the comments are being reviewed. One of the main concerns is related to increased training requirements which could result in fewer volunteers for rural fire departments who are already struggling to get volunteers.

Fall Protection - The Fall Protection Stakeholder Group will be having their first meeting today, August 4, 2015, directly after this meeting.

Employer Knowledge Work Group - The group met on July 22, 2015. Meetings are scheduled for the 4th Wednesday thru November from 1:00 - 4:30) At the new location for Oregon OSHA's Portland field office; behind the Bridgeport Mall

Durham Plaza
16760 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd, STE 200
Tigard, OR 97224

The remaining dates are:

August 26, 2015
September 23, 2015
October 28, 2015
November 25, 2015

C.A.C. Meeting locations- The group discussed the option of moving the meetings to OSHA's new Portland office. It is a bigger area so everyone can sit in the square, and there is plenty of free parking. Everyone agreed on trying the new location starting January 2016.

Monthly Overnight Hospitalizations and Fatalities Report:

Accidents

1. July 10th Medford

A worker was operating an angle grinder when his hair got caught up in the wheel, pulling the workers head into the grinder resulting in sever cuts.

2. July 15th Portland

A worker was painting from a ladder. As he descended he thought he was on a lower rung that he was. He fell resulting in a broken hip.

3. July 20th Wilsonville

A worker fell through an unguarded stair case in a new building being built. The fall resulted in a broken arm.

4. July 21st Portland

A Worker fell from a tower. He was suspended from a cage that failed. He may have been caught by his fall protection gear.

5. July 27th Springfield

An employee had cut a section of diamond plate off the top of plywood dryer. When the employee went to get off the top of the dryer he unhooked his lanyard and stepped onto the steel section he had just cut. He lost his balance and fell a total of approximately 12 feet resulting in a broken femur.

6. July 28th Salem

According to the crew foreman (accident was not witnessed) the injured employee was working from a Baker scaffold, cutting in the ceiling paint. He stepped from the scaffold plank to a counter top and the scaffold rolled. The injured employee

stepped back onto the scaffold blank, lost his balance and fell into the post of the scaffold.

Fatalities

1. July 9th Madras
A truck driver was found slumped over in his truck by the loader. The 59 year old driver had died from a heart Attack.
2. July 16th Portland
A 54 year old truck driver died of a massive heart attack when he was receiving a load to haul.
3. July 24th Tiller
A logger collapsed on a logging site. The 56 year old died of a heart attack.
4. July 24th Tualatin
A 37 year old working in the shipping department was found lying on the floor. The worker passed away from a heart attack.

Fall Protection in the Excavation Industry-

It was asked if fall protection for the excavation industry be different in the new rule, and if so, would it be cited as General Industry or Construction? Michael advised that currently it is not included in the new fall standard rule. Historically fall protection in excavation is not a comprehensive standard. If OR-OSHA were to address it in a rule, we would put a workgroup together for input.

Marilyn added that there are changes to the fall protection rule in the proposed Power Transmission provision..

Round table:

Mark shared that a guy had a heart attack at home on a Friday night. He had a lot of discomfort between his shoulders on Friday, and on Sunday night he felt bloated and had extreme discomfort. His wife took him to the hospital and the doctors told him he had a couple of heart attacks.

Doug and Robert added that when people are having a stroke, it shuts down the part of the brain that makes rational decisions and you need to call 911 or seek medical attention, don't just brush it off because you think you might inconvenience someone.

Dede gave an update on the tool box talks. They now have 16 available, and they are being translated to Spanish.

Oregon FACE - (especially for construction, logging and transportation):

<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/centers-institutes/oregon-institute-occupational-health-sciences/outreach/or-face/publications/toolbox-talk-guides.cfm>

Health Impacts Safety - all industries

<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/centers-institutes/oregon-institute-occupational-health-sciences/outreach/impact.cfm>

There are also other useful resources listed here:

<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/centers-institutes/oregon-institute-occupational-health-sciences/outreach/index.cfm>

Oregon OSHA has revised the Pesticide publication, and created an app in English and Spanish. They release about 20,000 publications a year. Having it available for mobile devices they can reach a lot more people. They released a heat stress information piece in Spanish on Facebook and it showed it was viewed by a lot of people.

Kevin shared that the AGC Safety and Health Council meeting is in August, and the guest speaker is Jeff Van Winkle.

Scott asked about getting more information and clarification of expectations for safety committees. It will be added to the next agenda.

Marilyn asked for examples of what other companies are doing for safety committee's that is working really well.

Next Meeting: September 1, 2015 at 9:00 am, AGC Building, Wilsonville