

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 1, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Alta Schafer	Doug Rodgers	Mike Riffe
Barry Moreland	Eliot Lapidus	Milton Stamp
Becky Yang	Eric Fullan	Nikolas Wenzel
Bret Taylor	Gary Beck	Nathan Taylor
Bruce Roller	Glenn Curry	Paul Magrone
Chris Miller	Ian Chase	Peggy Munsell
Chris Ottoson	Jake Welch	Quinn Steelman
Clark Vermillion	Jeff Wilson	Robert Miller
Cody Adams	John Pierce	Roger Dale-Moore
David Davidson	Joe Bowers	Russell Nicolai
Demetra Star	Mark Tobiasson	Scott Ray
Dick Classen	Michael Wood	Tom Bozicevic

The meeting was called to order by Nathan Taylor, Chair

Self-introductions were made.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Lessons Learned:

There was a tower crane picking up a 900 lb load with a valve that had tacky lube on the joints and a cardboard gasket that broke off and the load rolled over a workers foot breaking his toes. They are looking into if it was a manufactures issue, or other issue. The lesson learned is, make sure your rigging is absolutely clear and look at your surroundings and conditions.

An employee was working on a ladder around a broken sprinkler system. The employee was not trained on the ladders or the live system around him. It is unknown if the employee fell off the ladder, or dove off the ladder, but the when he fell he broke both of his ankles.

Workers were on a remote site working for a general contractor. They were working in a loader bucket as a platform. The crew was not set up for success.

Employees can call the safety person at any time to discuss safe solutions to any issue. That is what the safety person is there for.

Some employers are starting to see dings, nicks, and bruises on their employees recently. It could be brought on by fatigue from the heat or from working long hours. Remind your employees to take breaks in a shaded area and drink plenty of water.

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 -

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:

~~September 23, 2015~~ *cancelled*

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. August 4th Pacific City

Victim was using a battery operated circular saw to install windows, when it slipped and amputated his left index finger.

2. August 5th Salem

Injured worker was loading a 15" dia. x 13' thick wall plastic pipe (very heavy) into a vehicle mounted rack. The workers right thumb got caught between the pipe and the rack frame, lacerating the skin and likely fracturing the bone (between thumb joints). The worker was transported to the local hospital and admitted for medical treatment.

3. August 25th Pendleton

A portable ladder slipped out from under an employee. He fell 8 to 9 feet resulting in a compression fracture of L-5

Fatalities

1. August 1st Roseburg

A garbage truck went off the roadway and landed on the bank of the North Umpqua River.

2. August 11th Medford

A 52 year old male died of a heart attack.

3. August 28th Eugene

A 64 year old male died of a heart attack.

Safety Committees:

There is confusion around the rule because in construction, there could be 20 locations. Do they all have to be inspected? The answer is, as often as the safety committee determines is necessary. There is a section in the rule that addresses [mobile work sites, please page 112.](#)

You can have safety meetings in place of a committee, but you still need to inspect as often as it is needed.

OR-OSHA cites the lack of a safety committee the most. For construction, you need to have the minutes for the last 3 years of each meeting. If a company is just starting a safety committee or meetings, OR-OSHA will normally only go back six months and not cite if the employer takes a proactive approach to fix things to be in compliance.

Some companies have tool box talks at each site once a week to get information to the employees. Some have one person from each group come to a meeting each month and they do walk a through, and they review the minutes from the safety meetings of each group as well.

Round table:

The Construction Safety Summit is September 22, 2015 at John's Incredible Pizza. The topic is Federal Motor Carrier and the presenter is Rory Martindale of DeWitt Construction

Roger shared an app with the group about a heat index from OSHA. It is hot out there and make sure you have a cooling station at your locations for the employees so rest in the shade, and drink water. And don't let people work alone in the heat.

A friend had called someone for advice about their son. The son has been working for a contactor and he came home one night and said there was a 9 foot trench that has been open for weeks without any shoring. How do they tell the employer that they need to be in

compliance, who do they call? They don't want to let the employer know it was them who called someone about it.

OSHA can send a letter to the employer, or make a phone call or fax the information to the employer. They can also send an inspector out to the location.

You can also call either Workers Comp or OSHA Consultation.

It can be done anonymously.

The SafeBuild Alliance next month is coaching and mentoring.

The AGC award season is coming up. If you would like more information please contact [Eliot Lapidus](#).

Next Meeting: October 6, 2015 at 9:00 am, AGC Building, Wilsonville