

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Bret Taylor	Doug Rodgers	Mary Lou Wilson
Chris Miller	Eliot Lapidus	Mike Riffe
Chris Ottoson	Emily Nye	Pat Brunson
Clark Vermillion	Gary Beck	Peggy Munsell
David Davidson	Jeff Wilson	Robert Miller
David Douglas	Kevin Wheatcroft	Scott Ray
David Zagorodney	Lisa Holland	Stephanie Ficek
DeDe Montgomery	Mark Tobiasson	Tom Bozicevic
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Mark Tobiasson called the meeting to order.

The group introduced themselves.

The group approved the minutes of the September meeting. There was a question about how the safety committee rules would be enforced when an employer has elected to have a safety committee **and** a safety meeting.

Lessons Learned:

An employer had an employee complaining about back pain after pressure washing all day, which turned out to be heart complications and he received quadruple bypass surgery. Don't hesitate to call 911. You do not get charged for calling 911. It is better to let the professionals assess the situation.

An employer was lifting a chiller when the way it was rigged allowed it to flip. Even though the operator was cautious, the crane movements caused the center of gravity to move resulting in the chiller tipping over, destroying it. It should have been rigged in a way that would have prevented the event. More and more employers are requiring rigging crews to be certified.

An employer had an electrician cutting through uni-strut with a band saw and the saw cut into an MC cable, causing a short. Upon inspection, the electrician realized that the blade on the portable band saw was oscillating past the guard allowing it to contact the cable. Some manufacturers have recognized the hazard and have an accessory to address it.

An employer suggested putting together a database with situations that happen and suggestions for fixes. They are sharing this information with Safe Build Alliance and will eventually make it available to others. It will be a way to share "lessons learned" with more

people. There is also a website at NUCA.com that shares safety plans – it is password protected. You can send documents to Hank at hlang.email@gmail.com and he will add it to the site. CROETWEB.com is another site that hosts safety and health plans.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

Employer Knowledge Work Group -

Oregon OSHA cancelled the Oct. 28 and Nov. 25 meetings. They will be rescheduled – date and time TBD.

Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution Standard for General Industry and Construction – Ready to file the rule that will take effect on Jan. 1, 2016.

Fall Protection – There's a Fall Protection Stakeholder Group meeting today which is likely the final meeting. We anticipate filing that rule toward the end of January that will have delayed effective dates.

Fire Fighting – We are moving forward with rulemaking – filing and effective July 2015.

Monthly Fatalities and Overnight Hospitalizations Report:

Accidents

1. September 10th Portland

Employee was driving dump truck down a hill when witnesses saw he was unable to stop. The truck rolled over with driver inside. Resulted in fractured facial bones and shoulder, concussion.

2. September 12th Milwaukie

A handyman fell to a lower level. He fell an unknown distance and landed in a stream below. He was pronounced dead at the hospital. Fall from roof approximately 10 feet

3. September 15th Portland

Project Manager was doing a site inspection under the floor. He was working on a platform that was about 4 feet off the ground. He was backing up and fell off the platform to concrete floor. Resulted in 3 fractured ribs, fractured vertebrae and a partially collapsed lung.

4. September 17th Bend

Employee was spraying a de-mold chemical in a crawl space with a pressurized sprayer. The employee was wearing a suit, the chemical (MDF-500) was pooled on the ground in the crawl space. The employee worked spraying the chemical from 8:00am to 3:30pm. He came back to the office and said that his skin was burning. The HR manager pulled the SDS and said that he needed to wash off the chemical with water. The HR manager sent the employee home to take a shower. The employee did but the pain was still present. He went to the ER and was admitted. He received 2nd degree burns to his back and arms.

5. September 18th Glendale

Yarder tipped onto Loader. Operator either jumped or was thrown out of machine and struck by the yarder.

6. September 18th Beaverton

Employee was riding a bike down a sidewalk on the main Nike campus, in the parking lot across from J Street near the Nolan Ryan building, when she slowed down for some pedestrians. Employee lost her balance and fell off the bike, breaking her hip. Nike has a Bike Share Program- the employee was using a bike from this program. To join the program, you must receive bike safety training and agree to not ride on the sidewalks. Employee signed this training document. Employee reported the cause to be user error; employee was riding on the sidewalk at the time of the accident.

7. September 22nd Neskowin.

Two employees were struck by a turn of logs when a whistle signal was missed. A turn of logs got hung up behind a lift tree and the crew blew a stop whistle. The crew then blew a signal for slack (4) however only (3) went through to the system. Three whistles is a Go-Ahead on the turn. While approaching the turn employees were struck. Resulting in a broken pelvis

Fatalities

1. September 8th Scappoose

The employee was struck in the back of the head by an alder tree and died of blunt force trauma.

2. September 12th Portland

A 61 year old handyman fell to a lower level. He fell an unknown distance and landed in a stream below. He was pronounced dead at the hospital. Injury is listed as traumatic head, chest, and arm injuries. There were no witnesses to the accident so it is unknown exactly what the worker was doing at the time of the accident or where the victim fell from.

3. September 14th Newberg

While working harvest in a vineyard a worker felt ill and began having difficulty breathing. Life flight was called. The worker died from a stroke.

4. September 18th Amity

A 55 year old male orchard worker was caught in an auger.

5. September 25th John Day

On a straight away a truck being driven by the victim left the road and hit a tree. The truck caught fire. It was reported that there was no evidence of any attempt to stop. The employer stated that the driver was well rested.

Selecting and Scheduling Construction Oregon OSHA Inspections:

Gary Beck shared Oregon OSHA's inspection scheduling process. Construction companies get ranked and put into a scheduling list based on accepted disabling claims, severity of the claims, and violation history. The random construction inspection list is based on building permits dodge reports and other similar sources. Oregon OSHA randomly selects worksites from this list, which is generated once a month. The majority of Oregon OSHA's construction inspections come from the emphasis programs. The main emphasis programs for construction are fall protection and trenching and excavation. He

noted that safety and health inspections are done separately. Below are the links to the two program directives that Gary reviewed.

<http://www.orosha.org/pdf/pds/pd-244.pdf>

<http://www.orosha.org/pdf/pds/pd-248.pdf>

Round table:

The group asked if Oregon OSHA could put together a fact sheet or instruction on how to be compliant with confined space in residential construction? Peggy said that Oregon OSHA will look into it.

DeDe Montgomery passed around [a list of Health Impact Safety Guides](#) that OHWC and Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences put together.

Peggy Munsell mentioned that Oregon OSHA can put together some clarifying language for safety committees and safety meetings for our next meeting. Peggy also mentioned that Oregon OSHA has a new safety and health poster – It's the Law. A link to the poster is below. <http://www.orosha.org/pdf/pubs/1507.pdf>

October 15 at 9:30 – AGC Safety and Health meeting topic is on how to stay safe in excavation and trenching

NWUCA, AGC and NW College of Construction are holding classes in February and they are looking for topics that would be the most beneficial. The classes are four hours with small discussion groups.

Construction Safety Summit is on September 27th. Karen Blithe will present on construction industry crime prevention. The event is held at Incredible John's Pizza in Tigard.

<http://www.constructionsafetysummit.com/upcoming-events.html>

Meeting adjourned: 10:40 a.m.

Next Meeting: The group agreed to cancel the November meeting because Oregon OSHA cannot attend. The next meeting will be at AGC in Wilsonville, December 1 at 9 a.m.