

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Adrian Albrich	Doug Rodgers	Melissa Diede
Alta Schafer	Eliot Lapidus	Michael Wood
Bob Trotter	Gary Beck	Mike Riffe
Bret Taylor	Glenn Curry	Pat Brunson
Brian Silbernagel	Jeff Wilson	Paul Magrone
Bruce Roller	Jeremiah Murphy	Peggy Munsell
David Davidson	Marilyn Schuster	Robert Miller
David Douglas	Mark Hillyard	Roger Dale-Moore
Dede Montgomery	Mark Tobiasson	
Demetra Star	Mary Lou Wilson	

The meeting was called to order by Mark Tobiasson. Nathan Taylor was absent.

Self-introductions were made.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Lessons Learned:

One company had an OSHA inspection. The super on the jobsite called the safety manager and he asked if it was possible for the compliance officer to return the next morning since he was not able to be there. The compliance officer agreed to return at 10:00 the next morning. The safety manager talked to the group about the details that happened and had a concern about the compliance officer not allowing him to see the evidence that they collected. Michael and Gary asked some clarifying questions and said they would look into the case and the compliance officer will receive more training if it is necessary.

The lesson from this experience is that we all need to work together because we all have the same goal; employee safety.

[Seattle trench fatality](#): A worker got caught in a cave in while replacing a side sewer line. Oregon's last fatality was in 2007. OR-OSHA has done a great job in preventing them from happening with their presence. There could be better compliance from all companies working in the industry to keep workers safe.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

Fall Protection - The Fall Protection rule has been proposed, and OSHA held their [public hearings January 7 -20, 2016](#). Portland had the largest attendance. OR-OSHA will be reviewing all comments that were received and will be moving forward with the rule making process.

Some possible rulemaking for the next year-

PELs - there are about 5 that OR-OSHA is looking into

Temp Agencies

Penalties- depending on what Fed OSHA does

Silica & Beryllium

Employer Knowledge

Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:

Accidents

1. January 4th Bend
Employee fell – no details available at this time.
2. January 4th PDX
Employee was going to access the roof when he slipped and fell, breaking his ankle. Employee was planning to address an issue with the HVAC system. Ice was a contributing factor.
3. January 12th Beaverton
EE was in the shop cutting 2" x 6' wood with chop saw when his hand got too close. His left middle and ring finger tips were amputated.
4. January 20th Hillsboro
3 workers were working in close proximity to each other on a mason scaffold when the guardrail weld broke and one employee fell approximately 12 feet to ground level.
5. January 28th Bend
EE climbing ladder, the ladder slipped and the EE fell off it and broke his left leg above his ankle.
6. January 26th Salem
Employee using a router when his hand came in contact with the bit.

Fatalities

1. January 2nd Portland
A bus driver broke his right foot stepping onto a bus. The worker passed away from a heart attack 12 days later related to a dislodged blood clot, which was potentially due to the foot injury.
2. January 19th Antelope
The employee was on a delivery route. The 73 year old was found outside of his vehicle by a citizen who called 911. The employee died of an apparent heart attack.
3. January 20th Eugene
The victim was driving a Bobcat on a set of ramps attached to a trailer when the ramps became dislodged. The forks stuck into the ground suspending the Bobcat. The operator managed to get out and was observed by bystanders working beside the machine attempting to “unstick” the Bobcat. Although no one observed the worker being crushed at any time, the ME determined the victim died of severe internal injuries sustained from crushing.
4. January 25th Eugene
A forklift struck a stack of 4x8x3/4” sheets of Melamine. The material fell like a deck of cards first striking the victim at the feet. When the victim was on the ground the melamine continued to fall on him and it is suspected that he was struck in the head.

Round table:

A question came up about the height requirement for the first step of a ladder on temporary ladders used in trenches.

-The requirement for a stairway or ladder when there is a break in elevation of 19 inches or more is the very first rule in Division 3 subdivision X.

§1926.1051 General Requirements.

(a) *A stairway or ladder shall be provided at all personnel points of access where there is a break in elevation of 19 inches (48 cm) or more, and no ramp, runway, sloped embankment, or personnel hoist is provided.*

February 10 & 11, 2016 is a free Highway Work zone Safety Training hosted by AGC from the Susan Harwood Training Grant. You can choose either day to go, and it is an all-day training. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. If you are interested please [register at the AGC website](#) or contact [Eliot Lapidus](#).

[OSHA 10 for Young Workers](#). Oregon Young Employee Safety (O[yes]) is looking for safety and health professionals who would like to volunteer to teach the OSHA 10 training. If you are interested please contact [Dede](#).

[7th ANNUAL AGC/NWUCA SAFETY FORUM](#): February 26, 2016 at the NW College of Construction.

Topics are:

Drug & Alcohol Testing

Safety Culture Development

Incident Investigation

Subcontractor Management

Managing Injury Claims & Return-to work

Safety Incentive Programs

Next Meeting: March 1, 2016 OR-OSHA Portland Office
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