

**Oregon OSHA**  
**Construction Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday, December 6, 2016

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Alta Schafer	Emily Crews	Melissa Diede
Barb Epstien	Jeff Wilson	Peggy Munsell
Bruce Roller	Jeremy Lawson	Renee Stapleton
Bryon Snapp	Jim Gibs	Rick McMurry
Chris Ottoson	Julie Love	Roger Dale-Moore
Clark Vermillion	Lisa Holland	Ryan Schurr
David Sanders	Lisa Pickert	Steve Spurlock
Eliot Lapidus	Mark Tobiasson	

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The meeting was called to order by Mark Tobiasson. Nathan Taylor was absent.  
Self-introductions were made.  
Minutes of the November meeting were approved.

**Lessons Learned:**

Electrical approach distance: If workers need to put up scaffolding but there are power lines close to where they need to set up, and there is no power shut off, what should they do? Utility companies will sometime wrap the lines, or just say stay away from them. The rules don't give any options.

-The group discussed issues around this.

It was added that digging around direct bury lines, you don't know how long they have been there, or if there is water in or near it. Someone was digging and punched a hole in the conduit with a metal digging bar. There was no injury.

-They make a fiberglass bar that you could use too, rather than metal ones.

**Continuing Business:**

**Status of Rule Making:**

**Fall Protection**

[The new fall protection rule](#) will be in effect with the new 6 foot trigger height on January 1, 2017.

**Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses**

This rule will go into effect May 1, 2017. There is more information on [Oregon OSHA's website](#).

**Walking Working Surfaces**

Federal OSHA released the final rule for General Industry. We have until May 2017 to adopt the rule. The rule numbers have stayed the same, just the language has changed. There will be an advisory group that will meet in January and then hearings will be scheduled.

Contact Bryon Snapp with any questions. [Bryon.M.Snapp@oregon.gov](mailto:Bryon.M.Snapp@oregon.gov) or 503-945-7448.

## **Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:**

### **Accidents**

1. Nov 4<sup>th</sup> (Portland)  
Employee fell from about 8 feet off a ladder and was taken to the emergency room. Employee suffered broken ribs and a lacerated spleen.
2. Nov 8<sup>th</sup> (Beaverton)  
Employee fell off a flatbed trailer and sustained multiple broken ribs while making a delivery at a mobile jobsite.
3. Nov 10<sup>th</sup> (Portland)  
The employee was decking on the 9th floor of the building, and fell approximately 10 feet to floor below. Employee suffered broken collarbone, likely broken ribs, fractured skull, and possible bleed in brain. Was hospitalized at OHSU.
4. Nov 10<sup>th</sup> (Arlington)  
Employee was welding while standing on top of a ladder and fell off, hit his head on top rail of the container he was standing on.
5. Nov 15<sup>th</sup> (Seaside)  
Employee was working on the roof and employee knocked ladder away and when he jumped down he hit the ladder and fractured his tibia.
6. Nov 16<sup>th</sup> (East of Tillamook )  
A timber faller was struck by a snag while engaged in logging work activity.
7. Nov 18<sup>th</sup> (Lake Oswego)  
Employee was using a skill saw to cut a piece of wood. The employee cut off the tip of his left index finger. Employee was currently building a form for concrete.
8. Nov 28<sup>th</sup> (Portland)  
Employee was dumping trash from a buggy on wheels. Right middle finger tip was pinched when the buggy was tipped.

### **Fatalities**

1. December 3<sup>rd</sup> (Seaside)  
Two retail employees were traveling on Hwy 26 when their vehicle crossed the centerline and struck a pickup. Both victims were pronounced dead at the scene. The women were age 21 and 23.

2. December 2<sup>nd</sup> (Silverton)  
An employee was working a skid loader in the yard of a new construction project. He walked across the street to his vehicle and was walking back to the job site when he was struck by a vehicle and killed. He was a 45 year old male.
3. November 29<sup>th</sup> (Beaverton)  
A 65 year old male working for a courier service died of a heart attack.
4. November 23<sup>rd</sup> (Portland Airport)  
A 56 year old male suffered from a seizure. EMS responded and administered CPR but the victim passed away.

## **Round table:**

There is a step ladder that has been designed to be leaned against a wall. It is called a [Louisville 2-in-1](#).

The Construction Safety Summit Meeting is Tuesday, December 20, 2016. It is the year end celebration and will be held at the Lucky Lab Brew Pub at 915 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Portland, OR from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

Peggy Munsell is retiring December 31, 2016. She really appreciates everyone's willingness to share and discuss the issues at these meetings.

Oregon OSHA is hosting a training on Foundation Support/Earth Retention systems. There is no charge as Oregon OSHA is footing the bill. Craig is asking for RSVPs simply to maintain a count. You may want to preface it as first come, first served. I'm still hoping we'll have enough room for all but if it does exceed my expectations, I'll look at who inquired first. If it really balloons, I would then limit it to one or two from the same company. Wednesday, January 11, 2017. Please contact him at [Craig.Hamelund@oregon.gov](mailto:Craig.Hamelund@oregon.gov)

The time has come to elect a new chairperson for the committee.

### **Next Meeting:**

January 3, 2017  
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