

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, January 3, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Aaron Corvin	Dawn Morse	Mary Lou Wilson
Alta Schafer	Dede Montgomery	Melissa Diede
Bret Taylor	Denyse Fields	Paul Magrone
Brian Silbernagel	Eliot Lapidus	Renee Stapleton
Bruce Roller	Emily Crews	Robert Miller
Candice Teague	Eric Fullan	Russell Nicolai
Chris Ottoson	George Goodman	Ryan Schurr
Clark Vermillion	Jeff Wilson	Tony Howard
Dan Cain	Lisa Holland	Trena VanDeHey
David Davidson	Mark Tobiasson	

The meeting was called to order by Mark Tobiasson
Self-introductions were made.
Minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Lessons Learned:

There seems to be a trend on an increase in injuries around this time of year. This would be a great opportunity at your safety meetings to address this issue. There is not enough pre-planning for jobs. We know the rain, ice, and snow is coming so we should be prepared for these when planning a job and what you will need for your employees to work safely.

An employee ran his truck off the road. There was an incident review done and they found a few contributing factors; It was dark out, it was raining, the employee had never driven that specific truck before, there were items on the dash obstructing the view, and couple other things (didn't have the report in front of them so could not list others). There was not a pre-trip inspection done before driving the vehicle either. They would normally not do an investigation on a situation that seemed straight forward, but the investigation revealed several contributing factors that the company can learn from to prevent future incidents and potential injuries.

OR-OSHA is updating the Fall Protection publication. Jeff will bring copies for the group once they are available.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

Walking Working Surfaces:

The Feds came out with a walking working surface rule on November 18, 2016. An advisory group will meet in January. OR-OSHA has six months to adopt.

-It was brought up that there is a clarity issue on maintenance work vs. construction work. It was suggested that OR-OSHA address this in the rulemaking.

Fall Protection:

The [fall protection](#) rule went into effect January 1, 2017. Changing the trigger height from 10 feet to 6 feet. The use of [slide guards](#) as a sole or primary means of fall protection will be prohibited as of October 1, 2017.

Permissible Exposure Limits:

The PEL's Workgroup will meet to identify the areas that most need revisions to the PEL's and will recommend approximately a dozen PEL's for the agency to consider for revision. The Agency will select 4-6 from the list and will be working toward rulemaking for those areas.

Employer Knowledge:

The Employer Knowledge workgroup will meet on January 17, 2017 at the Portland Field Office.

It was asked if OR-OSHA has had any enforcement activity related to Confined Space in or if they have seen any issues. The data was not immediately available. Renee Stapleton will look into this and have information at the February meeting.

Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:

Accidents

1. December 2nd Tualatin

An employee fell 20 - 25 feet off of roof; rolled and landed feet first on the ground below. He was trimming plywood on the back side then went up to the ridge where he unclipped from the rope for a few seconds. He slid on the sawdust, down the valley, and through a 2 foot opening in the toe boards.

2. December 5th Sweet Home

A log went through the lower windshield of the yarder and broke the operator's legs in multiple places. The log was in the grasp of the processor when the operator inadvertently hit the preset button and consequently, the log shot through the yarder window and into the cab.

3. December 6th Corvallis

An employee was struck by a CAD boom while the CAD operator was operating the boom. The machine has a conveyor on a boom that can project materials such as bark dust, dirt, and rock up to 70 feet. The primary hydraulic hose that elevates the boom failed. The victim was located directly under the boom when it came down striking and pinning the victim. Co-workers lifted the boom and moved to free the victim. The 19 year old victim had 3 vertebrae fused.

4. December 7th Sweet Home

The victim was logging tree length logs when the accident occurred. When the turn of logs was being yarded, the turn caught a whip (a branch under tension) under the snow and it came up and hit him in the head.

5. December 9th Roseburg
A choker setters and rigging slinger were struck by a log that broke out of the turn, injuring them both. One is still in the hospital for surgery.
6. December 12th Eugene
A 20 pound piece of wood fell 4 - 5 feet and struck the employee in the face resulting in lacerations.
7. December 16th
Injured employee was assisting co-worker while dumping a trash clam box into a dumpster. The co-worker was operating a forklift when the clam box settled on some trash. The injured employee had climbed the attached dumpster ladder. The clam box slipped and rolled, hitting the edge of the dumpster and smashing his left index and middle finger tips.
8. December 14th
The employee slipped and fell on the ice, resulting in injury to the right hip.
9. December 20th Clatskanie
A faller was felling a tree when a snag hit him from the right side. He was taken to the hospital in Longview and released with a broken collarbone. He then went back into a hospital in Portland because of pain where he was diagnosed with a fractured vertebrae and shoulder.

Fatalities

1. December 14th Rhododendron
A grocery store worker (30 year old male) was outside having a cigarette break when he collapsed. The worker died of a heart attack.
2. December 26th Portland
A 70 year old male (Gate Attendant) was found dead in a bathroom. Indications point to natural causes.
3. December 29th Coquille
An 18 year old was killed in a logging accident.

Round table:

Snyder Construction is looking at how they onboard new employees. Normally it is a 2 hour training, but with the new younger workforce coming on, is that sufficient? The younger workers might not have the same knowledge or experience so they may need more hands on training.

Thanks to an Oregon OSHA training grant, O[yes] has just released our Young Employee Safety Awareness training which targets especially high school-aged people. The training is online, free and can be accessed here

<http://osha.oregon.gov/edu/grants/Pages/oc/oyes-online-training.aspx>.

O[yes] is sponsoring the 2017 GOSH Career Day on Tuesday, March 7th, during the GOSH Conference targeting people between the ages of 18-24 who are interested in a career in safety and health. Info at: <http://youngemployeesafety.org/2017-oregon-gosh-conference-student-early-career-day/>. Applications will be due in February. Contact Dede at montgomd@ohsu.edu for more info.

The annual “Speak up. Work Safe.” video contest for Oregon high school students is underway! If you know a high schooler who can create a 90 second video promoting the importance of speaking up on the job, and would like to win up to \$500, send them to our contest website at <http://youngemployeesafety.org/contest/> to learn more! The deadline is Wednesday, February 1st.

Federal OSHA has a document related to [post-accident drug testing information](#) on their web page.

The Portland Bureau of Transportation has a [Vision Zero campaign](#) for safer streets in Portland. They are partnered up with the City of Portland and others. “Portland families deserve safe streets on which to walk, bike, operate mobility devices, access transit, and drive. PBOT aims to make our transportation system the safest possible and to move toward zero traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries in the next 10 years.”

Eric Fullan suggested a [video that the City of Portland Water Bureau created on bike and truck safety.](#)

The Construction Safety Summit will meet January 24, 2017 at John’s Incredible Pizza. Michael Wood will be presenting the Oregon OSHA updates.

February 24, 2017 is the [AGC/NWUCA Safety Best Practices](#) at NW College of Construction from 8:00am -1:00pm.

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. The training is Tuesday, February 28, 2017 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Please contact him at Craig.Hamelund@oregon.gov

The [2017 meeting schedule](#) is posted on the Oregon OSHA website.

Next Meeting:

February 7, 2017

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