

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Aaron Corvin	Elliot Lapidus	Mary Lou Wilson
Alta Schafer	Eric Fullen	Melissa Diede
Bill Hasluns	Gary Beck	Nathan Taylor
Brian Silbernagel	Jeff Wilson	Pat Darby
Chris Ottoson	Jeremy Lawson	Renee Stapleton
David Davidson	Julie Love	Roy Kroker
Dawn Morse	Kevin Wheatcroft	Tom Deines
Dede Montgomery	Lisa Pickert	Tony Howard
Demetra Star	Mark Tobiasson	

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

Lessons Learned:

Safety chaps prevent injuries. One member was trimming trees and his arms got tired so he switched hands and as he rested the chain saw on leg (which would normally have the guard on the correct side) the chain hit his leg and got bound up in the material of the chaps. They saved his leg from being cut.

One member told a story, the person was weed eating sideways and he was not wearing their safety glasses. The weed eater hit something and flung a piece of it out and it ricocheted back into his eye.

Cell phones and stairs don't mix. Always be alert and use the hand rails.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

Walking Working Surfaces:

OR-OSHA held public hearings [on March 29, April 3, April 12, and April 13](#) on the rule changes. The comment period ended on April 20, 2017.

Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)-

Oregon OSHA will be tackling the challenge of the outdated permissible exposure limits (PELs), possibly 5-7 PELs. Manganese and Lead are the first two that will have an advisory group to discuss levels and actions. Meetings are being scheduled.

Electronic Filing of Accidents-

The rule is in effect now but the reporting portal is not online yet from Federal OSHA. Continue handling the recordkeeping in the same manner as previous until the portal becomes available. .

[Post-Incident Drug Testing Fact Sheet](#) is now available.

Heat Stress-

Oregon OSHA is working on a program directive/ emphasis program for Heat Stress. They expect to have it ready before this season for indoor and outdoor work. There are multiple fact sheets and information on the OSHA website:

<http://osha.oregon.gov/pubs/Pages/index.aspx>

Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:

Accidents

1. April 3rd Central Point

The victim fell approximately 12 feet off the roof of a new home under construction.

2. April 4th Newberg

Employee was in a scissor lift 25-30 Ft. above ground. A crane was in use, and hit the extended scissor lift, causing it to tip over. Employee fell with scissor lift, staying inside the basket until it hit a workstation desk and was ejected from basket. The incident resulted in a broken arm.

3. April 12th Forest Grove

Employees were spray texturing drywall. One employee was walking down the stairs and either slipped or missed the stair. The employee fell and broke both wrists.

4. April 14th Lebanon

The employee had accessed the roof without fall protection and was installing the bottom slide guard. He took a step back and stepped onto the plastic gutter which gave way. He fell 9 feet to the ground. Resulting in a bruised hip & spleen; fractured vertebrae.

5. April 14th Dallas

Employee was repairing a garbage tote. His hand slipped while cutting with a 7-inch circular skil-saw. Blade ran across the back of his right hand, causing a deep laceration through to the palm.

6. April 20th Hood River

Employee attempted to control a falling floor joist and fell to next level approximately 11 feet, resulting in a broken back.

7. April 21st Cannon Beach

Employee extended a metal extension ladder into a high voltage overhead power distribution line while installing a gutter at a residence. He received electric shock and burns to hands and feet. Transported by Life Flight to Emanuel Burn Center and hospitalized overnight.

Fatalities

1. April 12th Dundee

A 60 year old Courier Driver started to feel ill, was transported to the hospital where she passed away 9 days later.

2. April 14th Medford

A 36 year old male tripped on stairs resulting in a fractured foot. 10 days later it is presumed he suffered from a blood clot and passed away.

3. A 74 year old warehouse worker's right knee gave out. He struck his head and received neck injuries. He passed away in the hospital.

4. April 26th Brookings

A 58 year old equipment operator was found slumped over in the cab of the loader he was operating. He died at the scene of a presumed heart attack.

Round table:

Porta potties- they have found in the Portland area that people have been using needles in the porta potty and they stick the needles in the toilet paper to clean it off.

- The city of Portland has a contractor that will clean up needles if you find any around the work sites. Their phone number is 503-224-7383.

Residential Construction Manual (from Federal OSHA) there were questions around some subjects and their requirements. Jeff Wilson look into.

O Yes awards were given for the [high school video contest](#).

The Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences' Spring Symposium is on Thursday, May 11, 2017 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. You can register through their link:

<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/centers-institutes/oregon-institute-occupational-health-sciences/outreach/Positive-Safety-Health.cfm>

June 22, 2017 is the [AGC Safety and Health Council Meeting](#). Key topic: The Safety Anchor Post System®, a temporary guardrail safety device used in commercial construction, will be presented.

Safety Break in Oregon is May 10th

Next Meeting:

June 6, 2017

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