

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Aaron Corvin	Jeff Wilson	Nathan Taylor
Alta Schafer	Kevin Wheatcroft	Pat Brunson
Clark Vermillion	Lisa Pickert	Robert Miller
Clint Elliott	Mark Tobiasson	Scott Peabody
Demetra Star	Mary Lou Wilson	Tony Howard
Gary Beck	Melissa Diede	Travis Stone

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

Lessons Learned:

An employee was filling a 5 gallon jug of water for wetting a saw, and the bottom broke out breaking his finger. He had to have a pin put in his finger.

Line of fire with a screwdriver. The employee was removing a screw from the wall with a screwdriver and the screw flung out and the guy lifted his hand in reflex and scratched his cornea with his thumb nail (he was wearing safety glasses). He went to the hospital and they put a Band-Aid contact on it.

AGC shared a photo of a guy with a concrete cutting saw in his face. The group discussed the photo.

It is tick season so check yourself and pets for them.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

Public hearings were held on getting schools off the exempt list for record keeping. The open comment period ends June 30, 2017.

Walking Working Surfaces:

The new rule will be effective November 1, 2017. Oregon OSHA will have training on the new rules, if you would like to attend please contact [Bryon Snapp](#) or [Jeff Wilson](#).

Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:

Accidents

1. May 5th Pendleton

Employee stepped off an extension ladder onto the roof surface of the home being re-roofed, employee stepped on a rope used for fall protection, the rope rolled out from under his foot and he fell backwards. The employee extended his arm to catch himself and landed on a piece of new metal flashing. Employee's arm was cut at the wrist requiring surgery.

2. May 17th Eugene

The victim was taping drywall while standing on a 44-inch bench. Walked backward on the bench, fell and fractured his skull.

3. May 10th Lebanon

An employee drove a one-ton truck with a gooseneck trailer from the Eugene Oregon Rubber location to the Corvallis general manager's home south of Lebanon, where there was a backhoe that needed to be transported. The general manager was going to train the employee on how to load and unload the backhoe before taking it to Eugene to get new tires. The employee parked the truck and trailer facing downslope. The employee then loaded the backhoe onto the trailer, but the trailer lifted the truck's rear tires off the ground and rolled 50 to 60 feet to a secondary road. The truck and trailer jackknifed. Just prior to this, the employee jumped off the backhoe/trailer and broke his right leg above the ankle. 911 was called. The employee was transported to Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis by ambulance and was admitted.

4. May 10th Sutherlin

An employee jumped onto the back of a company truck without the drivers' knowledge. The employee struck his head when he fell off the truck. The employee received staples and stitches to the head.

5. May 8th PDX

The employee was sanding a wood cabinet with the sanding paper and got a splinter into his middle finger of the right hand. It got infected and was hospitalized.

6. May 15th Wilsonville

Employee was at the block yard emptying her concrete mixing truck. Her finger got pinched between the moving barrel and guard on the back of the truck. The employee's left index finger was severed.

7. May 6th PDX

Employee of Specialty Finishes department was working with flooring mastic and was using a hand held drill attaching a mixing paddle to it. The drill was energized, he hit the trigger, it caught the shirt and glove. The glove ended up cinching down on the left middle and ring finger winding up where it pulled tendon, severed first distal joint on both fingers and tendons were torn. Got the tool stopped and enacted emergency response procedures. On site EMT's responded, provided care and then called 911. An AMR ambulance and the fire department responded. We extricated him area down to

where fire department could work on him because he was on ship board. They transported him to the hospital. The victim said he was tightening the chuck on drill and accidentally turned the trigger on.

8. May 10th Salem

Employee was drilling tie backs into the foundation at a 45 degree angle when the drill bit seized/bound up and kicked back. The drilling machine struck the employee in the left thigh. The employee suffered from a broken femur bone (mid-shaft). Employee was hospitalized and received surgery.

Fatalities

1. May 3rd Salem

A 78 year old instructor was found lying on the floor. He was pronounced dead of an apparent heart attack.

2. May 9th Glenwood

A westbound Isuzu box truck was negotiating a left hand curve when it crossed the center line and struck an eastbound loaded chip truck. Male driver age 31.

3. May 16th Cascade Locks

A 47 year old female was working as a fish hatchery when she began to feel ill. EMS was called. They attempted to resuscitate her for 20 minutes without success.

4. May 16th Gold Beach

A 55 year old laborer on a construction site was moving lumber. When he bent over to pick up stickers he collapsed. EMS was called and CPR was given. The worker passed away at the hospital.

5. May 18th Elgin

Employee was believed to have driven a truck a trailer carrying logs off an embankment located on Palmer Junction road. The employee was discovered outside the cab. It is unknown what caused the accident or why the employee was discovered outside the cab. 41 year old male.

6. May 23rd Happy Valley

A driver didn't yield to workers in a construction zone killing a 49 year old male and seriously injuring others.

Round table:

There is a solar farm that is using ATV's. A compliance officer was threatening to issue citations for people operating the ATV's with no helmets. Gary Beck will look into. There is an [ATV fact sheet](#) available on the OR-OSHA website.

Power actuated tools. The unspent bullets can't be left lying around the job site. Is that an OSHA rule?

Jeff Wilson said companies should follow the ANSI standard.

- How many times has OSHA cited this? - OSHA will look into this.

Gary Beck is retiring and his last day is June 30, 2017. Chuck McFarland will be filling in until we can fill the position. Chuck is our enforcement manager out of Medford.

Next Meeting:

July 11, 2017

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