

**Oregon OSHA**  
**Construction Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday, August 1, 2017

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Aaron Colmone	David Davidson	Melissa Diede
Alta Schafer	Demitra Star	Michael Netsch
Barb Epstien	Emily Crews	Nathan Taylor
Barry Sandgren	Eric Brothers	Pamela Fisher
Baylie Lecrone	Eric Fullan	Paul Magrone
Bill Leathers	Jeff Luyet	Paulo Pinto
Bryan Davis	Jeff Wilson	Scott Peabody
Chris Miller	Jennifer Carter	Steve Spurlock
Chris Ottoson	Jeremy Lawson	Tim Nelson
Chris Zimmer	Lisa Pickert	Tom Deines
Clint Elliott	Lynn Craig	Tony Howard
Cody Adams	Mark Tobiasson	Ulises Piccini
Dan Cain	Mary Lou Wilson	

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

**Lessons Learned:**

Hydrate! It is hot out and make sure you are keeping hydrated.  
Drink water every 15 minutes whether you are thirsty or not.  
A [heat index from NOAA](#) was handed out showing temperature and humidity.  
People who have had a heat related illness before are more prone to get one again.

A question was asked to the group regarding people moving loads over other workers using tower cranes and what their thoughts are about that.  
It is not a safe practice because anything could happen.  
It is not an acceptable practice for a lot of companies.

Fall protection in residential roofing: Oregon OSHA compliance officers will stop if they see there is a potential danger. They can stop even if they don't see a violation and open an inspection under the fall emphasis program.

Jeff L. a compliance officer said that people don't like to call and complain because they feel like they are tattling. You can [file a complaint report online](#) as well as calling in, and your name can be kept confidential if you wish. You can send in pictures too if you have them. When you report just let them know and they will give you the email address to send to.

The group asked what compliance officers are finding out in the field besides falls?  
-Lead & Asbestos work are not being done by qualified people.  
-Gas lines being hit. Call before you dig, companies come out for free to check.  
-Eye protection & Ladders. They are finding a number of step ladders leaning against something while the worker is using it, or that the ladder is not being extended far enough past the roof.

The group had a discussion on the gas line issues. They are finding miss-locates, no locates, located but things happen out of their control and some locators are doing it incorrectly.

## **Continuing Business:**

### **Status of Rule Making:**

#### Walking Working Surfaces:

Oregon OSHA adopted a new general industry Walking-Working Surface rule on **May 16, 2017** with Administrative Order (AO 2-2017). This rule completely replaces Division 2, Subdivision D (2/D) with new rule language. The rule becomes effective on **November 1, 2017** with several delayed effective dates within 2/D.

Even though the rule numbers in 2/D (1910.21 - .30) remain the same, the language has changed. Most of the previous language is still in the new rule; however, the locations have completely changed.

Oregon OSHA has a Walking-Working Surface Presentation for Construction Employers on August 15, 2017 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Portland Field Office.

#### Electronic Record Keeping

Federal OSHA now has their website up for employers to electronically submit their 2016 300As.

Please remember this only applies to

1. **covered establishments** with 250 employees or more, and
2. **covered establishments** with 20-249 employees in certain NAICS

And, for this first go-around, it's just their 300As. They must submit by Dec. 1.

After this year, covered establishments with 250 employees or more must submit their 300, 300A, and 801s. The 20-249 establishments continue to submit their 300A only. And the deadlines are different.

<https://www.osha.gov/injuryreporting/index.html>

#### Beryllium

Federal OSHA just adopted a new Beryllium rule. It will be effective March 12, 2018.

#### Worker Protection Standard

The information regarding the worker protection standard is available on the Oregon OSHA website.

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

### 1. July 26<sup>th</sup> The Dalles

Employees were hooking straps around a pedestrian tunnel built out of scaffolding. The employee was working from a step ladder but could not reach one end of the strap, employee climbed on top of the structure to grasp the strap and the employee shifted his weight while standing on the structure, the structure folded (according style), employee rode the structure down but in tumbling atop it breaking his leg.

### 2. July 14<sup>th</sup> Vale

The employee was a groundskeeper mowing the lawn. Cause is being investigated. The event was not witnessed. The employee may have lifted an irrigation pipe into overhead lines and was electrocuted.

### 3. July 21<sup>st</sup> Albany

The employee was working from an extension ladder approximately eight feet in the air when the bottom of the ladder kicked out and the employee landed on the ladder, resulting in a broken ankle that required surgery.

### 4. July 25<sup>th</sup> PDX

Employee was filling hot asphalt from a bulk tank when the stinger hose ruptured, causing hot asphalt to spray the surroundings and the employee. The employee was wearing his PPE, and only received contact from specks of the asphalt. Severity of the burns are not known at this time.

### 5. July 26<sup>th</sup> PDX

The employee was in a car accident while driving a company vehicle. He was driving on Germantown Road and was hit by another car. The cause of the accident was not the employees fault.

### 6. July 12<sup>th</sup> Lake Oswego

An employee was working on a single-stage bakers scaffold doing window trimming/casing and fell about 13 feet, landing face first on a pile of plywood. An estimate of the fall distance was less than 6 feet. The employee fell onto his face and suffered broken cheek bone, broken jaw and broken ribs. The employee was transported to OHSU and admitted for treatment.

### 7. July 27<sup>th</sup> Tigard

Victim was loading thin sheet metal material onto a rack by hand when the material jammed. Employee attempted to dislodge the material when it slipped and cut the victim's arm severing an artery.

### 8. July 26<sup>th</sup> PDX

The workers were preparing for a concrete pour, and the victim was standing on an upper level. The employee had been complaining about not feeling well for the past few days. Other employees urged the victim to go and sit down, and he had just started down the ladder when he appeared to faint and slumped off the side of the ladder, falling to the next level. The victim was transported to

a hospital where he had a stint placed in his heart. The victim sustained no injuries as a result of the fall.

## **Fatalities**

### 1. July 3<sup>rd</sup> Eugene

An employee was found deceased at a delivery site. The employee was in the process of putting his Spyder forklift (used in a similar was a Moffett lift is used). on the back of the trailer after delivering a load of sod. He was found with a traumatic head injury outside the lift on the pavement. Oregon OSHA is investigating the accident but at this point there is no conclusive information related to the cause at this time. This lift type has been known to have challenges. When conducting the function the operator was doing at the time of death the RPMs are ramped up. This machine has a hydrostatic transmission. Operators in general are known to stand up to better see what they are doing while performing the function, so the seat belt would not be used as intended. In this case the upper cage had an indent that could have been caused by the operators head striking it. 54 year old male

### 2. July 12<sup>th</sup> Hillsboro

The employee was working inside a machine that operates similarly to an indexer. Another employee was outside the machine operating it manually. The employee in the machine was crushed.

### 3. July 12<sup>th</sup>, Gold Creek area of the Tillamook Forest.

Chaser was unbilling a turn of logs. The line did not stop and sucked him back up and dropped him 50 feet. 32 year old male.

### 4. July 11<sup>th</sup> Bend

And employee was working alone at a residence. The owner returned home and found the worker lying on the floor, unresponsive. EMS was called and the worker was taken to the hospital where he later passed away. 56 year old male Natural causes

### 5. July 21<sup>st</sup> Woodburn

A berry harvester was traveling on a Hwy when a semi –truck rear ended it. One employee was killed and two others were sent to the hospital. 60 year old male.

### 6. July 28<sup>th</sup> Warrenton

A Letourneau Operator in a log yard was found on the ground outside the machine. The cause of death was determined to be a heart attack. 64 year old male.

### 7. July 29<sup>th</sup> Milton-Freewater

The employee was operating a tractor towing a baler in an alfalfa field. The employee was driving the equipment to the bottom of the field to conduct repair work to the baler. While the equipment was traveling downhill it was observed travelling faster than normal operating speed by the owner and another employee. They were waiting for the equipment and observed the employee preparing to jump out of the moving equipment. The employee jumped and appears to have been struck by the moving equipment. The 36 year old employee who was starting his second week on the job died at the scene.

## **Round table:**

The Oregon Healthy Workforce Center's fall symposium will address Navigating Mental Health in the Workplace: What do we know and where do we go? It'll be a full day event on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at Portland State University Smith Memorial Union. More info and details to follow by next month's meeting.

Construction Safety Summit August 22<sup>nd</sup> at John's Incredible Pizza. Subject is Scaffold Suspended by Tavis Olson.

There were a couple of incidents with employees being assaulted by the public.

One person was sitting in his vehicle reviewing papers and he was approached by a person who knocked on the window and the employee rolled the window down and the guy spit on his face and took off. The employee rolled up the window and locked the doors.

The other incident the employee was approached by 2 men on bicycles and they drew knives on him and demanded the contents of his wallet.

-Don't have employees working alone if possible.

The AGC is having a Safety & Health Council Meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at the Wilsonville office. There will be a Clackamas County Sheriff that will be providing safety training.

Eliot Lapidus is recovering well and is now back at home.

The group thanked the OSHA compliance officers for joining the meeting.

## **Next Meeting:**

September 5, 2017

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