

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Aaron Colmone	David Davidson	Melissa Diede
Alta Schafer	Emily Crews	Michael Netsch
Barb Epstien	Eric Brothers	Nathan Taylor
Barry Sandgren	Eric Fullan	Pamela Fisher
Bryan Davis	Jeff Luyet	Paul Magrone
Chris Miller	Jeff Wilson	Scott Peabody
Chris Ottoson	Jeremy Lawson	Steve Spurlock
Clint Elliott	Lisa Pickert	Tim Nelson
Cody Adams	Mark Tobiasson	Tom Deines
Dan Cain	Mary Lou Wilson	Tony Howard

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

Lessons Learned:

Federal OSHA's Record Keeping web portal crashed and got hacked. They are working on correcting.

A Vancouver company called for locates at a site, and they did the locate up to the metered box. The company started digging and found powerlines that were running through the middle of the yard from the neighbors that were not located. It wasn't in a utility strip.

In Seattle there was an employee who fell through a ladder and shattered his ankle. He was using a ladder with a 350 pound capacity and he was 432 pounds. The supervisor didn't want to offend him by telling him not to use the ladder.
-OSHA can cite

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

Crane Operators: Deadline pushed back to November 2018. There is an issue with verbiage: Qualified vs. Certified.

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.

Beryllium

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

Employer Knowledge:

The small group will meet on September 21, 2017.

Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:

Accidents

1. August 18th Bend

One employee (supervisor in training) was cutting cabinet trim, on a table saw (without the guard), and amputated his left index finger, and part of his thumb.

2. August 17th Albany

The employee was using a jointer machine and went to adjust the fence while the machine was operating. He came into contact with the rotating blade, resulting in an amputation of three (3) fingers on his left hand.

3. August 23rd Portland

Victim was working on a flat roof repairing damage associated with dry-rot. Victim cut hole on bearing point of the roof and then leaned on the cut. The wood gave way and the victim fell approximately 26 feet. 911 was called, PFD and ambulance (unknown company) arrived on site and transported victim to Emanuel. Victim was admitted to the hospital and received surgery for his injuries.

4. August 14th Portland

The employee was cutting wood with a table saw. His left index finger got close to the saw and the saw cut off the tip of the finger. He went to Legacy Health ER, but was not kept there overnight. The tip of the finger was found by a client on 8/15/17.

5. August 6th Newport

Crew was installing water pipeline, 6 inch, when valve broke off, and hit an employee.

6. August 3rd Mt Angel

employee using a table saw, wood piece jumped and grabbed hand pulling hand into blade

Fatalities

1. August 10th Scio

Three employees returning to the shop in the employer's pickup, pulling a trailer loaded with concrete form board. As they crested the top of a hill they observed vehicle traffic in their lane backed up, traveling about 5 mph. The driver of the pickup could not stop the vehicle to avoid a collision with the vehicle in front of him so he took evasive action, steering off the roadway. The vehicle went into a skid, rolled down the embankment and came to rest after the vehicle struck a tree. The driver died on scene. The two passengers were transported to a local hospital and admitted overnight for medical treatment. 18 year old male.

2. August 4th Adair Village

Employee was driving a dump truck North on Hwy 99W with a full load of dirt, when a rear tire malfunctioned and blew apart causing the dump truck to land on its side. The Employee was transported to hospital, where he passed away several hours later. 58 year old male

3. August 9th Milton-Freewater

Employee was hurt operating a combine. He continued the work for 4 days over the next week. The last day he worked was 8/13-17. On 8/15/17 he took himself to the hospital with a neck injury/re-injury. He was sent home the same day and given prescription medication. On 8-21/17 the employee was found deceased in bed. 32 Year old male.

4. August 14th Reedsport

A transportation worker was working on a culvert when he collapsed. Crew members performed CPR until EMS arrived The employee passed away at the hospital. 52 year old male.

5. August 16th Woodburn

A 20 year old male collapsed and died later at the hospital of an apparent heart attack.

6. August 22nd Sixes

A work crew was conducting drilling and blasting work on a bench when prior to the blasting the bank gave way and slid approximately 600 foot down. The employee went with the bench and approximately 15,000 yards of debris. The employee has not been found. 31 year old male.

Round table:

Thank you to Bryon Snapp for putting on the Walking Working Surface training. It was good information and Bryon did a great job.

-The Oregon OSHA Public Education Team is working on a Walking Working Surface online training class.

Oregon OSHA is conducting second round interviews for the Statewide Safety Enforcement Manager position that Gary Beck vacated when he retired.

OR-FACE is working on two construction fatalities, the 2016 trench collapse and the recent (June) traffic control employee fatality.

Next Meeting:

October 3, 2017

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