

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, January 2, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

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| Al Lee | Dennis Bonin | Michael Netsch |
| Alta Schafer | Emily Crews | Nathan Taylor |
| Barb Epstien | Elliot Lapidus | Paul Magrone |
| Brian Silbernagel | Emily Crews | Ryan Leffel |
| Bryon Snapp | Jeff Luyet | Scott Peabody |
| Chris Miller | Jeff Wilson | Steve Spurlock |
| Chris Ottoson | Julie Love | Tom Deines |
| Chuck Stahl | Mark Tobiasson | Tony Howard |
| Clark Vermillion | Mary Lou Wilson | |
| David Davidson | Melissa Diede | |

The meeting was called to order by Mark Tobiasson
Self-introductions were made.

Lessons Learned:

When recording the hours worked to the feds you want to make sure you are not cheating yourself on hours on the 300 and 300A. You could get a higher DART rate.

Jeff Wilson handed out a sheet on the new driving laws that took effect January 1, 2018.

Have found some people using the old step ladders up against the wall. Only the new ladders designed to do so can be used up against the wall.

There was a discussion on calling for locates. If the General Contractor calls in a private locate, does the Sub Contractor have to call in for a private locate also? It should be written in the contract, and there should be good communication between the GC and the Sub.

-OSHA will look at who's shovel is in the ground. If you don't see paint on the ground it would be good to call and get a locate.

-the paint colors don't always mean the same thing. i.e.; gas, power, communication. Companies will use different colors.

The group asked what Oregon OSHA has been seeing the most out in the field.

-Fall Emphasis: proper ladder usage, PPE not being used properly, anchor installation not properly done, scaffolding is not being re-inspected once moved to a new location.

Tool box talks are not safety meetings, they are important and good, but for a safety meeting there needs to be conversation between management and employees; names of who attended, and documentation of training of the employees.

There is a new [FACE report out regarding a pump jack scaffold](#).

A company is getting SHARP boxes for all their vehicles since they are coming into more contact with needles.

-There is a company in Portland that will come and clean up blood borne pathogens, Safe and Clean <http://cleanandsafepdx.com/>

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

Penalties:

The new penalty rules go into effect on January 1, 2018.

Worker Protection Standard:

The public comment period has been extended to February 28, 2018.

Electronic Record Keeping:

Electronic Record Keeping deadline to enter 2016 data was December 31, 2017.

Silica:

If the Federal OSHA rule does not go forward, Oregon OSHA's rule will stay in place.

Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:

Accidents

1. December 20th Dundee

Employee was up on a 4:12 pitch roof to attach ropes to anchor points when he suddenly fell approximately 18-feet onto dirt and gravel below. Weather at the time of accident was approximately 40 degrees F. with some moisture on the plywood roof. The fall resulted in a back injury and contusions to the abdomen.

2. December 18th Newport

Employee stepped on scaffold, hydro mobile scaffold, planks turned, and he fell 8 feet onto concrete. The fall resulted in a concussion.

3. December 8th Bandon

The mixer driver left the parking lot at 8:30 a.m. As he was backing up to deliver concrete in a narrow driveway, he rolled the mixer 1-1/2 times. The driver fractured six ribs. The driver had glass in the eyes, and a blood clot in one leg.

4. December 14th PDX

Employee was walking across pan deck carrying 6 foot rebar. Tripped on a pan deck and fell (to same level) striking his head. Employee was wearing a hard hat.

5. December 11th Bend

One employee was installing blocking, while standing on an eight foot step ladder, when the nail gun slipped off the blocking at the floor joist and shot himself in the chest. The employee was admitted into the hospital for observation and discharged.

6. December 7th Fairview

Fell about 35 feet out of a tree while tree trimming. Thought he was clipped in but was not. The fall resulted in bruised lungs and a torn spleen.

7. December 4th Hillsboro

An employee was working on a gutter system and placed an extension ladder against a steel building's exterior wall. The employee shook the ladder and felt that the ladder and wall were secure. The employee started climbing the ladder. Once the employee was about six feet up the ladder, the wall paneling popped in and the ladder lunged forward about one foot. When the ladder went forward the employee jumped backwards and injured his leg. The employees around him ran over and made sure he was ok. After speaking with the injured employee they (injured employee and coworkers) all believed that the only injury was to his leg. At this point they moved him to a chair nearby. One employee immediately called the supervisor, and the supervisor started driving to the site, about 2 miles away from the shop. Once he was on site he immediately called 911 as he found the employee starting to black out. The employee was taken by ambulance to Emanuel Hospital where he was diagnosed with a broken upper left femur. The employee spent the night in the hospital and received surgery to correct the injury.

8. December 4th Broadbent

The employee was walking and tripped. During his fall, he reached out to stop himself and put his hand into a moving saw blade. The saw blade cut two of his fingers off. The office manager drove the injured employee to the hospital .

Fatalities

1. December 5th Philomath

The employee was driving down the road when his truck veered off the road, rolled, and came to a stop back on the road. The employee was crushed by the cab of the truck. He was pronounced deceased at the scene. The sheriff is conducting an investigation and it was presumed that the employee was under the influence since they found open containers of alcohol inside the truck. 25 year old male.

2. December 15th Idanha

OSP preliminary investigation revealed a fuel truck lost traction on the icy road and rolled over coming to a stop on the highway. The fuel tank ruptured and caught fire. The driver was pronounced deceased at the scene. 58 year old male.

3. December 7th Stayton

Employee was on break when he was found by a coworker, unconscious, in the break room. He was transported to Santiam Memorial Hospital. 54 year old male.

4. December 13th Bend
MVA at MP 3.5 on HWY 20 at Hamby Rd. east of Bend. Driver turned in front of oncoming traffic and was struck. Driver was wearing a seatbelt at the time of accident. 48 year old male.
5. December 27th Glide
Site was on USFS RD 4770, East of Glide. The truck was loaded with logs. The employee was outside the truck and had begun the prep for the wrapping process. The logger was there with the employee and called 911. The ambulance arrived and verified the employee was deceased. 55 year old male.

Round table:

Construction Safety Summit

- Safety Directors Roundtable is January 19, 2018 at the Luck Lab Brewing.
- The next meeting is January 23, 2018 with an Oregon OSHA Update presented by Michael Wood.

AGC / NWUCA Safety Forum is February 23, 2018. Topics include: Subcontractor Liability Management, Fleet Safety for Contractors Big and Small, 811 Call Before You Dig, New Silica Rule, Changes to Walking-Working Surfaces Rule; Drug Testing Rules In Oregon. The event is free of charge. Anyone with an interest in safety is welcome to attend. To participate or RSVP, register online, or contact Kevin Wheatcroft, kevinw@agc-oregon.org.

February's Meeting will focus on Silica training.

Next Meeting:

February 6, 2018
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