

**Oregon OSHA**  
**Construction Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday, February 6, 2018

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Aaron Colmone	Dale Ludstrom	Mark Tobiasson
Al Lee	Dede Montgomery	Mary Lou Wilson
Alta Schafer	Dennis Bonin	Mel Smith
Andrew Haymart	Eliot Lapidus	Melissa Diede
Barry Moreland	Emily Crews	Nathan Taylor
Brian Silbernagel	Jeff Hooper	Pat Brunson
Bryon Snapp	Jeff Wilson	Ryan Leffel
Chris Miller	Kevin Wheatcroft	Sara Cume
Chris Ottoson	Kim Gamble	Scott Peabody
Chuck Stahl	Laird Blanchard	Steve Spurlock
Clark Vermillion	Layla Mansfield	Tony Howard
Clint Elliott	Lisa Pickert	Travis Stone

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

The January meeting minutes were approved.

**Silica Training:**

Oregon OSHA's Dave McLaughlin gave a training to the group about the new Silica rule.  
[Here is the PowerPoint presentation.](#)

The new Silica rule goes into effect July 1, 2018.

If you have any questions please contact Dave McLaughlin. Email:  
[Dave.McLaughlin@oregon.gov](mailto:Dave.McLaughlin@oregon.gov) Phone: 503-947-7457

You can also visit the [Oregon OSHA website](#) for more information.

**Lessons Learned:**

A company is getting more of their employees trained in CPR.  
In one class the instructor was showing signs of a heart attack and the class took immediate action; calling 911 to get the medics there and get him transported to the hospital. He made a full recovery.

Timbers Army offers free [CPR training](#).

In reviewing past accident investigations there are quite a few of them that they did not call 911 for a transport, they drove the victim to the hospital themselves. Oregon OSHA does cite for not following the emergency medical plan.

A company was moving a 6 foot pipe that was 6 inches wide and weighed 91 pounds, it was the last job of the day and they were connecting last pipe and it fell out of the rigging as they were lifting it. They are going to add a friction pipe from now on so they don't have another incident. No one was hurt.

## **Continuing Business:**

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

#### **Worker Protection Standard:**

The public comment period has been extended to March 15, 2018.

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

### **Accidents**

1. January 5<sup>th</sup> Pendleton  
While on a wild sheep capture, a ewe reared upward and flung the victim into a juniper tree, hitting a dead tree limb and received a laceration to his right temple area.
2. January 9<sup>th</sup>, Boardman  
Employee was struck by a van that was backing up, resulting in his left leg being caught in between a light pole and the bumper of the van.
3. January 11<sup>th</sup>, Hillsboro  
Employee was in a trench and the trench collapsed injuring the employee's lower back.
4. January 11<sup>th</sup>, Tigard  
Employee was assisting with a lift of steel rods, the rigging failed and the load fell to the ground. One or more of the steel rods contacted the employee's leg causing an unknown injury. The employee was transported to the hospital where he remained overnight for treatment.
5. January 15<sup>th</sup> Portland  
Employee was working at the basement level of an elevator shaft. A 10 in by 8 ft board on the 5th floor was bumped and fell down the elevator shaft, hitting him on the head. He received a laceration on the head that required stitches. He was wearing PPE, including a hard hat. The employee has been released from the hospital and has returned to light duty.

6. January 19<sup>th</sup> Eugene

The employee was cutting a piece of metal (at a 45 degree angle with a block behind it) on the band saw when the piece slipped and his right index finger came into contact with the blade, lacerating his finger. He was transported by Med-Express to the hospital to be treated. After about six hours in the Emergency Room, they scheduled surgery to put a pin in the finger. The employee stayed overnight in the hospital.

7. January 22<sup>nd</sup> White City

On his first day, an employee was operating a forklift that he was not familiar and struck the forklift trainer. (The new employee had shown a Forklift Training Card.) Investigation: The new employee had finished moving a trailer and backed out without looking behind him in all directions. The trainer instructed him to go park the forklift. The new employee swung the forklift around 180 degrees and knocked the trainer down and ran over his leg with the rear steer tire.

8. January 26<sup>th</sup> Portland

Employees were building a deck. Employees did not install a guard rail on the deck platform. Employees was working from a 6 step a-frame ladder on the deck platform. Employee lost balance and suffered a fall from the ladder. The employee fell a total distance of between 20 -25 feet. The employee likely struck the scaffolding system during the fall. The employee came to rest on the dirt ground. Employee was transported via ambulance to Emanuel hospital. Employee was released on 1/27/18 with 3 broken ribs and a broken arm. The broken arm will require surgery, scheduled for 1/31/18.

## Fatalities

1. January 4<sup>th</sup> Brookings

Employee was leaving work when he collapsed in parking lot. He was transferred by life flight to Curry General hospital where he later passed away.(68 year old male)

2. January 21<sup>st</sup> Idahna

OSP preliminary investigation revealed a black 2017 Nissan Armada-a rental vehicle was traveling eastbound and attempted to pass on snow covered roads. The vehicle lost traction, slid sideways, and struck the front of a westbound silver Chevy Silverado pulling an enclosed trailer. Both the driver and passenger (age 47 ) were pronounced deceased at the scene.

3. January 23<sup>rd</sup> Mapleton

The victim was owner operator and was one of the contracted cutters for the site. The victim had been instructed, after falling the trees, to cut them into 40' lengths from the butt end. The victim had fell a tree up on a knoll that ended up cantilevered with the small end approximately 30-40 feet off the steep ground below. He walked out to buck the log at the 40' mark and his blade got pinched. He went and got his ax to cut his saw free. When the end broke free, more than likely, it caused the portion he was standing on to whip. His saw and ax were found below, but he was a distance away, further down the hill. The tree diameter where he was making the cut was approximately 8 inches. (35 year old male)

4. January 26<sup>th</sup> Milton Freewater  
Discovered passed away, laying on back (while using hydraulic counter lift), with a dishwasher laying on him. Employee was transported to hospital in Walla Walla where he passed away from a suspected heart attack. (73 year old male)
5. January 29<sup>th</sup> Coquille  
Employee was observed laying on the dock, CPR was attempted. Employee was transported to hospital where he was pronounced dead. (64 year old male)
6. January 29<sup>th</sup> McMinnville  
Employee was found slumped forward in forklift. Co-workers began CPR until emergency response arrived. Employee was transported to McMinnville Hospital where he passed away. Employer reviewed video surveillance of the warehouse and found that employee had stopped the forklift, appeared to be stretching and rubbing his arm, began driving forklift forward, stopped again and then slumped over. (48 year old male)

## **Round table:**

May 31, 2018 is the Spring Symposium for OHSU. The title is [Pain at Work: How to prevent, recognize and treat.](#)

Safety week is the first week of May. May 5<sup>th</sup> is the [kickoff event is at the Forestry Center](#) with Safe Build Alliance.

The 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 Arlene Tarin, [arlenet@agc-oregon.org](mailto:arlenet@agc-oregon.org) , or Kevin Wheatcroft, [kevinw@agc-oregon.org](mailto:kevinw@agc-oregon.org)

The OR-FACE team is assisting Illa with the [construction track for the next GOSH conference](#). We would love the opportunity to get feedback from the Construction Advisory Council at the next meeting if at all possible. You can contact Layla Mansfield at [mansfila@ohsu.edu](mailto:mansfila@ohsu.edu) or Barb Epstien [epstien@ohsu.edu](mailto:epstien@ohsu.edu)

Construction Safety Summit is February 27, 2018 at John's Incredible Pizza. The topic is Wellness in the Workplace and Sam Rader is the presenter.

The March Construction Advisory Meeting will be at the Oregon OSHA Salem Field Office.

## **Next Meeting:**

March 6, 2018  
OR-OSHA Salem Office  
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