

**Oregon OSHA**  
**Construction Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday, June 5, 2018

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Al Lee	Dawn Morse	Lisa Pickert
Ali Bibi	David Davidson	Mark Tobiasson
Alta Schafer	David Douglas	Mary Lou Wilson
Amme Standing	Dennis Barlow	Michael Wood
Barb Epstien	Dennis Bonin	Mike Riffe
Barry Moreland	Eliot Lapidus	Nathan Taylor
Brian Silbernagel	Jace Shelton	Rick McMurry
Chris Grover	Jeff Wilson	Ryan Leffel
Chris Ottoson	Jennifer Carter	Soren Bjerregaard
Clark Vermillion	Kevin Kilroy	Tom Deines
Clint Elliot	Kevin Wheatcroft	
Dale Lindstrom	Laird Blanchard	

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

The May meeting minutes were approved.

**Lessons Learned:**

Watch your job sites. There has been an uptick of theft from the job sites. Some people are even dressing like construction workers and they are walking off with stuff with others around. One company had their tools locked up with a chain and the thieves broke the lock box and cut the chain and took off with the tools, sometimes they are even using the forklifts on site to help transport to their awaiting vehicles.

Batteries are also being stolen more frequently.

GOSH will have a track on theft prevention if you are interested in attending that class.

There is a hazard alert: using self-retracting lanyards or self-retracting devices in leading edge applications where the lanyard is going to go over the edge. There is a class of self-retracting devices that the Z3 59 committee calls SRL-LE devices. The "LE" is for leading edge. These SRL-LE devices are dropped tested for sharp structural steel edges only. The ANSI testing requirements do not include concrete, stone, steel decking or other materials. The construction industry has seen a trend of these self-retracting lanyards with leading edge capability failing when they get cut going over an edge other than a sharp structural steel edge. Construction companies should not assume the LE designation means it can be used for any leading edge work. Construction companies must contact the manufacturer of the device and determine what type of edge is appropriate for the system. Finally the anchor should be elevated above the user and not at the foot level to reduce the risk of the lanyard being cut when going over a leading edge, when possible. The ANSI Z359 Committee is very concerned that these self-retracting lanyards with leading edge capability are being used way too often in situations which they were never tested for.

## Continuing Business:

### Status of Rule Making:

Federal OSHA [released proposed changes to the Crane](#) rule. Oregon OSHA will work on our states rules once we know what the feds adopt.

~The group discussed what certified and qualified meant in this context.

### PEL's

Manganese:

The work group has found they need to update the welding rules. The group met with people from the welding field and will continue to work on updating the PEL.

Lead:

The group is in the process of finalizing the updates.

## Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:

### Accidents

1. May 22<sup>nd</sup> Redmond **\*the group would like more information on this accident. See below\***  
An employee was removing dirt around the cap of an 8 inch C 900 water line with a shove. The cap of the water line blew off and glanced off the employees knee. The employee was taken to St. Charles in Redmond, Oregon where he was treated for his injuries.
2. May 18<sup>th</sup> Tangent  
The worker's fingers were caught in the cutting blade, resulting in amputation of the index, middle and ring fingers. The extent of the amputation is unknown.
3. May 1<sup>st</sup> Echo  
Employee developed some left side numbness and pain after starting work as the site superintendent. Employee was transported to hospital for examination and was determined to be having a stroke. Employee was admitted for overnight observation.
4. May 1<sup>st</sup> Eugene  
The employee was hit on the head with a hollow metal door frame that fell over when a truck was being unloaded.
5. May 30<sup>th</sup> Bethany  
An employee was installing sheathing on a 2nd story roof when he slipped on plywood and fell approximately 22 feet to the ground below, resulting in a fracture.
6. May 22<sup>nd</sup> Hillsboro  
Jason was on the 3rd rung from the bottom of a ladder. He fell through the space between ladder rungs. Both feet were injured; he is having surgery on one of his feet.
7. May 17<sup>th</sup> Lake Oswego  
An Employee was standing approximately 4 feet up on a ladder to tie off the ladder to gutter spikes. The ladder shifted and he fell breaking his right hand and arm.

**\*Follow up to May 22<sup>nd</sup> accident:**

Employees were working in a trench approximately 3-1/2 foot deep. The task involved removing a 20 foot section of PVC water line. The task was to remove the 20' section of pipe and tie in the new water piping from a new subdivision in to the existing piping at the blocked valve. The 20 foot section of pipe was dead-ended and the valve was blocked upstream from the section of pipe. The line was under pressure and a valve was shut downstream on the line, but no easy means of releasing the pressure in the line was available. The Supervisor was not on site and the employees appeared to not have a full understanding of how to safely approach the situation. On the project this task had been done a few times prior, but relief valves had been readily accessible. A thrust block had been removed and the injured employee was cleaning around the cap when it broke loose. The cap came loose and stuck the victim in the knee resulting in swelling that had to be lanced to relieve the pressure.

**Fatalities**

1. May 3<sup>rd</sup> Monmouth

The victim was driving a log truck, fully loaded, when a pick-up truck pulled out in front of him. Both vehicles went into a deep ditch. The impact crushed the victim and he died at the scene of the accident.

2. May 3<sup>rd</sup> Amity

Employee went into a pond on the host employer's property and drowned.

3. May 18<sup>th</sup> St. Paul

Employee was starting his work day when he reported to his supervisor that he was not feeling well. The supervisor called the main office and reported the employee was experiencing: pain in his arm, nausea, and shortness of breath. He drove the employee back to the main office. The HR manager assessed the employee and immediately contacted 911. The employee was still conscious and speaking when emergency response arrived on site. The Employee was placed in the ambulance and was transported to the hospital in Newberg, where he passed away from a presumed heart attack.

4. May 24<sup>th</sup> Astoria

Sometime between 1 pm and 3 pm, the employee suffocated after a forklift mast fell onto his face and chest. The employee was deceased at the accident site.

5. May 27<sup>th</sup> Idleyld Park

The watchman's wife found him in a pond near his camp trailer. Emergency personnel were notified and responded. Law enforcement and Forest Service were involved.

6. May 29<sup>th</sup> Lakeview

A truck driver is deceased after a single vehicle motor vehicle accident on Hwy 395 near Lakeview, OR. The cause of the motor vehicle accident is unknown.

## Round table:

Extraction for an Excavation Party:

Who is responsible for the equipment and/or retrieval? i.e. contractor A digs the hole and contractor B goes into the hole.

~ The employer is responsible for the safety of their employee.

[June 18 – 23 is the National Trench Safety Stand Down Week.](#) If you would like nwuca to come to your job site and do a quick presentation please contact Dawn Morse @ [dmorse@dpnicoli.com](mailto:dmorse@dpnicoli.com)

Construction Safety Summit:

June 26, 2018 at John's Incredible Pizza. The topic is Presentation Skills: Facilitator not Dictator. The guest speaker is Ian Chase.

Asbestos question with Oregon OSHA and DEQ. Contact Dave McLaughlin for questions [Dave.McLaughlin@oregon.gov](mailto:Dave.McLaughlin@oregon.gov)

The exemption for the requirement to have fall protection in construction while doing inspections was discussed.

There is a new [tool box talk from OR-FACE about a pump-jack scaffold fatality.](#)

The group discussed the importance of taking your signage down when the job is complete. If you leave them up, drivers start to get complaisant and accidents can happen.

AGC Safety and Health Council meeting is June 28, 2018 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am. The topic is Oregon's Revised Respirable Crystalline Silica Rule, and the presenter is John Carlson of Integrity Safety. It will be at AGC Oregon-Columbia Chapter, Boardroom, 9450 SW Commerce Circle, Ste 200, Wilsonville, OR, 97070.

[Kevin Wheatcroft](#) shared that a company is hiring a safety person so if you are interested let him know.

## Next Meeting:

July 3, 2018

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