

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, July 3, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Aaron Corvin	Dennis Bonin	Nick Naramore
Al Lee	Eliot Lapidus	Paul Magrone
Alta Schafer	Emily Crews	Robert Miller
Barb Epstien	Jeff Wilson	Roy Shawgo
Barry Moreland	Jennifer Carter	Ryan Leffel
Brad Wolf	Julie Love	Stephen Heaven
Clint Elliot	Larry Morgan	Steven Theofelis
Dale Lindstrom	Mark Tobiasson	Tom Deines
Darren Glebe	Mike Riffe	Tony Howard
Dennis Barlow	Nathan Taylor	Trena VanDeHey

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

The June meeting minutes were approved with one correction.

Lessons Learned:

The National Trench Safety Stand Down was a success. There were a lot of companies that participated and had presenters come out to show demonstrations and give information.

With the new Silica Standard in effect companies are throwing out their old tools and purchasing new tools that meet the standard. Oregon OSHA is working on publishing a guide book. [Check the website for information and publications.](#)

OHSU has some [helpful information on Silica.](#)

AGC has created a database on testing but would like OR-OSHA's opinion. Renee Stapleton will get back with the group regarding the parameters, environmental conditions, etc.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

Worker Protection Standard – Application Exclusion Zone

[The rule was adopted Friday, June 29, 2018](#) and is effective January 1, 2019.

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. June 5th Medford

An employee that was installing conduit in a 30 inch deep excavation trench experienced chest pains. There was no physical injury. On 6/6/18 the Medford Field Office spoke with the employer. He said that the employee was released from the hospital with no determination of reason. The employee was observed with no medical treatment.

2. June 11th

Employee fell from ladder approximately 7 feet resulting in a broken leg.

3. June 12th Eugene

While the employee was descending down an extension ladder, he lost his grip and fell to the ground below. He fell about 12 feet onto the retaining wall made of brick, resulting in a broken rib and a punctured lung.

4. June 18th Portland

Employee was shutting the roll up door on the back of a box truck and his finger got pinched in-between the panels, crushing the tip (loss of bone) of his finger and laceration of another. No overnight hospitalization, but the employer believes there was loss of bone at the tip of the finger.

5. June 21st Rhododendron

During a road paving operation, an employee was backed over by a sweeper.

6. June 25th White City

An employee was setting up a Jet band saw. As he was lining up the blade, the blade caught the employee's glove cutting off the tip of his left index finger. There was no bone loss.

7. June 29th Portland

Employees were unloading a jack hammer attachment for a Mini Max (Husqvarna 300) from a trailer using the Mini Max and a chain. While lifting the attachment the Mini Max became unstable and tipped over pinning an employee against a handrail and a street signal box, resulting in fractures on the face and spine, and stitches on his fingers.

8. June 29th Portland

Employee working on a ladder and fell five feet to the ground. Two workers were working on ladders on the exterior of the building near an exit door. A person walked out the exit door and ran into the ladder knocking the employee to the concrete. The two employees were replacing a window at the time of the accident. Possible broken bones.

Fatalities

1. June 2nd Portland
The employee (instructor) was opening up for a class that day when he was shot by an intruder. He died at the scene. (63 year old male).
2. June 7th McMinnville
The victim was found unresponsive on the ground near the flatbed of his truck, where he had picked up a load of rebar at a McMinnville business. He was in the process of chaining down his load. The cause of death is believed to be a heart attack. (63 year old male)
3. June 11th Silverton
The victim fell 29 feet through a skylight onto a cement floor. (63 year old male)
4. June 12th Portland
Employee had just finished cleaning the vehicle and went to drive the car though the car wash. Just before entering the car wash his vehicle is seen on video to brake very hard then accelerate at full speed, crashing into a barrier. The car was handicapped equipped with a hand accelerator. Co-workers heard the crash and rushed to the accident. The employee was unconscious with no pulse. 9-1-1 was contacted and Port of Portland Police and Paramedics arrived and attempted resuscitation. Presumed heart attack. (51 year old male).
5. June 20th Sutherlin
Employee was operating a piece of logging equipment used for harvesting timber. The logging equipment had a dangle head. The employee was working on the dangle head when the jaws closed resulting in the fatality. (36 year old male).
6. June 20th Silverton
At the end of the day, camp staff and junior camp counselors retreated to the pond for a swim. Victim disappeared underwater. (14 year old female).
7. June 27th Wilsonville
Employee had been complaining of chest pain earlier in the week. She had been encouraged by her husband and co-worker to see her doctor. The employee saw her doctor the morning of the incident, ate lunch with co-worker, then about 2:15 the same day she mentioned to her co-worker she didn't feel well, her face was pale and she was sweating. 9-1-1 was contacted, she was given baby aspirin and nitro under the tongue. The employee was responsive when she was placed in the ambulance and transported to the hospital. Employee later passed away in the hospital, exact time unknown. (female).
8. June 29th Rhododendron
Employee driving a semi-truck hauling a chip trailer was involved in a head-on collision on HWY 26 heading east five miles from Rhododendron, OR. Employee was reported deceased at the scene. (49 year old male).
9. June 30th Salem
Employee is assumed to have pulled over to the side of the road because of a personal medical event. Did not call dispatch and was discovered slumped over the wheel on the side of the road. (69 year old male).

Round table:

AGC has an opening for a Safety Management Consultant. Contact [Dennis Barlow](#).

OHSU OIS The 2016 annual report is being published this year.

Construction Safety Summit:

July 20, 2018 is the Safety Directors Round Table at the Lucky Lab Brewing.

July 24, 2018 is the Golf Tournament at Stone Creek Golf Course.

Next Meeting:

August 7, 2018

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