

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Al Lee	Dennis Cox	Melissa Diede
Alta Schafer	Doug Biron	Michael Wood
Barb Epstien	Emily Crews	Mike Riffe
Brian Silbernagel	Eric Fullan	Robert Miller
Bryon Snapp	Jeff Wilson	Ryan Leffel
Chris Grover	Jeremy Lawson	Soren Bjerregaard
Clark Vermillion	John Cox	Stephen Heaven
Clint Elliott	Julie Love	Tom Deines
David Davidson	Laird Blanchard	Tony Howard
Demetra Star	Lane Ellison	
Dennis Bonin	Mark Tobiasson	

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

The August meeting minutes were approved with 1 correction.

Lessons Learned:

On a shut down and the generator they had didn't start like it was supposed to. The generator had low coolant, so he took the cap off to put more coolant in and not realizing it was under pressure still and it sprayed him. He was not injured. Even though it had not been running there was still pressure because the block heater was running and keeping it warm which kept pressure.

An employee was driving a forklift in a warehouse and he was distracted and ran the forklift into a column. He was not injured because he was wearing his seatbelt.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

Nothing new to report

Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:
Accidents

1. August 2nd Woodburn
Worker was installing a sink and the sink clip spun and punctured the worker's finger. Six days later it became infected causing hospitalization.

2. August 2nd Salem

Employee stepped on a nail causing him to lean back against a temporary railing that was not secured and fell approximately 14 feet to the ground below resulting in a broken arm and cracked pelvis in three place.

3. August 7th Portland

The employee was clearing an obstruction (cleaning) the hardened cement powder, a piece broke loose, and powder went into his eyes. He used the eyewash and washed the eyes for 15 minutes then went to the hospital. Chemical burn to the eyes.

4. August 13th Brookings

Employees walking/working in a truss system fell from the bottom cord of trusses to the lower roof system surfaces resulting in possible internal injuries, bruising, and lacerations.

5. August 14th Warrenton

Employee fainted while driving a medium sized roller. Employee had low blood sugar due to insulin dependent diabetes. Employee fell out of roller seat onto the road and hurt their back and side.

6. August 14th Tualatin

Temporary employee's hand was injured while operating a sliding double miter saw. At least one finger on the left hand was cut, but no amputated during this incident.

7. August 15th Monmouth

Victim was flagging at night and was trying to get a carto stop when it struck him, knocking him up and onto the car hood/windshield resulting in a broken ankle.

8. August 16th Portland

An employee passed by a set of windows that were on the ground and leaning against racking, when the windows fell over and landed on his for crushing it and breaking his leg. The windows were a set of three; each window weights about 275 lbs.

9. August 19th Medford

The employee fell from a ladder and landed on his ankle. The employee continued to work on the injured ankle not knowing the degree of the injury. A couple days later the employee realized that the ankle was broken.

10. August 27th Ashland

While driving a golf cart out of the greenhouse, an employee's knee got caught on the door frame of the greenhouse resulting in a broken femur. The employee had to have surgery.

Fatalities

1. August 7th The Dalles

The victim was working as a truck driver making a delivery. Apparent natural causes. (48 year old male.)

2. August 9th Lyons

The crew had been excavating a telecommunication line and had finished for the day. After getting into the work truck, the foreman noticed an employee, who was in the back seat, apparently having a medical event with his body making jerking motions. The supervisor and foreman immediately rushed to the Lyons Fire Department which was close by. Medics attempted to render aid with no success.

Note: According to the Safety Coordinator, due to the extreme heat the foreman and supervisor had been allowing the crew frequent breaks in the shade, had plenty of water on site as well as Gatorade, and been requiring the crew to drink frequently. (47 year old male)

3. August 10th Willamina

The victim fell from a billboard (approximately 80-100 feet) Deceased was owner/operator.

4. August 14th Athena

Flagger working the south end of a paving project on Hwy 11 North. The flagger was talking to a stopped vehicle driver when a van drove past the stopped vehicle and struck the flagger. The van continued on erratically into the paving project and hit a water truck.

5. August 22nd Elgin

The Employee was taking the last bag of garbage out and discovered it was too heavy for her to lift. She called her husband to come help her. He couldn't get in the building so he called their daughter, who was also a custodian there who had keys. They found the employee slumped over in the custodial office. They called 911 and the daughter attempted to resuscitate her mother.

6. August 23rd Corvallis

Employee entered into a danger zone of an operating piece of machinery and was caught in the arm of the machine resulting in a fatality.

7. August 27th Tillamook

The 66 year old male had delivered a load of asphalt to a job site in Tillamook. He was driving the empty dump truck South on Hwy 101 near S. Prairie Rd. to return to Lincoln City. The employee had a heart attack and veered off the road. No known prior conditions.

Round table:

The group discussed if ODOT was still promoting their Give them a Break campaign.

There seem to be a lot more flagging fatalities and accidents recently.

Bryon saw highway workers wearing the wide brimmed hardhats that had LED light strips around the brim to make them more visible.

The Transportation Safety Division has a report out on [Work Zone Safety in Oregon](#).

The Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences has their [Fall 2018 Symposium](#) will be November 30, 2018. The topic is Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response for the Workplace: From awareness to action.

Construction Safety Summit:

September 25, 2018, In Memory Of presented by Mike Riffe. It will be at John's Incredible Pizza.

SDS's- Do you have to have paper copies or can you have them electronic. They have to be immediately available. You can have them on a database, and not rely on google. Having them electronic ensures you have the most current available to everyone, but you can do either way.

If you have a company who is not giving you the updated info let Oregon OSHA know and they can go after the manufacturers directly. Their HazCom directive gives them the authority.

[Federal OSHA has put out FAQ's on Silica](#). Is Oregon OSHA doing their own FAQ's? [Oregon OSHA](#) is in line with the Fed's rule.

An employee said that his leg and foot were bothering him for over a week. He went to the doctors on a Thursday and they found he had a blood clot behind his knee. His leg was turning blue. They admitted him to the hospital and the next Monday they had to amputate below his knee.

Safety Incentive Programs-

The group discussed the various programs that they have been using in their companies.

Next Meeting:

October 2, 2018

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