

**Oregon OSHA**  
**Construction Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday, October 2, 2018

**Meeting Minutes**

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**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	

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

The September meeting minutes were approved.

**Lessons Learned:**

Silica Table 1: The tools allowed in table 1 do not perform great. One company is looking into using shears rather than the other tools.

Always use good quality products, especially when using extension cords. Make sure they are rated for what you are using them for.

There were employees who were on a job site and they were not authorized to be out that day. They were using a scissor lift improperly and someone driving by stopped and took a picture and turned it in. They went out and corrected the situation.

A younger worker had fallen at work. During the accident investigation they found out the employee allegedly used a performance enhancement drug for working out called Craze that is a meth-like substance. It is over the counter and legal. The employee was terminated.

A scissor lift was being used and while they were moving it they lost a wheel. No one was on it so there were no injuries. They did a walk around and found that all the wheels had not been tighten from the rental company. Always check the equipment before use.

There was a break in of a company van during the day. A person on a moped drove up, busted out the window, and took the lunch box which had some personal items in it.

## **Continuing Business:**

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

#### **Standard Improvement Process-**

We are [fixing technical issues in Division 1](#). We are updating [rule references, and link updates, typos, etc.](#)

#### **New Rulemaking-**

Oregon OSHA will be working on rule making for Ag Labor Housing next.

#### **Employer Knowledge-**

Employer Knowledge will get going again soon.

#### **Excavation and Trenching-**

Michael asked the group what they thought about going to the 4ft shoring as Washington has. Oregon is currently at 5 feet for shoring. This would be to improve worker safety. There have been a number of near misses recently and there are some that look like it could be unsafe.

The group discussed the financial impact that it would cause. They mostly see issues between 4 ½ feet to 5 feet. The group would like to see data on the issues. We will add this to the December Meeting Agenda.

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

### **Accidents**

#### 1. September 5<sup>th</sup> Sherwood

Employee went to wash out truck. Positioned his left hand on the bottom corner of chute and his right hand on top, when pulling down the chute slipped out of his hand, crushing pointer finger and middle finger.

#### 2. September 7<sup>th</sup> Hood River

Driver was fixing the tongue on the pup trailer, pin had been pulled and putting it back in and while loader was repositioning it he let go of the pup trailer and the pup began to roll away. The loader tried to grab it and the grapple struck the driver.

#### 3. September 13<sup>th</sup> Portland

Employee was leaving the work area on a roof. The employee tripped and fell while backing up. He stumbled and hit the mop handle turning over the bucket of hot tar. The employee's hand went into a mop bucket of hot tar. Employee's hand was put in an ice bath and he was transported to urgent care. The employee was transported via ambulance from urgent care to Legacy.

4. September 15<sup>th</sup> Eugene

An employee was removing metal roofing when he fell through the roof and broke his left arm, wrist, and pelvis. He was wearing personal fall protection with a rope grab system. He failed to take the slack out of the rope grab. He fell to the wooden floor approximately 15 to 20 feet below.

5. September 20<sup>th</sup> Tillamook

Employee hung up an axe on a scissor hook. Employee walked away not knowing the axe was snagged on his pants. Employee tripped and was cut on the crotch area by the axe.

6. September 20<sup>th</sup> Portland

Delivery Driver was unstrapping scaffold materials for a crane to off-load from the back of the truck. Employee was standing close to the load when the pick began. The load shifted, pinching his left middle finger between the load and the back of the truck. This resulted in a deep laceration to the upper digit of the middle left finger. Amputation.

7. September 21<sup>st</sup> Cottage Grove

An employee was struck in the head by a swinging log and received massive head trauma.

8. September 24<sup>th</sup> Bend

Victim was run over by a driver while marking grade in a road way and a driver hit him, resulting in a serious hip and leg injuries. The drivers view was suddenly effected by the sun when cresting a hill. She slowed and moved to the side of the road where the worker was working, striking him.

9. September 26<sup>th</sup> Portland

Painter was moving a sheetrock cart loaded with sheetrock. The painter choked one wheel to support the cart. The other wheel started moving towards him. (It was on a slight slope). The cart wheel hit a pothole causing the cart to tip over on the employee. The employee had tried to stop the cart as it was moving. A pedestrian observed the incident and summoned emergency medical services. Crushing injuries.

10. September 20<sup>th</sup> Portland

The employee was washing windows 80 feet from the ground. It does not appear the descender was set up. The rope grab the worker was using appeared to be rigged improperly, resulting in a near free fall 8 stories down. The worker/owner's heels were broken, as well as tailbone, back injuries, and severe burns to the hands. News reports indicate broken ankles.

## **Fatalities**

1. September 3<sup>rd</sup> Springfield

Employee was fighting fire in various locations in Washington and Oregon. Upon returning home from deployment to fight wildland fire, he was found non-responsive. He was admitted to the hospital and was taken off life support measures on 9/03/2018. (20 year old male)

2. September 11<sup>th</sup> Warm Springs  
MVA. Information indicates that victim was struck by oncoming traffic outside of their control.
3. September 12<sup>th</sup> Mosier  
The tractor trailer driver drifted off roadway, impacted road embankment and caught on fire. The driver died at the scene. (50 year old male)
4. September 25<sup>th</sup> Veneta  
The security employee was found dead on the floor of a security booth. He was pronounced dead on the site by the EMR. No treatment. (77 year old male)
5. September 26<sup>th</sup> Hillsboro  
Employee was on a scaffold working, when other workers looked over and noticed employee was laying on the scaffold. CPR was administered, employee was unresponsive. (28 year old male)

## Round table:

Requirements for Warning lines: can you use the orange stanchions? Oregon OSHA has a [fact sheet on warning lines](#).

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:

October 19, 2018, Safety Directors Round Table at the Lucky Lab Brewing

October 23, 2018, Gas Monitors What you need to know, 10 best practices presented by Greg McDonald. It will be at John's Incredible Pizza.

AGC is having a Security Threat and Awareness Training: Active Shooter Scenarios on October 18, 2018, presented by the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office.

AGC is also hosting more trainings around the state. November 30, 2018 they are doing a training on Silica: Competent Person Training in Medford.

The group discussed using 3<sup>rd</sup> party entities for you pre-qual sites.

## Next Meeting:

November 6, 2018

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