

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

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| Al Lee | George Goodman | Paul Magrone |
| Alta Schafer | Jeff Luyet | Phillip Wade |
| Barb Epstien | Jeff Wilson | Robert Henderson |
| Brian Silbernagel | Julie Love | Roy Shawgo |
| Bryan Ortiz | Kim Gamble | Roy Shawgo IV |
| Bryon Snapp | Laird Blanchard | Ryan Leffel |
| Clark Vermillion | Lane Ellison | Scott Ray |
| David Davidson | Lisa Pickert | Soren Bjerregaard |
| Emily Crews | Melissa Diede | Steve Huson |
| Eric Borgen | Mike Riffe | Tony Howard |
| Eric Fullan | Pat Brunson | |

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

The October meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned:

The [fatality investigation report on the trench collapse](#) is completed and available to view.

The AGC Security Threat Training was great and highly recommend people take it.

There were contractors from the East Coast that have been charged with obstruction of justice during a [fatality investigation](#).

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.](#) Oregon OSHA held a public hearing on November 1, 2018 and the open comment period closes November 16, 2018.

New Rulemaking-

Oregon OSHA will be working on rule making for Ag Labor Housing next. They are in the process of setting up stakeholder meetings

Employer Knowledge-

A preproposal draft has been written and will be presented to the Partnership Committee at their next meeting.

Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:

Accidents

1. October 2nd Forest Grove
Employee was cutting pieces of steel from a tank using an oxyacetylene torch when a bigger piece of steel fell and lacerated part of his head and nose.
2. October 18th Bend
Employee had used a ladder to access the roof of a single story building. After the employee had completed his tasks, he began to descend via the ladder. As the employee approached the midway point of the ladder, the bottom slid out and the employee fell to the ground with the ladder. The employee cannot remember whether his leg was caught between the rungs or not. The fall resulted in a broken fibula and tibia.
3. October 19th Tualatin
Employee's finger was pinched while removing the locking pin from the bucket attachment of a fork truck. He was changing the truck from forks to a bucket. His left finger on his left hand was amputated.
4. October 23rd Florence
An employee lineman was cutting a piece of wire. It appears that he was cutting toward himself when the knife struck him in the right eye.
5. October 25th Klamath Falls
The employer was conducting a pole-top rescue exercise for journeyman lineman. The gaff came out of the pole. The employee fell 12-15 feet straight down the pole to the ground. The employee was transported by ambulance to Sky Lakes sustaining a fracture to the L3 vertebra.
6. October 26th Antelope
One employee was working on a ladder, removing a wire from a power pole, when the base pole snapped and the employee fell approximately thirty feet to the ground. The fall resulted in a back injury where the employee was flown to St. Charles in Bend.
7. October 29th Klamath Falls
While loading a S65 straight boom lift, the boom came off the trailer, fell over injuring an employee. Unknown if the fall arrest was used or if employee was in the basket. The employee sustained a crushed knee, fracture to the shoulder and both ankles.
8. October 30th Portland
Employee was greasing bearings from a safety catwalk and for some reason stepped off onto metal roof and then onto a fiberglass skylight and fell 26-feet resulting in both legs broken as well damage to the pelvis.
9. October 30th Eugene
The employee was working on a house project for an architecture class when the accident occurred. The employee came up through a hatch which was left open on a walking surface. The employee fell into the hatch which was located in the attic floor. The fall height was approximately 9 feet, resulting in broken ribs

Fatalities

1. October 2nd Drewsey

Victim was cutting a tree when it fell on him. Per ME victim was caught between branches, with a large limb across his chest, he was pinned faced down. (54-year-old male)

2. October 5th Eugene

While out on patrol security guard was shot and killed outside a bar. Eugene police are conducting a homicide investigation. (69-year-old male)

3. October 6th Grants Pass

Employee awoke yelling for help, residents called 9-1-1, and medical arrived on scene. Employee was transported to the hospital where he later passed away. (57-year-old male)

4. October 10th Hermiston

Employees were moving semi-trucks that had sat idle for a month. Employee, after getting the truck running, tried to release the brakes and when did they did not release, the employee exited that cab and crawled under the truck to see what was wrong, the breaks released while employee was under the truck. The truck rolled forward striking the employee. (74-year-old male)

5. October 10th Oregon City

An employee was re-setting shelving when he collapsed. Victim was transported to the hospital; by ambulance where he was pronounced dead. (37-year-old male)

6. October 18th Cottage Grove

The worker was leaning over a 40" deep trench. The worker fell, striking his head on the lip of the opposite side of the trench. (72-year-old male)

7. October 19th Junction City

The owner was getting a load of lumber at a local mill when he passed out and hit his head on the corner of his trailer. ME stated heart attack was cause of death. (62-year-old male)

8. October 22nd Scottsberg

Employee was driving a commercial vehicle towing double fuel tanks when he struck a large black cow standing in the roadway. The vehicle lost control and traveled off the roadway and struck a power pole. (59-year-old male)

9. October 26th Lyons

While sending two logs up, the auto choker was not functioning. The workers manually unhooked the logs and there was slack in the choker lines. Consequently, one log slid downhill approximately 200 feet and struck the victims. (48-year-old male, 32-year-old male)

10. October 26th Alsea

Shotgun logging on steep ground. 4 workers, 2 on each side of the skyline. The turn headed toward the landing. A log headed downhill and hit one person and rolled over a second person. The injured was carried out to a ridge to be life-flighted. (29-year-old male, 27-year-old male.)

Round table:

George sent an email to the small group regarding the private interviews. They will meet after this meeting.

A company did an analysis of the number of Journeymen vs. Apprentices injuries and found that 42% were apprentices. They guess approximately 15% of the apprentices are on jobsites. Tony would like to put a group together to try and come up with a solution to these issues. Maybe a mentorship program, or if you have any suggestions let Tony know.

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.

A company is reaching out to high schools for interest in tower crane training and they had about a thousand students participate.

AGC has a workforce outreach to schools as well.

North Carolina and Georgia have partnerships with the schools to train high school kids in the trades so once they graduate they are ready for the workforce.

Big Valley Safety Committee in Eugene is donating OSHA 10 courses to schools.

There is new lean safe ladder called the little giant ladder that is versatile for on the job.

There was a discussion about leading edge and Bryon Snapp added that you need to know what the manufacturer designed it for and what they tested it for.

It was brought up that OSHA frequently references the ANSI standards that some small employers don't have access to.

-every ANSI standard that Oregon OSHA references are available to look at, at the field offices.

Consultation is available to help with suggestions.

the crane operator's certification in construction requirement is November 10, 2018. Fed OSHA is still working on their verbiage and until Oregon OSHA has a final rule from Fed OSHA, we can't change ours.

George brought up that Fed OSHA issued new interpretations to post accident drug testing. Bryon Snapp said that Oregon did not adopt the fed version and that we have our own.

Construction Safety Summit:

November 27, 2018, Fall, Hearing and Respiratory Protection, presented by Doug Biron, Rick Maurice, Jason Hornbeak – 3M. It will be at John's Incredible Pizza.

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

Next Meeting:

December 4, 2018

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