

**Oregon OSHA**  
**Construction Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday, January 8, 2019

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Al Lee	Jeff Carlson	Nathan Taylor
Alta Schafer	Jeff Wilson	Renee Stapleton
Barb Epstien	Jeremy Lawson	Robert Miller
Bret Taylor	Jim Gibson	Roy Shawgo
Bryan Ortiz	Laird Blanchard	Rick McMurry
Bryon Snapp	Lane Ellison	Sean Tinker
Chuck Stahl	Lisa Pickert	Soren Bjerregaard
David Davidson	Mark Tobiasson	Stephen Heaven
Dennis Barlow	Melissa Diede	Tom Deines
Emily Crews	Mike Reno	Tony Howard
Eric Fullan	Mike Riffe	Trena VanDeHey

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

The December meeting minutes were approved.

**Lessons Learned:**

The Kids Safety Calendar, January's picture and message is "don't blend in like a chameleon. Wear your high vis..."

At the GOSH conference, O[yes] is sponsoring an 18 to 20-year-old person to attend the conference. If you would like to nominate anyone, contact [Dede Montgomery](#).

An employee was driving and slid on black ice and hit a pedestrian. Everyone was ok. Be mindful of the road conditions in the winter.

**Continuing Business:**

**Status of Rule Making:**

**Cranes:**

[Jeff Carlson](#) handed out the Federal Register Volume 83, No. 218. Oregon OSHA is working on their rule. This rulemaking is about training and certification. OR-OSHA will create fact sheets and publications once the rule making is complete. If you have any questions, please call or email him. 503-947-7407.

**PEL-**

Lead: Oregon OSHA is looking into combining general industry and construction into one rule. The blood lead level and the testing level is changing.

## **Employer Knowledge-**

There is a small advisory meeting in January and then a partnership meeting in February to discuss the preproposal.

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

### **Accidents**

1. December 2<sup>nd</sup> Tualatin

Victim suffered bone loss from an amputation of the tip of a finger. Victim is a welder, and the employer assumes the victim was fabricating and crushed their finger with steel. Employer will call after speaking with the victim and gaining further details. Victim was transported by co-worker.

2. December 5<sup>th</sup> Portland

Employee was moving a pipe from outside to inside the building and the pipe rolled and pinched his finger between the pipe and wall. The incident caused removal of a 1cm patch of flesh (no cartilage or bone). The employer was not required to report the incident, but wanted to be safe.

3. December 6<sup>th</sup> Eugene

On December 6, 2018 the worker's back was hurting while he was operating the Bobcat. He was off the next day and went to his doctor. He thought he had shingles and he was sent home. On December 10, 2018 the pain became much worse. He returned to his doctor who admitted him to the hospital with an infection in the spine.

4. December 7<sup>th</sup> Portland

Employee was standing on a pallet raised by a forklift retrieving tile when the employee fell approximately eight feet onto a concrete floor.

5. December 14<sup>th</sup> Lyons

While cutting a piece of metal flatbar with a horizontal bandsaw, the victim cut his finger severely enough to require it to be amputated.

6. December 18<sup>th</sup> Salem

Wheel grinder stone disintegrated while employee was using it to grind metal, injured right middle finger. Employee was admitted to the hospital for surgery on finger.

7. December 28<sup>th</sup> Silverton

Employee was working in the metal fabrication area. The employee had placed his left hand on the piece of metal to straighten it when the machine came down and amputated the tip of the middle and index finger on the left hand.

### **Fatalities**

1. December 4<sup>th</sup> Winston

Company owner instructed his son, processor operator, to process logs while the company owner laid on the deck behind the boom looking for a hydraulic leak. The company owner placed his head in a pinch point at the base of the boom. As the operator raised the boom the company owner was pinched.

2. December 4<sup>th</sup> Portland

At 7:40 am on December 4, 2018 the employee tripped outside the store on the sidewalk, fell and scratched up hand and leg. The individual did not appear to hit his head. No tripping hazards were found on the sidewalk and the employer has surveillance tape of the event. The employee requested his friend to come pick him up at the location. At 8:50 am the employee began having difficulty breathing and 911 was called. Employee was transported by ambulance to the hospital. Employer was notified of the event around 11:00 am. Employee allegedly had pre-existing conditions. Employee passed away in the

hospital that night. Employer was informed that fluid was found in his lungs and allegedly died from cardiac arrest. Employer was informed of the fatality on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 am.

3. December 18<sup>th</sup> Sutherlin

Driver was on his normal route when for an unknown reason the truck left the roadway and crashed into a tree coming to a rest on its side. The driver was pronounced deceased at the scene.

4. December 21<sup>st</sup> Ontario

Employee was pulling a pallet with a manual pallet jack. He stopped to let someone pass and then collapsed. The employee was breathing with paramedics arrived and was transported to the hospital where he passed away. Employee has a history of heart issues.

5. December 24<sup>th</sup> Cornelius

Employee was found in his office, on the ground, unresponsive. Co-workers called 911 and began CPR. Emergency response arrived and took over resuscitation efforts, they worked on site for 45 minutes, then transported the employee to the hospital, where he passed away.

## Round table:

saif has updated their total worker health resources.

[Tony Howard](#) would like to help find a solution to the high percentage of apprentices being injured on the job. They make up about 15-20 % of their work force and 42% of the injuries are to apprentices. Please contact him if you would like to help.

The 2019 Mid-Oregon Construction Safety Summit is January 28 – 29, 2019

The [AGC/NWUCA Safety Forum](#) is a dialogue session where best safety and health practices are discussed. February 22, 2019 from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. New this year, there will be a featured keynote speaker, and three education breakout sessions. Topics to include: developing safe workforce supervisors, new crane rules – what you need to know, return-to-work – employee responsibilities, and effectively managing OSHA inspections. The event is free of charge. Anyone with an interest in safety is welcome to attend.

The group discussed fall protection rules in excavation.

[Dennis](#) shared that AGC is working on portable ladder safety. They are creating pod casts, and publications. If you have any suggestions for them, please contact him.

Construction Safety Summit:

January 18<sup>th</sup> is the Safety Directors Round Table at the Lucky Lab Brewing.

January 22<sup>nd</sup> is an Oregon OSHA Update with Michael Wood at John's Incredible Pizza.

### Next Meeting:

February 5, 2019

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