

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Al Lee	Eric Bongen	Paul Magrone
Alta Schafer	Emily Crews	Renee Stapleton
Barry Moreland	Julie Love	Rick Freese
Blake Reichel	Laird Blanchard	Robert Henderson
Bryon Snapp	Lendel Delcid	Robert Miller
Chris Ottoson	Lynn Craig	Roy Shawgo
Clark Vermillion	Mark Hillyard	Sean Tinker
Dave McLaughlin	Mark Spring	Shawna Bergern
Dennis Barlow	Mark Tobiasson	Stephen Heaven
Demetra Star	Mary Lou Wilson	Steve Huson
Dennis Bonin	Melissa Diede	Wil Sims
Dennis Cox	Nathan Taylor	

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

The May meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned:

The roadwork going on at night, the lighting is good, and the flaggers can be seen, but during the day it is harder to see everyone. Some people are not wearing hard hats, they are just wearing a tee shirt, or their safety vest is on but not buttoned. Make sure everyone is wearing their vests completely closed. The green vests stand out better against the orange cones.

The homeless population in Portland is growing and the camps are popping up in more places. Employees are having to park in front of some of the places where the camps are. Lock up your vehicles and keep valuables out of the vehicles. Also watch out for needles and tripping hazards.

ACME has a first aid kit for heat related issues. It has recovering fluid in it as well as other helpful products.

There was a company working on a sewer line and they were repaving the road. The City would not let them shut part of the road for safety. A guy came though the alley way on a moped and skidded through the fresh tacky tar they had just laid. The guy was not injured and admitted it was his fault.

Oregon OSHA has revised the program directive on [Local Emphasis Program \(LEP\): Preventing Heat Related Illness](#).

There was a guy having a heart attack and they had an AED on hand and were able to save the guys life with it.

-Make sure you are inspecting them to ensure they are good and usable. Some companies have an app that keeps track of expirations dates and you can enter the inspections dates as well.

-It was asked if there was a Spanish translation available for the AED's.

Companies are having to lock up the porta potties since homeless people are going in them to clean needles on the toilet paper and they have been finding used needles in them.

Don't dig in the excavation sites with your hands, they have been finding needles in the dirt. Always use your tools and equipment.

Companies are having to close up the confined space areas they are working in when they leave the site because people are going in there to sleep.

A company had an excavator stolen from a job site. They had GPS installed and were able to track and locate the excavator. This was their 3rd incident.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

PEL's-

Oregon OSHA is hoping to have drafts out in the next few of months with a tentative plan to be complete by the end of the year. Then they will start working on the next couple of PEL's to update.

Employer Knowledge & Penalties-

Oregon OSHA is holding a fiscal impact meeting for both topics.

Petition for Flaggers-

The comment period ended on May 31, 2019. Oregon OSHA will meet and review the comments that have been submitted and contact the petitioner on what the agency plans to do.

Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:

Accidents

1. May 13th Florence
The owner of an amusement company was setting up or lifting a ride when it made contact with power lines. This contact caused a back feed likely through the established ground wire and three employees in the surrounding area were impacted or received an electric shock. The employees were alert and did not wish to go to the hospital, but the employer insisted. Employees took a personal vehicle to the hospital.
2. May 9th Prineville
An employee working 8 feet from another employee operating a powder actuated tool was struck in the arm (right inside lower bicep) by a fragment of steel. The employee operating the powder actuated tool was fastening steel pan decking in a steel structure.

3. May 29th Klamath Falls
An employee was being lifted across an irrigation ditch in the bucket of an excavator. The employee's foot got caught in the pinch point of the bucket.
4. May 9th Coos Bay
While working on a landing in 90 plus degree heat, an employee started feeling sick. The crew recognized the symptoms. The employee had experienced heat stroke. The co-workers kept hydrating the sick employee. There was plenty of water on the landing. The employee held the position of chaser.
5. May 2nd Gold Beach
An employee fell a tree and the butt of the tree kicked up and struck the employee in the ribs. The employee was taken to a hospital.
6. May 23rd Portland
While removing strap from bundle of trusses, trusses shifted and slid onto his leg, breaking the leg.
7. May 1st Tillamook
After setting chokers and sending a turn of logs to the landing area of a thinning cable logging unit, the turn of logs had been landed on the landing when the employer operating the log loader at the site said he seen the victim standing in the area the turn of log that had been yarded from when the Yoader operator said the victim was saying he was hurt over the hand held radio and started blowing seven long whistles. Somewhere in the process between the time the victim released the Skyline clamp of the Acme motorized slack pulling carriage used in the logging process and gave the Yoader operator the signal to go ahead on the turn faster and the turn of logs was landed. The victim was struck in the head by an unseen object.

Fatalities

1. May 29th Astoria
Employee was pushing stuck fish down inside a way hopper. The employee was standing outside on the platform to shovel and push the few leftover fish. When the employee went to the west way hopper she lost her balance and fell 6 feet 9 inches from the platform to the concrete dock floor. There are guardrails but she fell through the area where the ladder attaches to the platform. Employee was transported to local hospital, the transferred to OHSU were she passed away. (63 year old female)
2. May 18th Corvallis
A 48 year old male had a brain tumor that advanced quicker than expected. The employee passed away on the job.
3. May 15th Elkton
Employee was standing at/between the tag axle (in front of the main drive axles), when the truck rolled forward crushing the driver. (63 year old male)
4. May 11th Winston
Employer was having an in service meeting for annual fire training. Employee went to restroom and was found unresponsive by another employee. Emergency services was called. Presumed heart attack. (55 year old male)

5. May 4th Warm springs
Employee was operating a bulldozer, when he appeared to pass out. Co-workers took control of bulldozer and got employee down off the bulldozer called 911 and began CPR. Emergency response arrived and took over resuscitation. Employee was transported to Madras, where he was pronounced deceased. (35 year old Male)

Round table:

3M will be doing training on [Working at Height: leading edge & horizontal life lines](#), Thursday, June 13, 2019 at IBEW 15937 NE Airport Way Portland, OR 97230.

Construction Safety Summit: the next meeting is Scaffold User and Inspection. It will be at John's Incredible Pizza on June 25, 2019.

The Oregon Health Sciences University's Spring Symposium is June 7, 2019 from 9:00am-4:00pm. The topic is Workplace Aggression: Best practices to prevent, identify, and safely mitigate aggressive behavior and violence.

If you have any interest in the SHARP Alliance or VPP program contact Shawna at shawnab@tapani.com. You are welcome to join their meetings to learn more about these programs.

If you are in the Eugene area and you would like to be part of the Eugene Safety Group contact Dennis Cox at dennis@mid-valleyinc.com.

If you have any topics that you would like Oregon OSHA to talk about to the group, please let [Alta Schafer](#) or [Mark Tobiasson](#) know.

Next Meeting:

July 2, 2019
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