

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Al Lee	Holt Andron	Mike Riffe
Alta Schafer	Jeff Wilson	Nathan Taylor
Barb Epstien	Kathleen Kincade	Nick Kniazianski
Barry Moreland	Kim Gable	Paul Magrone
Chris Ottoson	Laird Blanchard	Renee Stapleton
Dave McLaughlin	Lendel Del Cid	Robert Henderson
David Davidson	Logan Grubb	Sean Tinker
Dede Montgomery	Lynn Craig	Soren Bjerregaard
Emily Crews	Mark Tobiasson	
Erik Halme	Michael Wood	

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

The June meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned:

The group discussed their policies while working when there is thunder and lightning. If you hear thunder then you go indoors. Some use a 10-mile radius. NOAA has storm recommendations that companies will follow.

A company was removing old poles and got hung up on old lines. No one was injured. Keep focus and know what you back under.

The group discussed hand injuries and gloves getting caught in saws. The rip away gloves don't provide protections needed for the work. Some companies say don't wear gloves if it will be safer to perform the job without them.

It was asked if you hire a qualified person to erect scaffolding and they don't do it correctly, is the liability on the company who hired them, or the qualified person who was hired?

- It does not relieve you of liability because you could have known with reasonable diligence. You may have relied in good faith on the company who gave you bad information.

It is the employers responsibility to keep the employees safe.

The group discussed a company that had a meeting with the occupational clinics they use. The physicians say that since you have to have a fit test for respirators that you have to have a medical evaluation also.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

Standards Improvement Process #4:

There are a number of construction related changes and there is a short timeline to meet the federal deadline. If you have any questions, you can contact [Kathleen Kincade](#).

PEL:

Manganese has a draft rule to take to the advisory group. There will be an Advisory Group Meeting at the Oregon OSHA Portland Field Office on July 22, 2019 at 10:00am.

Penalties and Employer Knowledge:

Both draft rules have had the language finalized and will go to a fiscal impact committee.

Oregon OSHA will be hiring three new Technical Specialists.

Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:

Accidents

1. June 20th Prineville
An employee was loading a telehandler onto a flatbed trailer when the telehandler slid off the side of the flatbed trailer rolling down an embankment and stopping after the telehandler struck a fence at the base of the embankment. The employee was transported to the hospital where he was treated for broken ribs, a broken scapula and a laceration in his head.
2. June 13th Bend
Employee was cutting tile in the garage using an unguarded table saw. The employee was making a cut and got his finger in the path of the blade and cut off the tip of the finger.
3. June 10th La Grande
Employee was working on the roof at an elementary school when he jumped onto the rigid, skylight, reset cover. The employee fell approximately fourteen feet to the concrete floor below (in the classroom). Employee has a broken back as a result of the fall. And a compound fracture to the wrist.
4. June 6th Bend
Employee was working from an 8-foot ladder removing nails from the siding of a building. The head of the nail broke off as the employee was pulling and caused the puller to slide off. The employee lost his balance and fell to a lower level floor consisting of wooden floor decking and floor joists. The employee wanted to stay at work but realized he was in severe pain and wanted to see a doctor.
5. June 25th Hillsboro
Employee was working as an assembly at a waste management facility. The employee's left ring finger got caught on some wire what was on a 2x4. The employees left ring finger got dragged down the assembly line. The tip of the left ring finger including some bone was amputated. The host employer took the employee to the hospital.
6. June 24th Portsmouth
The employee was using a sledgehammer to remove concrete from the manhole. During this process, the handle on the sledgehammer broke through the concrete. The employee's right index finger was crushed between the concrete and the sledgehammer's handle. The employee was taken to Urgent Care by the superintendent. Urgent Care informed them that they needed to go to the hospital. They proceeded to the Legacy Emanuel Hospital. The end result was that employee had to have about ½ an inch of their right index finger at the fingernail removed.

7. June 24th Tigard
Victim was cutting particleboard with a circular saw when the blade came into contact with his right index finger, causing a partial amputation of the tip of the finger.
8. June 21st Gresham
Employee was staging a 6-foot in diameter 6000-pound reel of underground primary cable when the reel started to roll, knocking her down and rolling over her right leg breaking it above the ankle. The employee was transported to the hospital and is expected to be admitted.
9. June 5th West Linn
Employee was standing on an aluminum extension ladder finishing glass installation in a third story window. He was installing the snap bead on the window and fell approximately 18' to 20' to the ground. Employees called EMS and the injured employee was transported to the hospital via ambulance. The employee sustained multiple fractures.
10. June 5th Hood River
Employee were digging a trench for irrigation. The employee was operating (walking behind) a walk behind trencher, being followed by a backhoe. The employee's left lower leg was pinned between the trencher and the backhoe bucket. The backhoe rolled back and the employee was removed from being pinned/ crushed. EMS was notified and the employee was transported by ambulance to the hospital for treatment.
11. June 4th Lake Oswego
Employee leaned back a stack of drywall to look at a pipe in the wall and the pile of sheet rock fell backwards on him and trapped him between another stack of sheet rock behind him, approx.. 10. Employee received a broken left leg.

Fatalities

1. June 15th Beaverton
Worker was transported to hospital for cardiac arrest with possible CO poisoning, per EMS. Emergency response found worker collapsed in a garage where he was using a combustion engine pressure washer with the garage door closed.
2. June 18th Klamath Falls
Flagger was struck by vehicle driven by private citizen. Victim was pronounced deceased as the scene by medical crew.
3. June 18th Winchester Bay
Employee was caught/crushed between the loading dock and the trailer of the truck while backing up.
4. June 18th McMinnville
Employee was working when he told co-worker he need some fresh air and went outside. Co-worker went to check on employee and was found face down in the parking lot. 911 was called and co-worker attempted resuscitation efforts. Emergency response arrived, pronounced deceased at the scene, presumed heart attack.
5. June 11th Salem
Employee was struck by a motor vehicle while crossing a public roadway at an intersection while on a rest period.
6. June 4th Clatskanie
Employee was in the break room and slouched over becoming unresponsive. Coworkers moved him to the floor, the plant first responders and nurse responded and called 911. The employee was transported to the hospital via ambulance. Employee was hospitalized for a blood clot in the brain that caused a stroke. A medical procedure was done on the employee on 6/14/19 and then the employee passed away on the evening of 6/5/19.
7. June 5th Portland
The employee experienced a series of fainting spells, fell and hit his head, and died soon after being admitted into the hospital.

8. June 4th Idleyd Park

The employee/choker setter was setting chokers on log. The employee keeled over, then tried to get up and collapsed. The crew called for medical help and the employee was transported to the hospital. The employee passed away in the hospital on the 4th in the afternoon.

Heat Illness Prevention Plan

Chris Ottoson presented information about [Heat Illness Prevention Plan](#). AIHA has a new publication called focus four for health. You can find it here www.focusfourconstructionhealth.org

Round table:

Oregon OSHA will have a Spanish Language Conference in October or November. We are looking for ways to make this inexpensive so it is more accessible to all. If you would like to partner with the conference or be a presenter please contact [Renee Stapleton](#).

Construction Safety Summit: July 19, 2019 is the Safety Directors Round Table at the Lucky Lab Brewing. The annual golf tournament is July 23, 2019 at Stone Creek Golf Course.

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:

August 6, 2019
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