

**Oregon OSHA**  
**Construction Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday, August 6, 2019

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Alta Schafer	Demetra Star	Mike Riffe
Amme Stranding	Dennis Bonin	Nick Kniaziouski
Andy Collins	Dennis Cox	Paul Magrone
Barb Epstien	Elias Campbell	Renee Stapleton
Blake Reichel	Emily Crews	Robert Henderson
Bri Hume	Eric Bongen	Robert Miller
Bryon Snapp	Eric Fullan	Sara Cume
Chris Ottoson	Jeremy Lawson	Sean Tinker
Clark Vermillion	Laird Blanchard	Shawna Bergeron
Dave McLaughlin	Mark Hillyard	Soren Bjerregaard
David Davidson	Mark Spring	Tony Howard
David Palmer	Mark Tobiasson	Wil Sims
Dede Montgomery	Mary Lou Wilson	

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

The July meeting minutes were approved as amended.

**Lessons Learned:**

At a company's Arizona office, an HVAC contractor left a cylinder under pressure out on the roof of the building in the 106 sun. The can popped the pressure release valve and shot the cylinder across the street hitting the stucco building. No one was injured. Make sure you do a walkthrough that you check for anything left behind from others too.

Re-evaluate your blanket safety policies to ensure the conditions the work being done in is the safest. If it more unsafe to use the safety equipment make sure you document the reasoning.

We work in an earthquake zone and a company started thinking about adding trauma bags along with the first-aid bags. They have stop bleed products and tourniquets, but make sure the tourniquets are not pliable and stretchy, you need them firm to be able to work properly.

There was a third tier sub-contractor using a 2-hand held auger and they got a power line tangled in it. They said locates had been done, but they stopped at the curb. No one was injured. Make sure you use a private locate for anything beyond the curb.

A sub-contractor was 9feet down a live line trying to locate a plug. He was in the confined space without permission and without any safety gear. A company has made the decision to leave their safety gear up to use if anyone needs to go into a confined space.

A new employee was showing signs of heat stress after about 2 hours on the job. He had been unemployed for the last month and he had not been very active. It is something to keep in mind for future hires to assess their ability to safely work.

There is a recall on some 3M products. [You can check their website for the details.](#)

## **Continuing Business:**

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

#### **PEL's-**

The Manganese draft has been submitted to the advisory group.

#### **Standards Improvement Project-**

The draft is almost complete on the 4<sup>th</sup> phase of the updates, and then there will be a public hearing in the next 30 – 60 days.

#### **Flagging Petition-**

Oregon OSHA declined the petition, but will be looking at a bigger picture for construction, not just flaggers.

#### **Spanish Conference-**

Oregon OSHA's 1<sup>st</sup> Spanish Language Conference will be November 19, 2019 at the Oregon State Fair Grounds in Salem. This will be presented entirely in Spanish. If you are interested in helping please let [Renee Stapleton](#) know.

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

### **Accidents**

1. July 23<sup>rd</sup> John Day

Employee was operating a 140M Road Grader when his right wheel caught the soft gravel on the side of the road causing the grader to roll down the hill. The employer believes the grader rolled one to one and one-half times. It is unknown if the employee was wearing his seatbelt. Another employee transported the injured employee towards John Day, meeting the ambulance en route. The ambulance transported the injured employee to Blue Mountain Hospital where the patient was flown to St. Charles in Bend, OR.

2. July 16<sup>th</sup> Medford

A worker fell off the back of a scissor lift onto a concrete floor while working from heights of approximately 18 feet. The victim sustained injuries to both wrists, ruptured spleen, lacerations and torn to the orbital socket.

3. July 2<sup>nd</sup> Klamath Falls

A vehicle went through the traffic controlled area. The flagger jumped out of the way of vehicle sustaining a broken hip.

4. July 11<sup>th</sup> Happy Valley

Employee was working on new development, performing dry walling. He was using a ladder and approximately 4-feet up, when he slipped and legs went in-between rungs and he fell on top of the ladder; resulting in compound fractures to both legs (tibia and fibula).

5. July 9<sup>th</sup> Keiser

Two employees were holding up a temporary wall that weighed approximately 50-100lbs. One employee left to grab some additional material and the other worker lost her balance while holding the wall. The worker fell (to same level) and sustained a cracked pelvis bone. The injured worker was transferred by ambulance to the hospital. While the injured worker was in the emergency room she was administered some medication for pain. The injured worker had an allergic reaction to the pain medication and was then hospitalized due to the reaction, not due to the pelvis injury.

6. July 1<sup>st</sup> Silverton

Employee was on a ladder cleaning gutters when the ladder slid on the gutter causing the employee to fall to the ground resulting in a broken collar bone and ribs.

### **Fatalities**

1. July 22<sup>nd</sup> Klamath Falls

Employee ran off the road and struck a tree with a company vehicle. Then exited the vehicle and walked approximately a quarter mile to near by Fish Lake. The employee then wrapped a belt around his neck and was asphyxiated. (43 year old male)

2. July 16<sup>th</sup> Philomath

At 12:45 p.m., the office manager noticed people beating on a car window; she ran outside to see what happened. When the deceased did not return home from work, his fiancé and brother retraced his route to work, where he was found in his truck deceased. (48 year old male)

3. July 2<sup>nd</sup> South Beach

Setting a double-wide manufactured home section on slab foundation with 4 jacks. The home became unbalanced, falling on an employee. Employee was transported to the hospital where he later passed away. (37 year old male)

4. July 1<sup>st</sup> Gilchrist

An employee fell 12 feet to a lower level after falling through a floor opening measured at 86 inches by 36 inches when a 10 gauge steel floor hole cover failed. The employee was taken, by Life flight, to St. Charles in Bend and is currently in a medically induced coma. The employer was notified that the employee passed away on 7/1/19. The incident occurred on June 25<sup>th</sup>. (53 year old male – head injury)

### **Round table:**

Construction Safety Summit: the next meeting is on Unconscious Bias. It will be at John's Incredible Pizza on August 27, 2019.

Demetra shared that they have found that Providence/Concentra does medical surveillance for Silica.

With the increase in syringes at job sites, the City of Portland is overwhelmed and cannot get to every site. If you are having your employees clean up, you need to have a blood born pathogen program.

The Pacific NW AIHA Conference is in Bend October 23-25, 2019. They will have 1-day course on Cannabis.

Oregon Health Authority received a grant for training for administering opioid overdose medicine.

SafeBuild Alliance also has a training on [Using Naloxone to Reverse Overdose](#) on September 24, 2019.

Their meeting on October 23, 2019 is about Innovative Tools Being Used in the Workspace, so if you have any you use and would like share the information, please Contact [Amme Standing](#).

The Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences [Fall Symposium](#) is November 15, 2019. It is on Substance Use and the Workplace.

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:**

September 3, 2019  
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