

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Al Lee	Jared Grenya	Mike Riffe
Alta Schafer	Jared Ottinger	Nathan Taylor
Barb Epstien	Jeff Luyet	Pat Brunson
Barry Moreland	Jeff Wilson	Renee Stapleton
Bri Hume	Jeremy Lawson	Robirda Lee
Bryan Ortiz	Jim Mahar	Robert Miller
Bryon Snapp	Laird Blanchard	Ryan Laffel
Chris Ottoson	Lane Ellison	Stephen Heaven
Dave McLaughlin	Mark Hillyard	Tosha Gilpin
Dennis Barlow	Mark Tobiasson	
Holt Andron	Mary Lou Wilson	

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

The August meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned:

[Lane Ellison](#) shared that his company has put together a great trauma bag for not very expensive. If you would like to make some let him know.

There was a clarification that the company doing locates are still required to go up past the curb to the building, unless it is private property such as Intel, then they go up to the fence. They shouldn't just stop at the curb.

School is starting again to watch out for kids and school zones.

Be cautious when you are unloading materials off the back of trucks, the forklift can push materials off the other side. Keep the area clear of people.
One company shared that they have designated staging areas, and unloading areas. The truck drivers are to stay in their trucks in the unloading area, while other employees unload the truck.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

PEL's-

The [Manganese](#) draft will be submitted to the work group in October and then they will work on proposing.

Standards Improvement Project-

Oregon OSHA's proposal to adopt Federal [SIP-IV](#) amendments and Oregon initiated changes to Administrative, General Industry, Construction, and Maritime activity standards. There is a public hearing on September 23, 2019 at 1:30pm and the Portland Field Office.

Spanish Conference-

Oregon OSHA's Spanish Language Conference will be November 19, 2019 at the Oregon State Fair Grounds in Salem. This will be presented entirely in Spanish for the workers who do not speak English. This event is free so there are no barriers of having people attend. We would like to have a mobile clinic on site too. Registration should be open this week. If you are interested in helping please let [Renee Stapleton](#) know.

Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:

Accidents

1. August 21st Springfield

The employee was removing rusted bolts from a backflow device with a 4-inch Dewalt grinder. The worker was lying on his side holding the grinder with his right hand when it kicked back, struck him on the right forearm and cut him.

2. August 14th Hermiston

A construction worker fell approximately 12-feet to concrete inside a freezer due to a fall from an elevated platform under construction. The employee received two broken arms and a injury to the left side of his head. The worker was taken by life flight to Kadlec Medical Center.

3. August 12th Bend

Employee was working from the basket of a rough terrain scissor lift while nailing top plates. The employee caught their foot in the airline and fell to the floor of the basket. The employee landed on a cats paw (nail removing tool) that was inside their tool bag. The fall resulted in 3 broken ribs and internal bleeding.

4. August 6th Irrigon

Moving a light tower out of position, the trailer jack folded beneath. The finger is assumed to have been amputated between the jack and the tongue of the light tower trailer.

5. August 8th Central Point

An employee was getting measurements for the next cut of plywood. The employee had fall protection gear donned and anchor points in place. The employee did not attach the fall protection gear to the attachment point. The employee fell approximately 15-feet to the lower level resulting in multiple injuries.

6. August 18th Hillsboro

Injured employee was attempting to access a secondary story residential roof using a 16-foot extension ladder when the worker lost his balance and fell approximately 9-feet to the ground below. The employee sustained a broken ankle as a result of this fall and was admitted overnight to the local hospital for treatment.

Fatalities

1. August 21st Portland

Under wet conditions, the driver crashed truck and trailer into freeway sign. Both truck and trailer caught fire. No other vehicles were involved. 51-year-old male.

2. August 14th Portland

Employee was painting from a scissor lift when a machine tipped over and employee fell. 47-year-old male.

3. August 9th Monroe

While engaged in road building, the equipment rolled 300 to 400 feet down a hill and rolled over the worker. 59-year-old male.

4. August 8th Happy Valley

Two workers were fatally injured while operating an aerial lift on uneven terrain. 27-year-old male. Other male age unknown.

5. August 2nd Albany

At the time of the accident, the victim was clearing trees and brush from a lot using an excavator. A tree fell on the cab of the excavator. 62-year-old male.

Round table:

Construction Safety Summit: the next meeting is Scaffold User and Inspection. It will be at John's Incredible Pizza on September 24, 2019.

The [Central Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Conference](#) will be in Bend on September 16-17, 2019.

Last month there was an AGC conference in Seattle and they discussed internal traffic control plans. There were a lot of fatalities from their own equipment. ODOT is going to start mandating the internal traffic control on their sites. If you are interested in creating one for your company, contact Dennis Barlow.

There is a [Mining Safety & Health Conference](#) in Reno, Nevada October 21-23, 2019.

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:

October 1, 2019
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