

**Oregon OSHA**  
**Construction Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday, October 1, 2019

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Al Lee	Emily Crews	Mark Tobiasson
Andy Colins	Eric Bongen	Mary Lou Wilson
Barry Moreland	Eric Fullan	Nathan Taylor
Blake Reichel	Erin Greene	Renee Stapleton
Bryon Snapp	Holt Andron	Robert Henderson
Clark Vermillion	Jeff Wilson	Roy Shawgo
Dave McLaughlin	Jeremy Lawson	Sara Cume
David Davidson	Laird Blanchard	Sean Tinker
Dennis Barlow	Lon Steel	Tony Hannan
Dennis Bonin	Mark Hillyard	Tony Howard
Dennis Cox	Mark Spring	

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

The September meeting minutes were approved.

**Lessons Learned:**

An employer was seeing an increase in vehicle collisions, specifically rear-ends occurring. Causes such as cell phone use, inattentive drivers, and anti-lock brakes were discussed.

An incident occurred when attempting to move a connex box with a forklift that was not designed to do that type of work, resulting in a near miss. Always use the correct tool/equipment for the task.

The process for calling in locates was discussed. Employers cannot use another employer's locates. One call requirements require each employer to call their own in. A locator will come out to verify even if locates were previously called in and identified. Referencing the original locate ticket number can be helpful in the process if it is known.

The group discussed appeals, contractors, & several sub-contractors. One sub walked off the sight due to frustration. Maybe have better language in contracts up front to have clear communication. It is tough for subs due to the charges. Get everyone involved, and don't stop at someone's first answer. Make sure all have verification and documentation. Bring your concerns to the general contractor, and make sure they understand Oregon law that is of concern. –The subs were from out of town and the corporate general contractor had a delay.

When a company is on site crushing, that is not leaving the site, who has jurisdiction? It is not mining, it is excavating. Can MSHA take control, or is it Oregon OSHA's? Renee will provide an answer and send it out to the group. They just want constancy from Oregon OSHA and MSHA.

The group would like to discuss MSHA at the next meeting.

An employee received a bee sting and was allergic. The event could have been life threatening. It was suggested employers look into ways to address this proactively. Suggestions such as having allergic employee's information about their medical conditions in the hardhats to be available in emergency situations were discussed. Availability and use of epinephrine was also discussed.

## **Continuing Business:**

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

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

[Manganese](#): Oregon OSHA held two stakeholder meetings on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, going over pre-proposal draft language. There is no proposal date yet, but likely before the end of the year.

#### **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.

#### **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. You must be registered before the conference starts to attend, so please [register online](#), or call 541-618-7920.

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

### **Accidents**

1. September 20<sup>th</sup>, Florence  
The employee fell approximately 8 to 12 feet off an extension ladder resulting in a fractured tailbone.
2. September 13<sup>th</sup>, Redmond  
While working with a crew of 2-3 employees offloading a flatbed trailer of 2x12x22 wooden boards, an employee injured their right middle finger. The employee was offloading boards at the back of the trailer when a board slipped from the employees' hands. The board landed on the tip of the employees' right middle finger, smashing the finger between the board and the trailer. The employee was initially taken to St. Charles in Redmond, Oregon and 2-3 hours later was transferred to The Center Orthopedic and Neurological Care & Research located in Bend, OR. The tip of the right middle finger was amputated.
3. September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Hillsboro  
An employee was working on the roof when he felt dizziness and started to shake. The crew called 911 and an ambulance transported him to the Tuality Community Hospital. He had a seizure.
4. September 24<sup>th</sup>, Wilsonville  
Employee was getting ready to pour second stage of a concrete form, when the structure that was not fully formed, collapsed and struck him in the neck, chin, shoulder and back causing multiple fractures. Employee was transported by ambulance to OHSU, where he was admitted.
5. September 19<sup>th</sup>, Portland  
Employee was placing plastic on second story window while on an extension ladder and fell. The accident may have been caused by the employee over reaching.
6. September 11<sup>th</sup>, Hillsboro  
Employee was attempting to position a stabilizing block under a hydraulic drill. The Machine operator was deploying the stabilizer feet and the employee positioning the stabilizing block did not ensure

that his hand was not in the path of travel for the stabilizer feet. The employees right pointer finger was crushed by the stabilizer foot.

7. September 6<sup>th</sup>, Portland  
Employee was working on a 8 foot step ladder on the fourth rung pulling cable. The pull became hard and freed up, and he lost his balance. He fell to the concrete surface below. Other workers in the area heard him fall. EMS was called and employees kept him stable while waiting for EMS.
8. September 24<sup>th</sup>, Grand Ronde  
Employee was driving a rough-terrain forklift downhill on a narrow gravel road (US Forest Service Road 2280) off of Hebo Rd/Hwy 22 near mile post 11. The forklift came around a corner and met a truck travelling uphill. The victim veered off the road down an embankment, and was ejected and crushed by the forklift. Resulting in multiple fractures.
9. September 11<sup>th</sup>, Salem  
Employee was working on a roof tear off when he slipped and fell onto a chain link fence. Employee broke two ribs and bruised his lung. Went to ER and was admitted into the hospital. As of 9/13/19 the employee is still hospitalized.

## **Fatalities**

1. September 27<sup>th</sup>, Scio  
Owner was working from an extensible boom lift putting on the roof of a new building. The owner likely had a heart related event and passed away.
2. September 21<sup>st</sup>, LaPine  
The employee was responding to a separate vehicular accident scene. While securing the scene assisting Oregon State Patrol the employee suffered a fatal heart attack. Paramedics were on site and declared the employee deceased. The employee worked from the La Pine maintenance shop for ODOT.
3. September 17<sup>th</sup>, Medford  
Employee said he had a headache, supervisor asked if he needed to go home. Sometime after 3:00pm a co-worker saw employee sitting down and reported it to supervisor. Supervisor came to check and noticed employee was unconscious and cold. Presumed aneurism.
4. September 12<sup>th</sup>, Brogan  
Victim was operating a tractor towing a tape drip line puller in an onion field when he stopped and exited the tractor leaving the implement engaged. Going to the tape puller either to clean or reattach a broken tape, the victim became entangled and was pulled between the driven roller and the idler roller a gap of 5.5 inches, resulting in crushing injuries causing death.
5. September 6<sup>th</sup>, Hood River  
A 1949 Piper Aircraft PA-18 Super Cub, two-seat, single-engine monoplane was in flight when the engine cut out, almost caught, and then cut out again at approximately 100 feet off the ground. The plane crashed to the ground at the airport and broke into pieces upon impact on the Ken Jernstedt Airfield.

## **Round table:**

Construction Safety Summit: the next meeting is Mobile Crane Use on your Project. It will be at John's Incredible Pizza on October 22, 2019.

SafeBuild Alliance 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 Standring](#).

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

2020 ACA Possibility for a steering team. A valuable time to get OSHA face to face, and another way to get information. If you are interested let [Nathan](#) or [Mike](#) know.

Oregon OSHA is holding interviews for 11 compliance officers positions. They are going to be doing hiring's in groups so there is a bigger training class all together. We will have more openings coming soon.

There are three new technical specialists in the Technical section too.

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:**

November 5, 2019  
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