

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Al Lee	Dennis Bonin	Matt Kaiser
Alta Schafer	Dennis Cox	Megan McDonald
Andy Colins	Eric Bongen	Michelle Brunetto
Barb Epstien	Eric Fullan	Nathan Taylor
Becky	George Goodman	Pat Brunson
Blake Reichel	Ian Chace	Paul Johnston
Bri Hume	Jared Ottinger	Paulo Pinto
Brian Ortiz	Jeff Luyet	Rick McMurry
Bryon Snapp	Jeff Wilson	Robert Henderson
Clark Vermillion	Julie Love	Roy Shawgo
Connor Toney	Laird Blanchard	Ryan Leffel
Dale Lindstrom	Lon Steel	Tony Hannan
Dave McLaughlin	Mark Hillyard	Tony Howard
David Davidson	Mark Tobiasson	Troy Stroud
Dennis Barlow	Mary Lou Wilson	Warren Jackson

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

The November meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned:

Communication is really important with your employees and anyone who is working on the same or close job sites. Be present and make safety suggestions to everyone when you see something. Multiple employers working in the same area with boom lifts, cranes, etc use the same airspace and can cause issues, so make sure you are clearly communicating with everyone.

A friend passed away while putting up Christmas lights on his house by falling off the ladder. Please take safety home with you.

It is getting colder and there is ice / snow on the roads. Drive defensively so everyone gets where they are going safely.

When you get orders from manufactures make sure you are checking everything to ensure it is all there and that the equipment is in good shape and works properly.

When you are training employees make sure you are being clear and give all the information needed. Don't assume everyone knows what you are talking about and knows how to do/use something.

Pay attention to the recalls when you see them. Check your inventory and remove if necessary. Also, if you see another company using the product, let them know about the recall.

What is your policy on lone workers? It is common in the logging industry for lone workers, but it is also common in the construction industry. Check on them, or have them check in with you.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

PEL's-

[Manganese](#): Oregon OSHA held two stakeholder meetings on October 2nd and 17th, 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 adopted Federal [SIP-IV](#) amendments and Oregon initiated changes to Administrative, General Industry, Construction, and Maritime activity standards. Updated the MUTCD from the millennium edition to the 2009 edition (which is the most current edition). There is the new 2009 edition of the MUTCD in every Oregon OSHA Field Office and [you can find them online](#).

Spanish Conference-

Oregon OSHA's Spanish Language Conference was November 19, 2019 at the Oregon State Fair Grounds in Salem. Over 200 people attended and it was successful. One of the suggestions for future conferences was giving more time for the classes in order for all the questions to be answered. We will be continuing this conference in the future.

Thank you to our sponsors, and thank you to everyone that participated and shared the information. There was employers support as well and there were multiple companies that sent their employees.

Employer Knowledge and Penalty Updates-

There is a Fiscal Impact Advisory Committee that will meet in January to discuss both of these subjects.

Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:

The following is preliminary information as reported at the time of the accident intake.

Accidents

1. November 27th Eagle Point

While attempting to charge the battery on a John Deere 300 B, the tractor started and jumped forward then backward and ran over the employee. The employee had been standing on the left side of the tractor, reached over to try to start the tractor, bumped the shifter (located on the left side) into gear causing the tractor to run the employee over. The employee's top 10 ribs and scapula were fractured.

2. November 25th Curtain

The company was in the process of removing trees. The victim was standing next to an excavator when the log rolled down an embankment and struck the victim in the right leg.

3. November 26th Corvallis

The worker was placing a beam on top of the wave flume when the accident occurred. The beam was 3 feet by 3 feet by 8 feet and it was on a swivel. The swivel pivoted and swung the beam which pinned the employee between the beam and the concrete wall.

4. November 13th Bandon

The foreman/maintenance person drove to a private sand lot to pick up a load of sand. He fell off the loader and hit his head. He called his partner to take him to the hospital. The employee was admitted to the hospital in Bandon. They found bleeding on the brain.

5. November 12th Redmond

Employee was using a powered staple-gun to assemble wooden crates. The staple gun was accidentally placed against the employee's right leg, just above the kneecap, wherein the gun fired the staple into the employee's leg, causing a puncture wound.

6. November 22nd Hillsboro

Crew installing pipe connection at commercial construction site. The fitting broke and the pipe came down on the employee's foot, breaking a bone. It was a 6 foot section of 8 inch PVC pipe, and weighed approximately 100 pounds. A mini excavator was pushing the pipe into the fitting. Supervisor transported the employee to the hospital.

7. November 20th Portland

Employee was adjusting material being clamped in vertical band saw. Right middle finger was grabbed by clamp.

8. November 20th Portland

Employee was removing wood slide door when they injured their left hand and smashed three fingers between the door. One finger required surgery.

9. November 20th Lake Oswego

An employee was connecting a water line and unbolting a cap to the line and employee was unaware that the line was under pressure and the pipe cap shot off and struck the employee in the abdomen. The employee was then knocked to the ground. Employee admitted overnight.

10. November 12th Portland

On October 19, 2019 after working for 2 hours, the employee told his supervisor that he has a blister (didn't specify where the blister was), and went home. He did not report it to his supervisor, or to HR. He came back to work the next day and worked for a couple of weeks. On November 7, 2019 he called his supervisor and said that he is sick and going to the hospital. On November 12, 2019 he texted his supervisor and told him that his big toe on the left foot got infected. Before that during a meeting conducted on November 6, 2019 he mentioned that he is getting a new pair of boots but did not explain why. On November 12, 2019 the employee called and said that his toe got infected. On November 14, 2019 the employee called from the hospital and said that his big toe on the left foot was amputated.

11. November 6th Portland

Employee was flagging, controlling traffic when she was struck by a vehicle.

12. November 7th Portland

The injured worker was cleaning up some wiring on one of the antennas and used a bucket to stand on. When the worker stepped down her ring on her left ringfinger caught a screw resulting in an amputation of the ring finger on the left hand. Employee was working on the 16th floor in the IDF Room.

13. November 4th Portland

The employee lost his balance while working on a 10 foot roof and fell to the ground. He was wearing a fall protection harness, but was not attached to a safety lanyard. The fall resulted in a broken foot.

14. November 25th Mulino

Employee was dismounting the roof of a one story residential home, when he slipped and fell to the ground. Employee was transported to OHSU where he stayed overnight, extent of injuries is still unknown.

Fatalities

1. November 22nd, Beaverton

Employee was on the roof performing roofing work, fell to lower level of approximately 13 feet. Pronounced deceased at the scene. (42 year old male)

2. November 19th, Gresham

The driver was pulled off to the side of the road to check his load when he was struck by a civilian passenger vehicle. (43 year old male)

3. November 15th, Wilsonville

Workplace fatality. Employee murdered at work site. (36 year old male)

4. November 1st, Grants Pass

Truck was loaded and traveling down road, at corner, driver lost control of log truck, the load shifted forward crushing the cab. (51 year old female)

Oregon OSHA Opinion and Order:

Oregon OSHA discussed the opinion and order for a case that happened in 2018 on an excavation site.

Anonymous Questions:

If you have anything you would like to bring up at the meetings and would like to stay anonymous, let Mark Tobiasson or Nathan Taylor know and they will bring it up for you.

- A general contractor has subcontractors and there is a secondary under the subcontractors who are small and they don't have workers comp. If one of them get hurt, who has the liability?

That is a question for the Workers Compensation Division. The injury will be covered but the whoever has the insurance will be penalized starting at the cost of the injury and will increase from there. If there is a company masquerading as not being in control, they have liability to the State. It would be a WCD non-complying employer.

The group asked if a Workers Comp person can be at the next meeting.

Round table:

Construction Safety Summit: December 17, 2019 is the Member Vendor Appreciation event. It will be at John's Incredible Pizza.

Crane certification extension will end on 1/1/2020.

AGC Columbia:

Partnering with Washington to do a crane training. They received a grant, and anyone is welcome. Dennis will send out the information once they know more.

February 13, 2020: [Serious Injury & Fatality \(SIF\) Prevention](#) event 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Open to all.

March 3, 2020: evening event to promote Safety Supervisors for Construction.

April 22-23, 2020: will be the training certification for Safety Supervisors for Construction.

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:

January 7, 2020
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