

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Alta Schafer	Eric Bongen	Mark Tobiasson
Anna Kelly	Eric Connelly	Mary Lou Wilson
Barb Epstien	Gary Robertson	Mike Jacobs
Bryan Ortiz	George Goodman	Mike Riffe
Bryon Snapp	Holt Andron	Nathan Taylor
Chris Jordan	Ian Chase	Renée Stapleton
Chris Ottoson	Jade Osilla	Robert Henderson
Clark Vermillion	Jeff Wilson	Ryan Leffel
Dale Henningson	Jeremy Lawson	Stacie Athon
Dale Lindstrom	Joaquin Diaz	Stephen Heaven
Darren Dikeman	Kelton Hague	Steve Huson
Dave McLaughlin	Laird Blanchard	Steve Spurlock
Dede Montgomery	Lon Steel	Tony Howard
Dennis Barlow	Lynn Craig	
Diana Lowe	Matt Kaiser	

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

The January meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned:

In another jurisdiction, there was a company that was cutting a 6-foot span of 16-inch water pipe. There was air built up in the pipe that wasn't let out and it exploded under the pressure. It blew the employee back 10 to 15-feet.

-It is very important to remove any built up air pressure in pipes before any work is done on them.

One member mentioned that they have heard that there has been an uptick of citations for not having site specific hazard assessments on silica. Make sure you are doing the assessment every time.

It is very important that if you have a serious or uncertain injury, call 9-1-1. Do not transport the person yourself. It is important to get EMT's on site to start immediate care.

There was a crane operating on a job site that had expired certification. When the crane arrived on the jobsite, the certification was good but due to some delay on the job it expired while on the job. Always check the certification and the expiration dates even outside of when the job is anticipated to end.

A company was using an older reach boom forklift, it started having issues so they rented a new one. They kept all the attachments for the old equipment but they didn't have any of the documents on it. Make sure you have all the documents needed.

[Oregon OSHA programs](#) that improve safety now count for [CCB continuing education](#) credits. you can satisfy all or part of your CCB continuing education credits when you receive an Oregon OSHA consultation AND provide proof that you corrected any hazards that were identified.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

PEL's-

[Manganese](#): Oregon OSHA has proposed the updated rule, and public hearings will be held on February 20, 2020, March 4, 2020, and March 26, 2020.

Lead: The updated rule is still being worked on.

Respirator Fit Testing: The proposal has been made and the public comment period closed in January 2020.

[Employer Knowledge](#) and Penalty Updates-

There was a Fiscal Impact Advisory Committee that met in January to discuss both of these subjects. The rule proposal may be filed later this month.

The Partnership Advisory Committee and the Employer Knowledge Rulemaking Group has been working on the language for this rule.

The group asked why they weren't apart of the discussions and they could be.

The topic was brought up several times at this committee and the group was told the FIAC was going to meet starting in June 2019. There are members of the CAC who are on the Partnership Advisory Committee who have gave input on the language. Since the FIAC has already met, we will not be empaneling them again if there were to be significant changes to the rule. Once the rule is proposed there will be public hearing and open public comment period.

Oregon OSHA has come up with a list, [Action 2025](#), of rulemaking and outreach items that it wants to tackle in the next 5 years.

Non-Entry Firefighting-

Oregon OSHA is working on rulemaking for Non-entry firefighting.

Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:

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

Accidents

1. January 29th, Ashland

Employee fell from the back of a truck, approximately 10 feet. Unsure what caused the fall. The fall resulted in a fractured vertebra and head injury.

2. January 14th, Medford

While using the band saw to cut wood, the shop teacher cut the tip of his left index finger off and broke the thumb on the left hand.

3. January 10th, Eugene

An employee was leaning on a saw horse with his elbow all day while welding. At the end of the day, his elbow was sore and the next day he went to the emergency room and received medication for the swelling. Two days later, he went back to the hospital and was admitted with a staph infection.

4. January 14th, Klamath Falls

A paint line on an airless paint sprayer burst and injected paint under the skin of an employee's hand while the employee was trying to move the paint line.

5. January 22nd, Milwaukie

Employee was struck by a drunk driver while flagging resulting in a broken leg and compressed spine.

6. January 22nd, Sandy

Employee was walking on the deck of the suspended scaffolding system that was in the process of being dismantled. The employee had unclipped his lanyard to get around a bridge support when the deck dropped out from under him causing him to fall about 35 to 40 feet landing in the Sandy River.

Clackamas County Sheriff rescue team was dispatched to get the worker out of the river. EMS was dispatched and transported the employee to Legacy Emanuel for further treatment.

7. January 16th, Tigard

After work on 12/16/2019, the employee noticed blood on their sock and noticed a sheet metal screw punctured through the bottom of their work boot (i.e. puncture wound on sole of their foot). The employee is diabetic. The puncture wound became infected.

8. January 15th, Beaverton

Employee Fell 8-10 feet from a ladder while applying paper to a residential home before installing siding.

9. January 7th, Portland

Employee was trying to fabricate a tool and his hand was pulled into the sanding belt resulting in left index finger avulsion.

10. January 14th, Lake Oswego

He was cutting down a tree that barber chaired. The tree struck by his left chest, fracturing 12 ribs.

11. January 6th, Silverton

Employee fell off a ladder while hanging plywood and broke his right arm.

Fatalities

1. January 24th, Portland

Employee started to have an episode and CPR was started. 911 was called. Paramedics took over and the employee was taken to OHSU. Employee was declared deceased on 1/24/2020. 65-year-old Female.

2. January 21st, Tigard

Employee was in the process of picking up road signs with coworker. They got out of the vehicle, walked to the back of the vehicle, where the employee told his co-worker he didn't feel well, he then turned and walked to the side of the vehicle and collapsed. Co-worker and passing motorist began CPR until EMS arrived. Employee was transported to the hospital where he later passed away from a possible heart attack and/or blood clot. 62-year-old male.

3. January 20th, Lexington

Employee driving a loaded log truck, drifted out of the north bound travel lane, across the small shoulder and into the roadside ditch. The log truck tipped onto its side and then rolled, spilling the logs and ejecting the driver who was not restrained by their seat belt. A passing motorist found the victim deceased near the truck. 44-year-old male.

4. January 18th, Eugene

The accident victim was struck by the counterweight of an excavator and he was pinned between the excavator and a concrete traffic barrier. 66-year-old male.

5. January 16th, Prineville

A tow truck operator was backed over by a motor vehicle. 47-year-old male.

6. January 16th, Salem

Employee collapsed on arrival at site preparing to pump waste oil. He was to collect waste oil at an auto shop. Had not started pumping the waste oil. Routine activity. 50-year-old male.

7. January 10th, Heppner

Preliminary investigation (by OSP) revealed that a Freightliner truck pulling a loaded trailer was northbound when it struck the right guardrail, traveled off the highway and down an embankment. 56-year-old male.

Oregon OSHA Opinion and Order:

Oregon OSHA discussed a fatality case from March 2019.

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.

Round table:

Construction Safety Summit: February 26, 2020 is on Wellness, Industrial Athlete being P.R.E.P.A.R.E.D. presented by Steve B. at John's Incredible Pizza.

Clark shared the CSS has received 501c6 status.

AGC:

-AGC and Oregon OSHA met to discuss the AGC Pride program. The employer lists have been updated. It is the responsibility of the company to share with the Oregon OSHA compliance officer that they are a Pride participant. It will be a limited inspection to the focus four. It does not exclude the company from inspection, or if there is a complaint or accident inspection.

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

-March 3, 2020 is the [Safety & Health Council: Networking meeting](#). Josh Franklin with the Board of Certified Safety Professionals will talk on benefits of safety certification.

-April 22-23, 2020 is a [Safety Trained Supervisor- Construction Exam Course](#).

-March 16 & 17, 2020 AGC received the Susan Harwood grant for Crane Hazards in Construction. There will be a day long training at Great Wolf Lodge in Washington on [Crane Management Training](#).

Latino Built, is a non-profit organization, that puts on trainings for the Latino community. There will be a training on February 20, 2020 on [What To Expect During an OSHA Inspection for Employers](#). It will be presented in Spanish and is free. If you have any question you can contact [Bryan Ortiz](#).

[ASSP Santiam Section meeting](#) is February 11, 2020. Chris Liechty will give a presentation on Human & Organizational Performance.

Saif has a training on March 2, 2020 from 9:00a-10:30a at World of Speed Museum in Wilsonville on [Emergency Preparedness](#). Steve Eberlein will be presenting.

GOSH conference: if you have any topics you would like to see at the conference contact [Travis Stone](#) and [Nick Naramore](#).

Judy Cushing- Oregon Construction Industry for Suicide Prevention Task Force by [Lines for Life](#), part of the National Suicide Prevention. There are many tools that are available for free that anyone can use.

Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences- In April they will host another meeting on Aggression in the Workplace. Their last one was well received. If you have any thoughts or ideas, contact [Dede Montgomery](#).

[Anna Kelly](#) shared that the Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences Safety Research Lab is looking to partner for their [safety climate research measures](#) and evaluate

safety in the workplace to lower injury rates and increase employee well-being. This project will measure the specific factors that drive safety and through a systematic simulation will allow organizations to focus their resources where they will make the most impact. Participation is free of cost, the project is dependent on grant funding, and the project would take place 1-2 years from now. Please contact her if you are interested.

Washington Department of Labor and Industries is conducting rulemaking to update the requirements on [Chapter 296-155 WAC, Part L, Cranes, Rigging, and Personnel Lifting](#). It is SB6171. There is an upcoming meeting February 28, 2020 in Tukwila, WA.

There is a [Crane Safety Symposium](#) in Seattle, WA on February 18, 2020.

Mt. Hood Community College has lost their Safety Program due to funding.

ASSP and Risk & Insurance Management Society is holding a joint meeting on February 13, 2020 at the Multnomah Athletic Club. [You can register here.](#)

[Lines for Life has their monthly meeting](#) on February 27, 2020 at SAIF in Lake Oswego.

Oregon OSHA is always looking for people to highlight in our Resource publication. If you have you would like to nominate, please contact [Renée Stapleton](#).

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:

March 3, 2020
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