

**Oregon OSHA**  
Construction Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Al Lee	Dennis Bonin	Michael Wood
Amme Standing	Doug Pettyjohn	Mike Brunenkant
Andrew Haymart	Eden Berstoff	Mike Jacobs
Angelica Valdivieso	Emily Crews	Milton Stamp
Annmarie Earl	Eric Bongen	Nevin McLain
Barb Epstien	Eric Fullan	Paul Magrone
Barbara Hanley	George Goodman	Phil Wentz
Bash Mumuni	Hailey Latherow	Rick McMurry
Bill Haskins	Holt Andron	Rob Nichols
Brad Nanke	Ilene Ferrell	Robert Miller
Braxton Chambers	Jared Ottinger	Roberto Aguilar
Brittney Pewonka	Jeremy Lawson	Robirda Lee
Bryan Davis	Jim Anderson	Roy Shwago
Bryon Snapp	Jim Mahar	Ryan Leffel
Caleb Harris	Joaquin Diaz	Samuel Blake
Chris Dahl	Julie Love	Sean Tinker
Chris Grover	Kathy Miller	Soren Bjerregaard
Chris Williams	Kirsten Adams	Stephen Heaven
Dale Lindstrom	Lisa Pickert	Ted Zacher
Dana Hefty	Mannie Mills	Tony Howard
Dave McLaughlin	Mark Tobiasson	Tosha Gilpin
David Davidson	Mary Lou Wilson	Troy Stoud
Dede Montgomery	Megan McDonald	

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The first 30 minutes of the meeting was missed by the minute taker due to computer issues.

**Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:**

If there is an accident or fatality incident that you would like more information on let Nathan and Jeff know so we can track it and can discuss once the case is able to be discussed.

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

**Accidents**

1. July 8<sup>th</sup>, Corvallis

Employee was attempting to dislodge a piece of concrete which was being broken up by a piece of machinery. Employee was using a pry bar, their middle finger on their left hand was pinched between the pry bar and the machinery. The employee sought medical care and the distal interphalangeal joint on their middle finger of their left hand was amputated.

2. July 8<sup>th</sup>, Madras

An employee was cutting LSL rim board, using a Skilsaw, on saw horses. The board/block is reported to have moved while the employee was cutting the board/block which resulted in the Skilsaw contacting the employee's left index finger. The employee was taken to St.

Charles in Madras where they attempted to repair the index finger. On the same day, the employee was transferred to St. Charles in Bend where his index finger was amputated.

3. July 7<sup>th</sup>, Eugene

An employee operating a cordless circular saw sustained an avulsion and fractured thumb when caught up in the blade while wearing gloves. The employee was cutting framing material described by employer as either the end of a wall plate or the OSB sheeting.

4. July 5<sup>th</sup>, The Dalles

The employee was loading a ladder in a ladder truck. The employee pinched his finger and amputated the tip of his left index finger. (Agriculture related)

5. July 21<sup>st</sup>, Lake Oswego

An employee stepped onto a floor without a barricade, backed up and lost footing when he fell 10 feet onto the gravel garage below landing on his back.

6. July 15<sup>th</sup> Portland

Employee broke his tibia or fibia. Was working on roof and was on his way leaving for lunch when he experienced a 9' fall from top of wall onto floor during the downclimb.

7. July 9<sup>th</sup> Portland

The employee was demolishing a bathroom, on 07/09/21, when they felt sick and threw up. They notified their branch manager and left the job site/went home to take a rest at approximately 4:45PM. The employee later stated they felt arm and chest pain and drove themselves to the hospital that same evening (~9:00PM) where they were admitted and diagnosed with a major heart attack. The employee is still in the hospital.

## Fatalities

1. July 30<sup>th</sup> Odell

Orchard operation. An employee fell from a 4 foot ladder. 911 was called and a co-worker provided CPR until paramedics arrived. EMS provided CPR for about 1/2 hour before pronouncing. 76-year-old male

2. July 28<sup>th</sup> Scappoose

The deceased is the owner of the farm, was trying to fix a mechanical failure on a baler when the baler shifted, crushing in him the wheel well and impaling him with a fork from the machine. Male, age unknown.

3. July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Prineville

Employee was a truck driver leaving after his shift. He spoke with forklift driver who loaded the truck for a delivery to be completed on Monday. Talked for a bit, forklift driver did not notice any health issues with employee at that time. Walked to the elevated deck, went into the office to drop off paperwork. Walked out of the office and collapsed. He was discovered nonresponsive by a manager who started CPR - brought out the AED and continued CPR. Temperature was approximately 85 degrees. 53-year-old male

4. July 7<sup>th</sup> Rufus

After not responding and relaying messages to other drivers, the employee was found in his truck, deceased, at Biggs Junction Flying J truck stop. Assumed natural causes - employer is

unsure at this time. Employer was contacted by Oregon State Police. 7/9/2021 rec'd confirmation cause of death was Acute myocardial infarction. 57-year-old male.

5. July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Klamath Falls

Farming operation. The victim was operating a truck when he lost control, went into a water canal and ended up upside down and was trapped in the cab. Farm Branch. 24-year-old male.

6. July 17<sup>th</sup> Aurora

The victim was found lying on the ground by his semi-truck at a truck stop, 911 was called, and victim was pronounced deceased at the scene. Male, age unknown.

7. July 8<sup>th</sup>, Eugene

An employee was driving a Telescoping forklift that went off the road, rolled down an embankment and pinned the employee underneath of it. The employee was extracted from the accident, transported to the hospital where he passed away. 57-year-old male.

### **Oregon OSHA Case Synopsis**

Fatality Inspection August 4, 2020, the fatality occurred at a multi-employer construction site. On the roof of a new school, a 40-50 foot section of the guardrail broke off when a subcontractor lost control of equipment. One employee went over with the equipment falling 45 ft to the ground. Right under where the guard rail broke away was an opening to the building that a scaffold stair tower had been set up allowing other workers into the building that could have resulted in more injuries. The guard rail that broke away was set up to withstand 200lbs of outward force. On the roof there were pallets of insulated ridged foam weighing roughly 906 lbs, that was going to be used for insulation. These pallets were put in place using a telehandler/crane. The pitch of the roof was 3/12.

Employees were using a cart to move the pallets around on the roof. The cart had a handle that is suppose to act as a parking brake, and the cart weighed roughly 200 lbs. When the moving material the cart weighed around 1100 lbs. There was a yellow tub attached to the cart that had the owner's manual in it. Also on the cart there was a warning sticker that stated the cart was to be used on flat roofs.

The employee lost control of the cart when it was going over the peak of the roof. Multiple employees attempted to stop the cart, but they backed off, while one employee was dragged through the guard rail and over the edge of the roof.

### **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.*

1. ""If an electrician wires a new home and installs all the breakers in a live panel, and just turned them off as the plugs haven't been installed as they have done it this way for 20 plus years. How does OSHA view this?"
  - Covered under the construction rule, Subdivision K, 1926.416(a)(1). It is the employer's responsibility to make sure that that the employee does not work in such proximity to any part of an electrical power circuit unless the employee is protected against electrical shock by deenergizing the circuit and grounding it or by effectively insulating it. Additionally, 1926.417(b) requires that equipment or circuits that are

deenergized shall be rendered inoperative and shall have tags at all points where such equipment or circuits can be energized.

2. "With the new heat rule and training requirements, is the GC's required to monitor all sub-employees also, or is this just for their employer, as some sites have 100 of sub-workers."

- When the heat index is above 80-90 degrees and it is seen that employers are not providing water, rest breaks an inspection can open with the general contractor. The general contractor should be monitoring the sub-contractors. Suitable shade is shade hat covers the whole person.

3. "what are asbestos training requirements when a school is being remodeled with asbestos abatement. If an employee is not working/dealing with asbestos do they need to be training regarding asbestos"

- If the employee is not working with asbestos then no training is needed if they are passing through the area. If they are working with asbestos then training is required. It should be monitored those who are doing the work and not doing the work.

#### **Round table:**

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 7th, 2021  
Zoom Meeting