

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 7th, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Al Lee	Holt Andron	Mike Brunenkant
Alta Schafer	Ilene Ferrell	Milton Stamp
Andrew Haymart	Jacob Errico	Nathan Taylor
Annmarie Earl	Jared Ottinger	Nevin McLain
Barb Epstien	Jeff Hopper	Nick Naramore
Barry Moreland	Jeremy Lawson	Renée Stapleton
Bill Haskins	Jim Anderson	Rhett Beecher
Brad Nanke	Jim Mahar	Rick McMurry
Bryon Snapp	John Mastromonaco	Robert Miller
Chris Dahl	Jose Rivera	Robert Nichols
Dave McLaughlin	Julie Love	Roberto Aguilar
David Davidson	Laird Blanchard	Robirda Lee
Dede Montgomery	Lane Ellison	Roy Shwago
Dennis Bonin	Lisa Pickert	Soren Bjerregaard
Dennis Dowrey	Lynn Craig	Stephen Heaven
Eden Berestoff	Mannie Mills	Steve Huson
Emily Crews	Mark Tobiasson	Tony Howard
Eric Fullan	Mary Lou Wilson	Tosha Gilpin
Hailey Latherow	Michael Wood	Troy Stroud

The meeting was called to order by Mark Tobiasson.

Previous Meeting Minutes.

The August meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:

The school year has started. Noticing that people are disregarding the school bus stops and the school zones. Remember that children are out there and there is a need to stop when the school buses have the lights flashing, and school zones are 20 MPH.

Michael shared that Roy Kroker, the Consultation and Public Education Manager, passed away.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

[Oregon OSHA Regulatory Update Document](#)

Covid-19 rulemaking- masking indoors and outdoors if you cannot reliably maintain 6 feet distancing. Oregon OSHA will be adopting a medical removal provision for health care, to match the federal standard.

Oregon OSHA has adopted the manganese rule and will be effective next year on September 1, 2022.

Questions:

How is OSHA's complaint intake load with the new rules?

Michael: When the mask mandates came back, the complaint log increased to 500 complaints a week. The state fair generated an increase in complaints as well. They are still above our historic levels. Please wear masks and get vaccinated.

Tony: do you see any change in the next month or two that the rules will get relaxed?

Michael doesn't see it being relaxed in the next month. If we don't see the decline in hospitals, or if there is another variant then it will be unlikely that they would be relaxed.

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. August 23rd, Gold Hill

An employee at the marijuana farm did not have any water to drink, so while waiting for someone to get some water, he drank what he thought was water from an unlabeled container. Instead, the container contained acid used to control the pH of water. The employee was taken to a local hospital and is currently in a Portland OR area hospital.

2. August 18th, Merrill

An employee fell approximately two feet from a flatbed trailer to the ground, sustaining an injury resulting in a fractured knee.

3. August 7th, North Bend

The employee was on the UTV to move it out of the way for "(a) someone else" getting into the park. The employee was to have applied the brakes but instead stepped on the gas, sending the UTV and employee operator over an embankment. The UTV rolled over the employee (victim) while careening down the embankment. The employee (victim) had three (3) surgeries at the time the employer called in the accident. The accident, according to the intake resulted in a fractured arm and a popped-out eyeball.

4. August 3rd, Sunriver

Two employees who were allegedly tied off were unloading roofing shingles however the truck driver wanted them to do it differently. The driver climbed up not tied off to instruct the other employees and fell off the roof.

5. August 30th, Portland

Employee was running a board through the table saw and when reaching for a push board his left-hand index finger was caught in the blade and severed approximately 3/4 of an inch from the tip of the finger to just below the finger nail.

6. August 11th, Astoria

Employees had built a metal stud wall on supports, then attempted to move the wall from the supports to its permanent location. Three employees were moving a wall from supports to

the floor, when setting the wall in place, one employees' finger was caught under the wall, and was the finger was amputated.

7. August 9th, Beaverton

A piece of equipment moved and crushed the employee's toe crushing it.

8. August 19th, Dallas

An employee was climbing a ladder to tie it off. When the employee was approximately 8ft above lower level, the ladder slipped and the employee fell. The employee suffered one broken rib. The employee had fluid build-up around the rib so Salem Hospital admitted him into the hospital overnight for observation.

9. August 9th, Happy Valley

The company was applying a slurry mixture to the parking lot of the Springwood Elementary School. The driver of a truck (uncertain if it was the same truck applying the slurry) ran over another company employee. The employee was transported to the hospital with leg injuries.

Fatalities

1. August 23rd, Oakridge

The employee was working on the eastern edge of the Gales Fire at the time of the incident. The death is suspected to have been caused by a tree (Green Tree) falling 600 feet uphill from him slipped downhill and caught him. 56-year-old male.

2. August 21st, Portland

Employee was walking up stairs to turn in packing slips to an office. Employee reached the platform at the top of the stairs and collapsed in front of the office door. A USP worker was nearby and started CPR and called 911. EMT responded, but were unable to resuscitate. 50-year-old male.

3. August 10th, Hillsboro

The employee was walking up a set of stairs and suddenly collapsed. Witnesses noticed the employee passed out, attempted CPR/AED, and notified the medical emergency system. Additional info from employer: employee drove into work, walked up the stairs to a door, collapsed before going through the door. He was helped by construction workers in the area, but collapsed again. FD called. Health assistant attempted AED, then CPR. Employee was transported to Tuality Community Hospital. No witnesses to first collapse. 61-year-old male.

4. August 4th, Hillsboro

Employee started his shift @ 0600. Before commencing the "stretched program" the employee bend forward and fell on the ground. Paramedics came on site, treated the employee and transported the employee to the hospital. Employer found out about the death of the employee around 0924. 61-year-old male.

5. August 3rd, Portland

On 8/3/2021 at approximately 2:27 pm a team driver (husband and wife) were hooking up a set of doubles (semi and two trailers) when the wife got out of the semi. The husband was backing up to the load and believed his wife was going inside to use the bathroom. After he backed up he got out to find that his wife was between the dolly and the trailer. The victim was pronounced dead on scene. 56-year-old female.

6. August 3rd, Redmond

Deceased was out making a delivery, heading north bound on Hwy 97 when a silver Dodge Pickup, crossed into the northbound lanes for an unknown reason. The two vehicles hit head-on. 25-year-old male.

Oregon OSHA Case Synopsis

[March 15, 2020- Fatality Inspection](#). Farming ranch installing an ATV/UTV road.

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.

No questions this month.

Round table:

Construction Safety Summit - Next Zoom meeting is on September 28th at 12:00, covering Mental Health - Suicide Prevention by Steve Frost.

The next Columbia Willamette Chapter meeting is this Thursday, September 9, 2021 with Michael Wood for Oregon OSHA update.

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 5th, 2021
Zoom Meeting