

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

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

The meeting was called to order by Mark Tobiasson.

Previous Meeting Minutes.

The September meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:

An experienced operator is prone to mistakes. Still working on addressing how to preventing incidents from happening.

A truck was backing up to dump a load and was not following the direction (could not see) of the spotter and backed into another vehicle. The drivers should be looking at the spotter, and if they can't see the spotter then they need to stop.

Employee was going up a straight ladder on a scaffold and fell on the 12th rung (20 feet). He was caring materials up with him. Held a safety stand down the next morning, and other employees said they saw him doing this and it was asked why they didn't say anything. They are doing more trainings and if you see something, say something.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

Oregon OSHA adopted the [COVID-19 rulemaking](#): Amending Rules Addressing the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency in All Oregon Workplaces.

We have not heard anything on the vaccine mandate from Fed OSHA. They need to create their rule first and then we would need to be identical or at least as effective as.

Tony: will there be a task force put together for the rule if it not identical.

Michael: We will have 30 days to adopt, so we will consult with the current RAC we have for the COVID-19 rulemaking.

Public hearings are scheduled and public comment closes November 12, 2021.

[Wildfire Smoke](#) and [Excessive Heat](#) rule: working on a draft rule. The temporary rule will expire in December so we are trying to get the rule together to propose before the next season.

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. September 3rd, Milwaukie
Driver was hooking his set and the converter dolly ran over his right hand.
2. September 7th, La Grande
Employee using panel saw, with saw in the top position and running, employee reached up to move the panel being cut, glove on right hand was caught by the rotating blade, pulling right hand into blade. The right middle and right index fingers were amputated. Employee taken to Grande Ronde Hospital then transferred by Lift Flight to OHSU in Portland.
3. September 8th, Klamath Falls
An employee leaning over the framer machine, which has an automated arm, was crushed when struck against the framer arm at his upper left ribs, causing internal organ damage and a collapsed lung.
4. September 9th, Portland
According to employee, while he was unloading the tooling from the hydraulic vending machine (press Brake) using a jib crane and sling and load got caught and slipped out of the sling onto his foot. The sling was not damaged, the load just slipped out. Employee was wearing steel toe boots.
5. September 13th, Portland
Employee was operating a dock stocker and struck a pallet. His right foot was pinned between the pallet and the dock stocker. Employee was required to stay overnight and undergo surgery.
6. September 14th, Madras
It was reported that the injured employee was walking back to their station. The employee placed their hand unintentionally under the chop saw (jump saw) and unintentionally pressed the knee actuated button which actuated the jump saw and amputated the employees thumb on their right hand.
7. September 16th, Warrenton
Employee was standing on a 2-step ladder to position items of the shelf and while coming down missed the last step and fell forward hitting head on the shelves. No witnesses, an employee heard injured worker asking for help. Was transferred the night of 9/16/21 to OHSU for trauma brain bleed and concussion.

8. September 16th, Toledo
A large cover hinge fell on the employee's leg breaking his left leg. The injured employee was working at paper mill. The injured employee was taken to Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital, Newport, OR.
9. September 17th, Klamath Falls
An employee was working in the hardboard coating area and got his left ring finger caught in a moving belt which caused the partial amputation of the finger. The employee was taken to the emergency Room at Sky Lakes Medical Center by a supervisor.
10. September 18th, Portland
The employer was doing a remodel on a residential house. Three employees were dispatched, because of a report of a leaking roof over the weekend. The employee proceeded up a ladder to place a tarp over leaking area, the employee did not put on fall protection or tie off. The employee slipped and fell to the ground, breaking his hip.
11. September 18th, Salem
Injured worker was working on the notcher machine. It became plugged with sawdust and the worker tried to use an bendable pole called an all thread to feed in and to dislodge the plug. He had turned the machine off but the belt had not come to a complete stop and grabbed his finger causing an amputation. The machine was not locked out because the blower needed to be running while dislodging the plug.
12. September 22nd, Sherwood
Employee was inflating an ATV tire and the ATV wheel separated and struck another employee in the vicinity in the stomach and arm fracturing his RT arm.
13. September 23rd, Hillsboro
Victim was working on top of conveyors that are working surfaces when the conveyor started up and went backwards instead of forwards and victim's LT foot was pulled into the gap between the two conveyor belts creating a crush probably due to a process malfunction and/or computer programming error.
14. September 23rd, Forest Grove
Employees left index finger was pinched/caught between a door and the door-jam resulting in an amputation.
15. September 24th, Medford
An employee working on long dryer number 2 was trying to remove a piece of wood between the unloader and the stacker got his fingers on his right hand caught in a chain and then used his other hand to help remove the hand got it caught in the chain. The accident resulted in the amputation of two fingers on each hand. The employee was taken to the hospital rogue Regency by ambulance then later sent to a Portland hospital for further care.
16. September 24th, Medford
An employee working at the sander at the finishing end got his left middle finger caught in a chain and sprocket. The accident resulted in the amputation of approximately one inch of the tip of the middle finger.
17. September 27th, West Linn
Left index finger amputation, between the tip of the finger and the first joint.

18. September 27th, Lake Oswego

An employee was installing a ventilation system when he allegedly lost his footing resulting in a free fall of approximately 20 feet to a hard surface. As a result, he suffered a broken back and a broken leg. Employee was taken to OHSU by first responders where he was admitted and is waiting for surgery in stable condition.

19. September 28th, Newport

Worker was adjusting a horizontal conveyor belt and got their right hand stuck between the conveyor belt and the metal roller that the belt is guided by.

Fatalities

1. September 3rd, Portland

Construction worker was not tied off nor was wearing a harness and fell from a roof, 28 feet, to the floor.

2. September 3rd, Springfield

The lumber products plant had an explosion at a dust hopper, causing the hopper to fall and a fire to start. Two employees were seriously injured/burned. Employer was notified that one worker passed away on 9/5/21.

3. September 7th, Selma

The watchman was found deceased in his camp trailer that was parked near the logging site. The watchman an employee of a logging company, was found by a Supervisor, when returning to check on him after the weekend. The owner of the logging firm explained by phone when reporting the fatality, that the watchman was provided with supplies (groceries, etc.) on Thursday September 2, 2021. The watchman was last seen alive by employees on Friday, September 3, 2021. Cause of death appears to be natural causes.

4. September 6th, Baker City

Preliminary investigation revealed a white Freightliner CMV, operated by driver (38), was westbound when a set of dual tires detached from the flatbed trailer in tow. The dual tires bounced across the center concrete barrier and became airborne to a great height. The tires came down into the windshield and cab of an eastbound blue Freightliner CMV, operated by another driver (50). OSP was assisted by Baker County Sheriff's Office, Huntington Fire Rescue and ODOT. Interstate 84 was closed for approximately 6 hours.

5. September 14th, Salem

Employees were taking down two pine trees when a Junior employee walked up to the Senior employee and shot the senior employee several times.

6. September 18th, Gresham

Victim was found face down. CPR and AED were attempted by employer's onsite emergency response team. No pulse. No indication of external causes (no proximity to electrical, fumes, etc.). Multnomah County medical examiner reports victim had extensive history of health issues, including congestive heart failure, hypertension, and coronary disease; had been previously complaining of shortness of breath; ME stated no evidence of trauma, appears to be natural causes. No plan for autopsy.

7. September 23rd, Baker City
Preliminary investigation revealed a Freightliner CMV pulling a set of double trailers, operated by driver (49) of Nampa, ID was westbound when it left the roadway and overturned. Driver sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased.
8. September Eastern Oregon
Seeding a field, tractor was found on the next farmers property. Believed to be natural causes.

Oregon OSHA Case Synopsis

Accident: February 12, 2021

Excavator, equipped with a drilling unit, slid down cliff after it gave way landing on rocks by the surf. Injuries were fractured left shin, hip, and collar bone.

They were inserting a stabilizing system in a 90-year-old retaining wall. No violations were issued. A citation was given for not reporting hospitalization.

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.

There are 2 CAC meetings left this year. Roberto Aguilar is going to be the chair for 2022. If you would like to be involved in the steering committee let Nathan, mark, or Robert know.

October CWC ASSP meeting on October 14 virtual

<https://cwc.assp.org/events/assp-cwc-october-membership-meeting-2021-no-cost-webinar/>

Fall Symposium with Oregon Healthy Workforce center is \$20 for the whole day.

<https://www.ohsu.edu/oregon-institute-occupational-health-sciences/training-and-symposia>

The next Construction Safety Summit Meeting is on October 26th and will cover Advanced Fall Protection presented by Dustin Schneider -3M

Eugene Safety Group on October 21st, Elk Horn Brewery in Eugene, at 3pm

Michael Wood announced that he is leaving Oregon OSHA to go to Washington State. Thank you all for your work on this committee.

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 2, 2021

