

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Al Lee	Dennis Bonin	Mark Tobiasson
Alta Schafer	Eric Bongen	Mary Lou Wilson
Andrew Haymart	Eric Elkins	Mike Brunenkant
Annamarie Earl	Eric Fullan	Nathan Taylor
Barb Epstien	Hailey Latherow	Penny Wolf-McCormick
Barbara Hanley	Ilene Ferrell	Rick McMurry
Barry Moreland	Jared Ottinger	Robert Miller
Bill Haskins	Jeff Hopper	Roberto Aguilar
Brad Nanke	Jeff Wilson	Robirda Lee
Brandy Cannon	Jeremy Lawson	Roy Shwago
Braxton Chambers	Jim Anderson	Soren Bjerregaard
Bryan Davis	Jim Mahar	Stephen Heaven
Caleb Harris	Joaquin Diaz	Steve Huson
Chris Dahl	Julie Love	Ted Smaistrila
Chris Miller	Kirsten Adams	Tony Howard
Chris W	Laird Blanchard	Tosha Gilpin
Conny Graybeal	Lisa Pickert	Travis Stone
Darren Toy	Lynn Craig	Troy Stroud
Dede Montgomery	Mannie Mills	

The meeting was called to order by Mark Tobiasson.

Previous Meeting Minutes.

The October meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:

Joaquin: Burnout and stressors in the workplace. A lot of resignations recently. Having conversations with people and how we can be companionate and help mitigate burnout. People are leaving the industry complete. Struggling with work life balance.

Dede said it is happening everywhere in every industry. Struggling with income too. This will be a topic at the Spring symposium.

Jeff Hooper: Generational collide on the job site also.

Steve Huson: To try to pinpoint one thing will not do it justice. It is not just 1 thing, it is a little of all things.

Dede shared a recent blog (including link to one Dr. Hammer wrote for NIOSH) but with a link to the various types of supervisor training she and her team have created:

<https://blogs.ohsu.edu/occupational-health-sciences/2021/10/20/supportive-leaders-and-well-being/>

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

Oregon OSHA [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.

Penalty rule has been adopted. Effective date is December 1, 2021.

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. October 21st, Albany
An employee was chipping asphalt with a pry bar when he ran the pry bar through his toe, amputating the second toe on the right foot.
2. October 18th Bend
Employee was holding a battery powered framing nail-gun and trying to load a rack of nails into it. The employee had their finger on the trigger of the nail-gun. While trying to load the gun, it started to slip and the employee raised their left knee to stop it from slipping. The safety on the end of the nail-gun made contact with the employees' leg and because the trigger was being held, the nail-gun fired a nail into the employees left leg near the knee joint. Employee spent the night in the hospital after having the nail removed.
3. October 13th Eugene
The employee stepped on a nail at the jobsite last Wednesday. The employee didn't report the accident and didn't do anything. The injury got worse, went to hospital on Sunday and was admitted. Potential amputation of big toe.
4. October 13th John Day
Employee/owner was operating crane and contacted a power line. The employee/owner exited the crane. When employee/owner was returning to the crane the tire exploded striking the employee/owner with multiple pieces of debris. Employee/owners elbow was dislocated, he suffered multiple stuck by contusion or lacerations, the employee/owner did not suffer an electric shock. Employee/owner is currently intubated. **Follow up requested.**
5. October 8th, Corvallis
As reported by the employer: on October 8, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. the employee was on a ladder and pulling a 2x6 off the exterior wall when it came loose much easier then he thought it was going to. He fell off the ladder to the ground and landed on his feet. He has a broken ankle, a broken heel, and a wound to his head.
6. October 5th Hermiston
The employee had used a 2"x10" wood plank to span the 1st floor 3'6" x 3'6" Dumbwaiter shaft opening to take a measurement while installing drywall. The plank the employee was standing on broke and the employee fell approximately 11 feet 10 inches down the Dumbwaiter shaft onto the concrete floor below. The employee was working alone, there were no witnesses to the accident. The employee underwent back surgery for his injuries and is recovering at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland.

7. October 4th Corvallis
The crew foreman, was working with an employee when the employee attacked him and stabbed him two (2) times. They fought; the crew disarmed the assailant. Police were called to the site. The victim was transported for treatment. The employee is in police custody.
8. October 19th Sandy
An employee was running a chainsaw, working near moving equipment, i.e. excavator. The employee walked between the excavator bucket and dozer blade, and was pinned between them, fracturing both femurs. The employee operating the excavator did not see him.
9. October 11th, McMinnville
At lunch two employees began arguing, then started wrestling with one of them landing on the ground. The injured party told the other guy to stop, so he got up to get his lunch. Then, the injured party needed help getting up because of his knee injury. Transported to the hospital.
10. October 6th Tigard
Employee working on roof fell approximately 9 feet. EMT called. Employee taken to OHSU. Employee potentially has broken wrist and dislocated hip.

Fatalities

1. October 14th Salem
On 10/14/21 the decedent had a low speed collision with another vehicle while experiencing a personal medical episode. The employee was sent to the hospital and later passed away.
62-year-old male (bus driver)
2. October 16th Portland
Victim was found in her bus, unresponsive, at a Pacific Pride Fueling Station. No known witnesses to any precipitating event. Medical examiner reports death due to natural causes.
57-year-old female
3. October 12th Echo
A farm truck traveling on a county road was struck by a train at the uncontrolled crossing. Preliminary investigation has driver sight line obstructed by another train parked on a parallel spur approximately 20 feet from the main line. The driver received fatal injuries in the collision.
42-year-old male
4. October 11th Medford
The victim was working at the store of location. Was not feeling well and contacted his father to pick him up. He collapsed in the parking lot; emergency response was called immediately, taking him to the nearest hospital in Medford, Oregon. His father called the employer and notified them that the victim (son) had passed away in the hospital from a heart attack.
40-year-old male
5. October 10th Yoncalla
Employee was using an open-cab fertilizer buggy in a field, when the machine apparently overturned and crushed him underneath it. There were no immediate witnesses to the event; a co-worker found him under the machine already deceased. 41-year-old male

6. October 11th Reedsport

The employee was unbaling chokers on the landing. The owner who was operating the shovel, and the yarder engineer were watching as he unbaled the chokers. Both said the employee then slumped over. Both climbed out of their machines to check on the employee. The owner said he rolled the employee over and checked for a pulse, said there was no pulse, and he started CPR while the yarder engineer called 911. EMS arrived on site and transported the employee to the hospital. The employee was pronounced deceased. 43-year-old male

7. October 5th Timber

While in the process of Tower shot gun corridor thinning type logging. After yarding a turn of logs from there lay to the corridor the turn was slacked to the ground to shorten a long end on a log before sending the turn to the landing. While in the process of shortening the choker on the log a log slid striking/dragging the victim. The victim was alive at the time of the accident. The victim was being transported via ambulance to the Hospital when the victim died from the injury's while in transport. 33-year-old male.

8. October 1st Imbler

Employee operating farm tractor towing a grain/seed drill planting wheat. Employee had completed approximately half of their first pass on the field when for unknown reasons the employee exited/fell out of the cab and landed on the ground in front of the drive tires. The employee was run over by the tractor and then drug by the grain/seed drill for approximately 180 feet. Employer was informed by another farmer that the employee was not answering their phone, the employer drove by the field and found the empty tractor on a neighboring field without the operator in it. The employer back tracked to the location of the incident, finding the employee unresponsive and called 911. Employee was determined to be deceased by EMS.

9. October 27th, Vale

Employee was driving a dump truck on road parallel to the irrigation canal. The opposite side of the road sloped down and away. As the truck traveled the road, the shoulder on the down slope side gave way under the passenger side tires causing the truck to slide off the road and then roll over several times. The driver was ejected from the truck and was struck by the truck causing fatal injuries. 26-year-old male.

10. October 30th, Portland

A roofer conducting roofing activities died from an apparent heart attack. 35-year-old male.

Oregon OSHA Case Synopsis:

[Solar panel system being installed summer of 2021](#). The temperature outside was 97 degrees. Employee was taken to the hospital for heat-exposure induced renal failure. Hazard letter was issued and citations were issued.

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:

Columbia Willamette Chapter ASSP monthly meeting November 11, 11:30 AM – 1 PM, Zoom free, Energy Based Hazard Control, Matthew Hallowell, Professor Construction Engineering University Colorado, Boulder <https://cwc.assp.org/events/assp-cwc-november-membership-meeting-2021-no-cost-webinar/>

CWC-ASSP fall PDC – Total Worker Health 101: The Basics November 17, 9 AM – noon, instructors, Liz Hill, SAIF & Dede Montgomery, OHWC, no cost, ASSP CEUs <https://cwc.assp.org/events/pdc-total-worker-health-101-the-basics-2/>

The next Construction Safety Summit meeting is on November 23rd - Incident Response at 12:00 via Zoom.

Received Memorial Service info for Jeff Johnson ACME/PF Memorial Service; November 3rd at 2 PM; Lincoln Memorial; 11801 SE Mt. Scott Blvd. Portland, OR.

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:

December 7, 2021
Zoom Meeting