

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Al Lee	Doug Pettyjohn	Matt Kaiser
Alta Schafer	Emily Crews	Michael Gordon
Andrew Haymart	Eric Bongen	Mike Brunenkant
Annmarie Earl	Eric Fullan	Nathan Taylor
Barb Epstien	Hailey Latherow	Nick Naramore
Barbara Hanley	Holt Andron	Penny Wolf-McCormick
Barry Moreland	Jake Errico	Phillip Wade
Bashiru Mumuni	Jazmin Caliman	Randy Johnson
Bill Haskins	Jeff Wilson	Renee Stapleton
Brandy Cannon	Jennifer Flood	Rhett Beecher
Bryan Davis	Jeremy Lawson	Rick McMurry
Bryon Snapp	John Mastromonaco	Robert Miller
Chris Dahl	Joaquin Diaz	Roberto Aguilar
Chris Grover	Julie Love	Roy Shawgo
Cody Fischer	Kimberly Gamble	Sean Tinker
Dale Lindstrom	Laird Blanchard	Shane Jundt
Darby Ramos	Lisa Pickert	Stephen Heaven
Dave McLaughlin	Lisa Wisler	Steve Huson
David Davidson	Lynn Craig	Ted Smaistrla
David Ellis	Mark Spring	Tosha Gilpin
Dede Montgomery	Mark Tobiasson	Travis Stone
Dennis Bonin	Mary Lou Wilson	Troy Stroud

The meeting was called to order by Nathan Taylor.

Previous Meeting Minutes.

The December meeting minutes were approved with minor corrections.

We want to make sure this meeting is beneficial for all.

There are a lot of new people in these meetings and would like to do an introduction of the Oregon OSHA staff and what their role is with the organization.

These are valuable resources.

State of the Union for Oregon OSHA:

Oregon OSHA has had a lot going on over the last year and a half. It is a tricky situation we are in with the pandemic, and we thank you for your patience and ability to pivot with us as we navigate this evolving pandemic.

We are still waiting for the new Administrator. There were interviews held mid-December. We are hoping to have some news later in January, but we don't have anything to share at the moment.

Holt Andron is the new Statewide Consultation Manager. He has some great ideas to get more consultation services out there. Consultation did see a spike on COVID related activity.

The new federal administration wanted to put in place rules for COVID-19 and that is ETS1 and focused on health care workers. Oregon OSHA had done 5 rule makings in the time that Fed OSHA did their first one. Then we had to look back at ours to make sure we were at least as effective as.

There was the vaccination rule that was proposed, and it had a stay put on it. It is now at the Supreme Court of the United States; SCOTUS, and will be heard on Friday. We have until January 24th to adopt a rule that is at least as effective as the Fed rule. It is a tricky and dynamic situation we are working with to meet these deadlines. There is so much up in the air.

Dec. 21st Oregon OSHA adopted the covid temporary rules into the permanent rule. It is just solidifying the things we have done in the last 6 months.

Smoke and Heat: Exec rule in March 2020. COVID made us put it on the back burner and we got to work on it in 2021. We are working on the details and should be in effect before the heat and smoke season starts. We are hoping to propose in January sometime. There will be public hearings and open comment period.

Employer Knowledge, the public comment period closed, but we have not acted on. ALH is being worked on now.

Non-entry firefighting, OR-SIP: fed rule updates, and Consultation: public entities: fed OSHA focal point still needs to be worked on.

If there are questions or concerns, please reach out to us and we will discuss it.

We value our stakeholders and we want to better understand what hazards, technologies, are out there so we can help. Provisions of standards that are outdated that are not as protective; how can we improve safety and health. What are the resources that we can produce to be helpful the industry? How can we elevate and maximize safety, and how to do better?

Bryon: CAC relationship really assisted as we went into the pandemic we didn't need to shut down construction because of the conversations from this group. Washington had to shut their industry down.

Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:

Eric: dash cams in fleet trucks: a couple instances saved us and vindicated our drivers. If you do use them, spot check them from time to time. a complaint that the driver ran the person off the road, and looked at the dash cam. It was found that the driver had been turning off his dash cam when he left after doing his spot checks, and turning back on when he returned to do his post check.

Mark: paving company pulled truck up to incline and breaks failed and it rolled down into a fence. Make sure you turn and chock wheels. Check your load before and after entering your vehicle; make sure load is secure.

Annmarie: truck was driving on a flooded roadway and ran into a ditch that was flooded and water came into the cab. Driver was okay and was able to get the vehicle out and back to the shop.

Eric: when we have snow and icy weather we have drivers check in before they leave and will shut down if it is not safe.

Jake: Check with GC. Pump hole that was poorly barricaded and a vehicle hit it.

Michael Gordon, on boarding process and making sure the accountability on training is there.

Bryan: messages about driving be sent out.

Steve: send an email the night prior and then check in, and give the foreman the right to make the call on if it is safe or not. And if you get stranded somewhere what you need to have and do.

Nathan: put reminder in phone to check the 10 day forecast to advise the employees accordingly.

Continuing Business: **Status of Rule Making:**

CDC is in coordination with OHA, and OSHA will be using their documentation.

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/COMMUNICABLE/DISEASE/REPORTING/COMMUNICABLE/DISEASE/REPORTINGGUIDELINES/Documents/Novel-Coronavirus-2019.pdf>

This will take you to the relevant bits:

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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. December 14th Eugene

The employee fell 20 feet from a roof and sustained serious injuries.

2. December 10th, Eugene

A worker was helping to unload metal at a recycling facility. She went to lift a 2ft piece of iron and it slipped out of her hands. She was unable to clear the piece and her middle left finger was smashed. It opened her finger causing it to bleed. She did have X-Rays and the bone was not broken but she did need to get 4 stitches.

3. December 13th, Forest Grove

Two employees were installing sheetrock in the breezeway of new construction that was in framing and the employees fell approximately 15 feet from the breezeway to the floor on the exterior of the building. One worker suffered a broken leg and was hospitalized and the other suffered severe bruising, was treated and released.

Fatalities

1. December 20th, Portland

Employee was found on the ground after having been on the second rung of a ladder. A two-inch diameter, 15-foot section of pipe had come loose and it is unclear if the employee was struck by the pipe or he hit his head on the ground. When employee was found he was bleeding from ears, nose, and mouth. 62-year-old male.

2. December 8th, Troutdale

Employee was off duty after attending a company holiday party when she slipped and fell off of the barge and into the Columbia River, where she drowned. 26-year-old female.

Q-if the event is off work time and not paid, would it be enforceable by Oregon OSHA?

A- Jennifer Flood, The WC liability would be determined by the employer's insurer.

3. December 4th, Eugene

Removing a vehicle from a multiple vehicle hauler, victim pinned beneath the vehicle. No jurisdiction as the gentleman was not a worker. 27-year-old male.

Oregon OSHA Case Synopsis:

No case synopsis was shared this month.

Anonymous Questions:

If you have anything you would like to bring up at the meetings and would like to stay anonymous, let Roberto Aguilar or Nathan Taylor know and they will bring it up for you.

No questions this month.

Round table:

Construction Safety Summit will meet on January 18th at 12:00 covering OSHA updates. This meeting is one week ahead of schedule to accommodate the Mid-Oregon Safety Summit.

Safety Director's Roundtable has been put on hold for the time being.

OR-OSHA will be hiring for several IH enforcement positions in the near future. Please let interested IH's know. They can contact me if they have questions. Thanks!

Dede: CWC-ASSP is looking for one or more volunteers to help teach an OSHA 10 for students associated with Tigard High CET. Class will be virtual. Still figuring out dates late winter/spring but instructor needs to hold OSHA authorization to teach/lead. There are others who will help. Email me at montgond@ohsu.edu.

The Great Resignation will be a topic at the Spring Symposium. If you have any interest and give thoughts, please contact Dede. It will be virtual and will be in May or June. Will give more details as they become available.

Columbia Willamette Chapter January meeting: <https://cwc.assp.org/events/assp-january-chapter-meeting-no-cost-webinar/>

Mike Brunenkant shared The Eugene Safety Group is meeting Jan 20th at 3pm (location tbd).

If you have any topics that you would like Oregon OSHA to talk about to the group, please let [Alta Schafer](#) or [Nathan Taylor](#) know.

Next Meeting:

February 1, 2022
Zoom Meeting