

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Al Lee	David Davidson	Lynn Craig
Alta Schafer	Dede Montgomery	Mary Lou Wilson
Andrew Groman	Demetra Star	Matt Kaiser
Andy Haymart	Dennis Bonin	Michael Gordon
Angelica V.	Doug Pettyjohn	Mike Brunenkant
Annmarie Earl	Eric Bongen	Mike Jacobs
Barb Epstien	Eric Elkins	Nathan Taylor
Barbara Hanley	Eric Fullan	Nick Naramore
Barry Moreland	Hailey Latherow	Penny Wolf-McCormick
Bill Haskins	Holt Andron	Renée Stapleton
Brad Nanke	Jamie Ziegler	Robert Miller
Brandy Cannon	Jeff Wilson	Roberto Aguilar
Brendan Riedel	Jennifer Flood	Roy Shawgo
Bryan Davis	Joaquin Diaz	Sean Tinker
Bryon Snapp	Julie Love	Shane Jundt
Chris Dahl	Justin Scott	Stephen Heaven
Chris Grover	Kirsten Adams	Steve Huson
Dale Lindstrom	Kyan Bartel	Tony Howard
Darby Ramos	Laird Blanchard	Tosha Gilpin
Darren Dikeman	Lisa Wisler	Travis Stone
Darren Toy	Lou Savage	Troy Stroud

The meeting was called to order by Nathan Taylor.

Previous Meeting Minutes.

The February meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:

Bryon: this weekend took down a sweet gum tree on the neighbor's property, And will be grinding the stump out and it is 10 feet back from the street, we called for locates and the natural gas line is directly under it.

-if the roots are intertwined around the piping any damage is your responsibility. And removing a stump is excavation work. Any disturbance of the soil contractors have to call for a locate. Homeowners have a little more leeway.

Took down a tower crane in a city and there were lessons learned there. We didn't think about anything other than removing the crane. There were other companies doing work on the weekend that we didn't consider.

The nuances on excavating in public right away, some of the rules seem new to me.

-the simplest rule, you have to excavate with noninvasive means, if it is 2 feet or less on all sides, and below as well. High pressure gas mains have their own specific rules you would need to follow. -[Oregon utility Notification Center](#) has educational material and they can send someone out to give a safety talk. You can reach out to Eric Bongen at eric.bongen@themeigroup.com, 503-849-9639

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

COVID-19: We have not made any decisions on the rest of the rule, other than no enforcement on indoor activities and schools.

Advisory Memo, English: <https://osha.oregon.gov/OSHARules/advisorymemos/advisory-memo-covid-19-face-coverings-indoor-schools.pdf>

Advisory Memo, Spanish: <https://osha.oregon.gov/OSHARules/advisorymemos/advisory-memo-covid-19-coverings-indoor-schools-sp.pdf>

We are compiling the feed back from the RAC members and we expect a decision in the very near future.

Sean: if you don't enforce mask, but you are the risk assessment, will you site us for violating our policy? -Renee, No. We will not be issuing citation. The caveat is Healthcare.

Bryan: The Fed rule, is that the one we have currently, or the one we will be going to?

Renee: We are anticipating the ETS1 is only healthcare and look a lot like our exceptional risk rule. Direct patient care.

Excessive Heat and Wildfire Smoke:

Oregon OSHA is working on the permanent rule for [Excessive Heat](#) and [Wildfire Smoke](#). There are public hearings scheduled at the end of February and beginning of March and open comment period closes on March 18, 2022.

Consultation in Public Entities:

We are still working on the federal OSHA public entity in consultation. 3 elements: Public entities, 21d consultations, and confidentiality. If you would like to be a part of the discussions you can call Holt Andron, holt.andron@dcbs.oregon.gov or Sky Wescott, Sky.I.WESCOTT@dcbs.oregon.gov.

The CAC Steering Committee discussed things that would make this meeting more meaningful. Oregon OSHA would do monthly case synopsis' and we are going to change it up a bit. Each month will be something different that Oregon OSHA will spotlight. If you have any ideas on what you would like covered please let Nathan Taylor or Roberto Aguilar know.

Oregon OSHA Spotlight:

Penny Wolf-McCormick shared a PowerPoint on [Health Hazards in Construction](#).

Nathan: number of complaints for the different areas; silica, noise, etc. What does OR-OSHA have to deal with overnight hospitalizations. -OSHA will bring info to the next meeting.

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. February 21st, Eugene

The victim was climbing down from a ladder and missed the bottom step. He fell over backwards and landed on his tailbone on the floor. The victim was finally admitted to the hospital at 2:00 pm with small fractures in his pelvis and internal bleeding.

2. February 14th, Redmond

Employees found co-worker laying on the ground next to his forklift unconscious. Injured employee was taken to hospital where examination found a head laceration injury and a fracture to a cervical vertebra. No determination as to why employee fell from the forklift.

3. February 22nd, Portland
Career and Technical Education (CTE) teacher got fingertip amputated in planer machine. Possibly two fingers injured. Employer is not sure which hand or which fingers were affected. Information provided was that two fingers were injured, at least one fingertip to bone. Injured was taken to hospital by a colleague.
4. February 4th, Portland
Employee was trimming tile with utility knife when he slipped and sliced off the end of his thumb. Employee was taken to the ER and a hand surgeon reattached the end of his thumb.
5. February 15th Willamina
A driver had pulled up his trailer to the shop and said he was having issues with the trailer. He went to the bathroom. The shift supervisor told the mechanic to check it out. The mechanic was on a ladder against the back of the trailer when the driver returned to the truck and drove off. He stopped when he saw the ladder fall in his rearview mirror. Employer rep stated neither lockout tagout or vehicle walkaround were performed. The mechanic hit his feet first on the ground, lacerated his hand. Taken to McMinnville hospital by ambulance where x-rays revealed 3 vertebra fractures. Transported by ambulance to OHSU for potential surgery. Kept overnight, no surgery- given a brace and stitches in his hand. Discharge 2/16/22.
6. February 24th, Pendleton
An employee slipped on ice and fell as they were walking down a forklift ramp. The employee broke their right leg (possibly their femur). The employee was transported by ambulance to St. Anthony Hospital and was later transferred to St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla, WA.

Fatalities

1. February 17th, Grants Pass
A Vineyard worker who was last seen at 9:30a on the way to retrieve some material was located at lunch passed out in the vineyard cold and discolored. EMT's declared deceased upon arrival.
46-year-old male.
2. February 10th, Gresham
Deceased was found unresponsive face down on the floor of his office. 911 was called and CPR was administered. Emergency response was able to revive deceased and he was transported to the hospital where he passed away later in the evening. 66-year-old male.
3. February 3rd, St Paul
The St Paul fire dept was dispatched at 4:03 AM to a fire at a chicken ranch farm. The victim was advancing the hose line, when an explosion occurred. The other firefighters immediately gave CPR until the victim was life flighted to OHSU, where shortly after was pronounced dead. 30-year-old male.

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.

There were no questions for this meeting.

Round table:

Dede shared the next Columbia Willamette ASSP meeting virtual on March 10, 11:30 AM on Influential Safety Leadership with Daniel Snyder. Info and register at:
<https://cwc.assp.org/events/assp-march-chapter-meeting-no-cost-webinar-2/>

And,

Next symposium is June 3 - From the Great Resignation to the Great Reconfiguration - from 9-3:30 virtual - will share webpage later this week but follow this for now: <https://www.ohsu.edu/oregon-institute-occupational-health-sciences/training-and-symposia>

Dennis shared CSS meeting is on March 22nd, 12 pm, Ethics in Safety.

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:

April 5, 2022
Zoom Meeting