

**Oregon OSHA**  
Construction Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, April 5, 2022

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

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

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The meeting was called to order by Nathan Taylor.

**Previous Meeting Minutes.**

The March meeting minutes were approved.

**Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:**

Work with several companies and a lot of younger workers are not getting it. You can't cut pipe on the ground, it will pinch and it will kick back and hit employee in the head. There is potential for serious injury when this happens.

Construction Safety Summit is coming up in May. It is time to start planning what your company will do if you haven't already.

Hoffman Construction has a position open:

(Roy) Excavation questions: How to cut an excavation when it turns into a trench, and soil classifications. Seeing quite a bit the last couple years.

General Contractors still have to have a competent person that is trained in excavation safety whether or not the sub-contractor has one on site.

Alden shared a statistic that was from the National Safety Conference 46000 suicides in construction industry over the last year.

Steven Frost: Training module QPR. [SFrost@hswc.com](mailto:SFrost@hswc.com) No cost for training.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4E3uEJBQmeQ>

Dede, the struggles with mental health in youth too, and we add mental health on the job for the Oyes contest and received quite a few entries on this subject.

Sean: What kinds of trainings would we like to see, and this is one of the trainings that would be helpful. Not knowing the signs of someone who is struggling so that would be helpful to have.

Here is another full day offering coming up this month from Lines for Life:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mental-health-first-aid-training-tickets-261913078067>

Tom: sometimes just a simple hey, hows it going? And they will talk about what's going on.

Bryan said you are 32.8 times more likely to have a suicide on the job as opposed to a fatality.

Joaquin, Each month we pick a different mental health topic, we have done anxiety, sleep, and external distractions

Alden: trench and excavation's in constructions: 2 separate days, one is in person, and one is online.

Here are some toolbox talks about suicide prevention/mental health from CIASP  
[https://preventconstructionsuicide.com/Toolbox\\_Talks](https://preventconstructionsuicide.com/Toolbox_Talks)

### **Continuing Business:**

#### **Status of Rule Making:**

**COVID-19:** There are still requirements for healthcare.

Federal OSHA is working on a new ETS.

rescinding the memo from June of 2020: <https://osha.oregon.gov/covid19/Pages/covid-19-general.aspx>

Excessive Heat and Wildfire Smoke:

Oregon OSHA is working on the permanent rule for [Excessive Heat](#) and [Wildfire Smoke](#). We are anticipating the end of April with a delayed effective date.

Electronic Record Keeping:

Federal OSHA has a rule for employers that have 250+ employees; but they didn't have the website up and running. We are waiting for more information on how they will record the 801's. They will also be targeting certain industries, but we don't have the information on what those are yet.

Consultation for Public Entities:

### **Oregon OSHA Spotlight:**

*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.*

Julie Love, Oregon OSHA has a peer support team. We have free, confidential, 24-hour emotional support and crisis intervention for Oregon OSHA employees.

### **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. March 29<sup>th</sup> Arlington

Employee was using an acetylene torch to cut a ball pivot off of a road grader. The ball pivot was approximately 3-4 feet off of the ground. As the employee was cutting the piece off, their coveralls caught on fire. Employee was flown by Life Flight first to Kadlec Regional

Medical Center in Richland Washington and then later to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle Washington.

2. March 24<sup>th</sup> Douglas County

Owner, said all she knows is that worker fell from an extension ladder. She said, his ladder probably was not stable. He did not put the ladder correctly and he fell, she said. Resulted in a fractured femur.

3. March 24<sup>th</sup> Halsey

Accident not witnessed. Employee from another company found victim stuck between truck and crane with a pallet of shingles. Emergency services contacted. Fire/Paramedics arrived and transported employee to the hospital.

4. March 22<sup>nd</sup> Boardman

Injured employee was working out of a Genie 3246 E-Drive scissor lift while installing a header in a wall. The scissor lift was positioned beneath and perpendicular to the header. The injured employee reports he intended to lower the scissor lift but unintentionally switched the lift to drive mode, initiating reverse motion resulting in the employee caught between the header and the scissor lift guardrails. The injured employee was driven to the local hospital by a site foreman. The incident resulted in broken ribs and a punctured lung.

5. March 9<sup>th</sup>, Portland

Employee was using handheld belt sander to finish exterior of metal pipe. Employee was sanding and glove got caught in the belt and pulled his finger into the sander. Left index finger was cut by wheels and belt. Lost the tip of his finger and some of his bone. Employee was released after tip of finger was sewn closed.

6. March 28<sup>th</sup> Portland

Employee was cutting wood and his hand went into the saw. Cut off end of pinky, broke pinky and thumb. Employee is back to work on light-duty.

7. March 11<sup>th</sup>, Hillsboro

Employees (2) were working on site assembling a large skid that would be used to transport a piece of machinery from the location. The injured employee had just finished assembling his side - and had the pneumatic nail gun in his right hand - lowered to his side. The employee went to step over a section of the assembly and raised his right foot up to step over and lifted his foot into the nail gun that was located in his right hand. The employee shot himself with a three-inch nail into his right ankle. The employee was transported via company truck to OHSU Hillsboro center. Employee was held and during the surgical consult it was determined that surgical removal was required and the employee was admitted to the hospital at 5 PM Friday and released on Saturday. The employer has conducted an accident investigation and determined that the nail gun in questions was functioning properly. No safety devices were inactive - the gun was in proper working condition.

8. March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Cornelius

Employee was clamping piece of wood onto a lumberyard truss machine. Employee was using other hammer in other hand. Hammer accidentally made contacted with own hand, while guiding a piece of wood onto a machine. The hammer missed the wood, struck his hand, and his finger tip got pinched into the machine. End of finger was pinched. Fingertip was amputated at hospital. No hospitalization/not admitted. Treated and released.

9. March 2<sup>nd</sup>, McMinnville

The employee was on a roof and fell approximately 3.5 feet to the deck of a house injuring his knee and hitting his head. No witnesses.

## **Fatalities**

1. March 25<sup>th</sup> Woodburn

Employee was driving on freeway and rear-ended a tractor trailer, and died at scene of accident. 35-year-old male.

2. March 29<sup>th</sup> Salem

The employee had been conducting classroom training for the team leads of the store when she fainted and collapsed to the floor striking her head on a table during the fall. She was unresponsive and EMS was called. she was transported to Salem Hospital where she passed away. The employer stated that he was told that it might have been a blood clot in her brain. 24-year-old female.

3. March 29<sup>th</sup> Joseph

The Officer was in his patrol car at his residence when he sent his supervisor a message indicating a suicide threat, via text message. When the supervisor arrived at the Officer's residence, approximately 5 minutes later, the supervisor found the Officer deceased with a fatal gunshot wound. It is believed to be a suicide. Wallowa County Sheriff's Department is currently investigating the incident. 48-year-old male.

4. March 22<sup>nd</sup>

A mobile blood donation site was set up at Fairfield Inn & Suites, The Dalles. A phlebotomist was finishing the day when suddenly he collapsed while standing in the donation area. He passed out and turned blue. CPR was administered and 911 was called, he later died at the emergency room due to a cardiac event. 48-year-old male.

5. March 10<sup>th</sup> Seaside

Shuttle Driver was traveling westbound in a Peterbilt CMV towing a flatbed trailer and crossed over eastbound lanes and went off the road into an embankment. 46-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:**

Next CWC-ASSP meeting is Thurs., April 14 from 11:30 AM to 1 PM on "Evolving your OSH Practice and Profession" with Deborah Roy. <https://cwc.assp.org/events/assp-april-chapter-meeting-no-cost-webinar/>

And our Institute and OHWC June 3 symposium is <https://www.ohsu.edu/oregon-institute-occupational-health-sciences/great-resignation-great-reconfiguration>

Eugene Safety group is meeting 4/21 @3pm. Andy Haymart will be talking with us about the new Manganese rule, how it differs from the previous rule

Discussed when this meeting should go to in person/ hybrid or keep virtual.

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