

**Oregon OSHA**  
Construction Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, June 7, 2022

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Al Lee	Doug Pettyjohn	Mark Spring
Alden Strealay	Eric Bongen	Mary Lou Wilson
Alta Schafer	Eric Elkins	Mike Brunenkant
Angelica Valdivieso	Eric Fullan	Mike Jacobs
Annmarie Earl	Gary Gripp	Milton Stamp
Barb Epstien	Greig Lowell	Nathan Taylor
Barbara Hanley	Hailey Latherow	Phillip Wade
Barry Moreland	Holt Andron	Penny Wolf-McCormick
Bill Haskins	Jackie Boyd	Renée Stapleton
Brad Nanke	Jake Errico	Ricardo Rodriguez
Brandy Cannon	Jamie Ziegler	Robert Miller
Braxton Chambers	Jared Ottinger	Roberto Aguilar
Brenden Riedel	Jeff Wilson	Sean Tinker
Bryan Davis	Jeremy Lawson	Shawna Bergeron
Bryan Ortiz	Jim Mahar	Stephen Heaven
Bryon Snapp	Joaquin Diaz	Steve Huson
Chris Dahl	John Mastromonaco	Ted Bunch
Dale Lindstrom	Josh Schwabauer	Tom Bozicevic
Darren Toy	Justin Scott	Tony Howard
Dave McLaughlin	Laird Blanchard	Tosha Gilpin
David Davidson	Lisa Wisler	Travis Stone
David Ellis	Marcelino	Troy Stroud

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The meeting was called to order by Nathan Taylor.

**Previous Meeting Minutes.**

The May meeting minutes were approved.

**Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:**

Welder -humidity was high, temp in the high 60's- he was bundled up and had some issues with heat stress. Got him water and rest in a cool room and he is now fine.

Right now is harder on peoples bodies when you know it's hot in the summer, but right now you are still in the cooler weather mindset.

Near misses with heat stress or heat illness, you need to really take a look at those and focus training on those areas.

**Continuing Business:**

**Status of Rule Making:**

Excessive Heat and Wildfire Smoke:

Oregon OSHA is working on the permanent rule for [Excessive Heat](#) effective date 6/15 and [Wildfire Smoke](#) effective date of 7/1. We are working on the

**Under development**

- Ag labor housing- working with the stakeholder groups currently.
- consultation for public entities- the first meeting is May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Lead- PEL updating

- Non-entry firefighting
- making COVID-19 rules permanent so we don't revert back to masking mandates.
- federal OSHA standard improvement process-
- employer knowledge-

Greig Lowell is on a job rotation as the new Policy Manager for Oregon OSHA. He comes to us from the Workers Compensation Board.

Tom Bozicevic shared information on the [Wildfire Smoke rule](#).

Over 100 its voluntary, 251 is mandatory at that point?

Tom- there is no requirement for fit testing, but will have to know how to put it on. You will not need to mandate employees have a clean-shaven face to wear the respirators.

Ted Bunch shared information on the [Excessive Heat rule](#).

-the resources that OR-OSHA has coming online we don't have to use, but we can create our own? Yes, you can create your own.

There is no mixing and matching of the options, they are all stand alone options.

### **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.*

Phillip Wade and Ricardo Rodriguez presented on Oregon OSHA's Public Education Team.

[Education and Training resources](#)  
[Information in Spanish](#)

Nathan shared that the Public Education materials are much better now than in the past.

### **Oregon Contractor Spotlight**

Joaquin Diaz- Skanska

### **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. May 25<sup>th</sup> Redmond

The employee was performing electrical work at Redmond Airport. The employer had isolated and turned off circuit the employee was working on but there was another live circuit. The employee contacted the circuit and was shocked with 5000 volts.

2. May 9<sup>th</sup> Eugene

Employee was standing behind the running forklift in line with the exhaust to warm up. The driver reversed and hit an employee. Employee injuries include a broken foot/ankle and laceration to her leg.

3. May 6<sup>th</sup>, Riddle

Employee injury was caused by the high pressure oil hitting the employee's leg causing a cut. The employee refused treated, but went to urgent care the next day and was later admitted into hospital due to an infection and had surgery to repair the damage.

4. May 5<sup>th</sup> Paisley

Employee was on horse back driving cattle with another cowboy. The other cowboy dismounted to wrangle several calves and his horse moved bumping into the injured employees horse. The injured employee lower leg was struck by the other horse and was fractured.

5. May 26<sup>th</sup> Portland

Employee was cutting a piece of wood with a battery powered saw. He partially cut his right thumb off. Employee uses right hand to cut generally (is right-handed). The saw is undamaged/in good condition, still has original guard. Employee is unable to say how he cut himself (possible result of being in shock). Employee was alone in back of building. Employee spent night at hospital.

6. May 25<sup>th</sup> Portland.

Employee was operating a forklift while loading a customer's vehicle (SUV). Employee finished loading the SUV and drove the forklift back into the building through a bay door with a ramp. The employee parked the forklift near the top of the ramp which had an incline of 3 - 5 percent. He parked the forklift and did not set the parking break when he got off to close the bay door. While he was closing the bay door forklift rolled back and hit him, crushing his right leg against the ramp curb, resulting in a compound fracture of the lower right leg. Employee was transported via ambulance to Legacy Emanuel Hospital where he was admitted for surgery.

7. May 5<sup>th</sup> Portland

Employee was working on a ladder, the steel utility stand holding his ladder became detached. The employee and the ladder fell approximately 15 feet to the ground below. Employee was bruised on arms and legs, bleeding from nose and mouth, and injured left arm/elbow- resulting in a radial bone fracture.

8. May 15<sup>th</sup> Portland

Employee was working on pouring a column, was not hooked to fall protection, and fell 37 feet. Employee landed on face. Broken bones in face and leg.

9. May 14<sup>th</sup>, Tillamook

Employee was performing gutter service at residential location when he fell approximately 24 feet, resulting in fractured pelvis and fractured heels.

## **Fatalities**

1. May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Toledo

Peterbilt CMV towing an unloaded chip trailer was traveling eastbound and drove onto the shoulder before overcorrecting. The CMV crossed the center line and the westbound lane before striking several trees on the westbound shoulder. The driver sustained fatal injuries. 67 year old male

2. May 20<sup>th</sup> Fairview

Relief Caregiver came to apartment to report for their shift. Found the deceased caregiver employee in the restroom deceased. The bed was made and there was no outward signs of

injury. Police stated that it appears to be natural causes. It is uncertain if the employee passed away the night before going to bed - or after they woke up and made their bed and then was in the restroom. 57 year old male

3. May 19<sup>th</sup> Corvallis

The employee was found in the restroom, hunched over and discolored. Employer is assuming she had been in there for a considerable amount of time, so it's difficult to know when the time of death was. The EMS was called, but she was pronounced dead on their arrival and taken to Good Samaritan Hospital. 45 year old female.

4. May 10<sup>th</sup> Salem

Employee was doing his routine duties of driving the bus when he began not feeling well which lead to him pulling over then he had a heart attack. 911 was called and the employee was transported to Salem Hospital ER, where he passed away around 8:30 AM on 5/10/22. Until the next of kin is reached there is no information known about prior medical conditions. 71 year old male

5. May 6<sup>th</sup>, Portland

Employee was working his normal post, when he had not be heard from in awhile. He was found by in his vehicle deceased from a gun shot wound. 23 year old male.

6. May 4<sup>th</sup> Clackamas

A person walked into the main office at approximately 10 AM and requested to speak to the victim. The victim greeted the individual at the front office and left the office to step outside with the person. During this meeting outside of the front office, the person pulled a knife and stabbed the victim in the throat. 911 was called and John was transported to Kaiser Sunnyside and was declared deceased. The employer did not have any indication that the victim knew or had any prior altercations with the suspect that committed the murder. The police secured the scene and has the suspect in custody. There is an open criminal investigation in progress. 61 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.*

**Round table:**

More clarification on requirements/qualifications for a "competent person" in relation to fall protection and requirements/qualifications for an in-house fall protection trainer.

What documentation is Oregon OSHA looking for?

Bryon- documentation is 1 component we will be looking for and helps provide evidence of training and experience. A certification, or record of basic information on who received it, a date of when the course was taken, and what the subject of the topic covered.

For Fall protection there are several factors to keep in mind based on the job being done.

Additional detail is very helpful. We also look at what the hazard that the employee is being exposed to is.

Oregon OSHA will determine through questioning the person claiming to be he competent person.

Joaquin: Capability is more critical than the authorization. The capability of the person is more important to us.

Bryon: in the definition for fall protection key words are: Capable (identifying and preventing the hazards), and Authorization (is prompt corrective action).

Jeff: for the instructor requirement, personally have never seen a violation of that nature.

Joaquin: ANSI and ASSP published Z359 codes that references the training program and how to set it up, for fall protection and what standards are required for a competent person.

Barb is retiring July 1<sup>st</sup>.

She is also presenting:

<https://www.cpwr.com/news-and-events/informational-webinar-series/>

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:**

July 12, 2022  
Zoom Meeting