

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

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| Al Lee | David Davidson | Justin Scott |
| Alden Streatly | David Smiley | Kirsten Adams |
| Alta Schafer | Dennis Bonin | Lisa Pickert |
| Amanda Davies | Dominick Marchesiello | Lisa Wisler |
| Amme Standing | Doug Biron | Lynn Craig |
| Amy Cook | Doug Pettyjohn | Mary Lou Wilson |
| Angelica Valdivieso | Eric Elkins | Mike Brunenkant |
| Annmarie Earl | Eric Fullan | Mike Jacobs |
| Barb Epstien | George Goodman | Mike Souder |
| Barbara Hudson-Hanely | Greig Lowell | Milton Stamp |
| Bashiru Mumuni | Hailey Latherow | Nathan Taylor |
| Bill Haskins | Ilene Ferrell | Phillip Wade |
| Brendan Riedel | Jake Errico | Renée Stapleton |
| Bryon Snapp | Jared Ottinger | Rick McMurry |
| Chris Dahl | Jeff Cordill | Roberto Aguilar |
| Chris James | Jeff Wilson | Roy Shawgo |
| Chris W. | Jennifer Flood | Soren Bjerregaard |
| Connie Graybeal | Jeremy Lawson | Stephen Heaven |
| Dale Lindstrom | Jim Anderson | Steve Huson |
| Darby Ramos | Jim Mahar | Tony Howard |
| Darren Toy | John Mastromonaco | Tosha Gilpin |
| Dave McLaughlin | Joaquin Diaz | Troy Stroud |

The meeting was called to order by Nathan Taylor.

Previous Meeting Minutes.

The September meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:

Incident where employee received laceration from broken glass. He was a super working for another super, using suction grips to remove window. The dumpster was filled with drywall and pushing them in rather than putting them in the back. He was not happy with the plan, but because he was on another site that he just went with it. Lesson learned is anyone has the right to stop the job if it is unsafe.

Had some issues working with debris in eyes. working with metal dust, we have switched to different safety glasses that hug the face, and have put a metal strip on the front of the hat to collect any particles that fly up.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

COVID-19 rule: proposed changes through the normal rulemaking process that includes the revisions with the last temporary adoptions from March of 2022. This is necessary so that the less restrictive temporary adoptions remain in place and more restrictive provisions from December 2021 don't revert back.

<https://osha.oregon.gov/OSHArules/proposed/2022/ltr-proposed-covid-19-june2022.pdf>

Health care settings are still in effect.

COVID in ALH went into effect 10/7/22.

Lead will be starting up next
Consultation for public entities will be starting too.

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.

Top Health: Chris James

Shared the top 3-5 issues for construction

-Confined space

-Asbestos

-Silica- Table 1

Barb- is there a lot of enforcement going on for Manganese?

Chris- Consultation has ramped up involvement.

Barb- Respirators and HazCom are continuing to be the top 10. I think the message is don't get complacent.

Oregon Contractor Spotlight

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. September 9th, Prineville

Employee was operating a Tractor Cat and rolled down an embankment and landed on its side. The employee was transported by ambulance to the hospital and was hospitalized for 3 nights, resulting in broken ribs, collar bone, and a punctured lung.

2. September 15th, Eugene

The employee was on top of a dirt mound surveying area for methane extraction wells. Nothing active at this point. The drilling rig was located approximately 100 feet away. The employee experienced vertigo, spinning, nausea, and panic; contacted supervisor. Supervisor and coworker went to site, picked up employee and took to the hospital. The employee had experienced vertigo over the weekend and was out of work Monday and Tuesday. The employee was in the hospital with low magnesium levels and an elevated heart rate. No witness(es) were present at the time of the incident.

Q- was the vertigo associated with the methane, or was it a personal matter?

A- We are not sure, we can look into this further. Want follow up citation issued.

3. September 22nd, Portland

Victim was pulling a 20 ft angle iron out of storage. When the far end came off the shelf it hit the ground and the end he was holding bounced up then back down. The iron amputated the tip of his right middle finger and fractured and lacerated the left middle finger. Seven stitches. No bone loss. No overnight hospital stay.

4. September 2nd, Garibaldi

The employer and two employees were performing roofing activities on the roof of a mobile home. One of the employees fell off of the roof, approximately 8 feet onto the ground below. The employer reports the employee was tied off, however his fall protection was too long

and did not stop him from hitting the ground. The employee was transported by ambulance to Tillamook Hospital and then Legacy Emanuel where he was hospitalized for one week. Owner believes the employee suffered fractures and lesions.

5. September 18th, Astoria

The injured employee and a co-worker were concluding a workday and cleaning up their worksite. They were placing a ladder into their vehicle when the ladder came into contact with powerlines resulting in the employee and their co-worker receiving an electric shock. EMS arrived on scene and transported the injured employee to Columbia Memorial Hospital. *Q- were they both in contact with the ladder, or did it go through the ground? And how are they doing?*

A- We will check on this one and report back.

6. September 16th, Portland

The employee was working on the roof of the warehouse with their employer. The employee fell through the skylight and landed inside the warehouse. The injured employee was taken to a hospital.

7. September 2nd, Portland

Employee was working from a boom lift cutting tree limbs in the right of way by Irving Park. While making a switch cut to free a falling branch, the attached branch swung back and hit him in the chest before the branch fell to the ground below. Injuries included chest contusions, fractured ribs and lacerated spleen.

8. September 6th, Amity

One employee was in the process of tree trimming with an extendable chainsaw on a Arborist ladder that is approximately 14 feet tall and the employee was near the top of the ladder at approximately 12 feet. When the branch that was being cut, the branch hit the tip of the chainsaw, knocking the chainsaw down. The employee went to control the chainsaw and lost his balance and fell off the ladder onto hard dirt, landing on his right side.

9. September 1st, Turner

The employee was operating a chop saw and accidentally severed part of his right hand. Employee was transferred via ambulance to Salem Hospital and then transferred to a hospital in Portland in order to save the employee's hand.

Fatalities

1. September 28th, Junction city

Employee started work, driving truck to deliver lumber, at 4:30 am. At 7:30 am he was waiting to have his truck unloaded (at a mill) when he was found unresponsive in the driver's seat of his truck. Employees started CPR, EMS was called, employee was transported and declared deceased. Cause of death is thought to be a personal medical event, heat attack. 69-year-old male.

2. September 26th Grants Pass

The employee, at the time of the incident, was standing and not doing any work, when employee fell to the ground, CPR was started, 911 called, medics arrived and transported employee to hospital. Employee past away in the hospital from presumed heart attack. 53-year-old male

3. September 27th Portland

The Victim was engaged in tree removal, on ground handling lines to lower limbs cut by worker above. It is believed that victim lost control of the line. The limb fell and struck victim, who died on the scene. 37-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, Joaquin Diaz, or Nathan Taylor know and they will bring it up for you.

Nothing was shared this month.

Round table:

The next CSS Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 25th at noon and will cover Subcontractor Risks. This will be a hybrid meeting - in person at the Wilsonville AGC office - or via ZOOM.

Bryon: I have received several questions about our Preventing Heat-Related illness rules. Our Emphasis program for Preventing Heat-related illness has concluded on October 1st for the year however, the rule is still in effect. That means that we are not currently inquiring about heat-illness prevention procedures on EVERY inspection...but when the heat index is 80 F or greater, we can still inquire and cite...when appropriate.

Renee: The 2nd Spanish Language Worker Safety Conference will be on 11/8/2022. This training opportunity will be conducted entirely in Spanish:

<https://osha.oregon.gov/conferences/espanol/Pages/default.aspx>

Joaquin: World Mental Health Day was yesterday. Look at adding a mental health safety program if you do not already.

Justin: Homeless population coming on to worksite and being confrontational. What are solutions you have done?

-Keep your distance, and call the police. Had to hire security to maintain the site. Pause work if needed for safety.

-post no trespassing signs, and allows police to take action.

-fall protection: single story, pitched roof 4:12. There is a cut out where machinery will go. Would fall protection be required on this section of roof.

Bryon: The wall would not qualify as a guard rail from a fall hazard to a lower level. There are variables to talk through.

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:

November 1, 2022

Zoom Meeting -