Oregon OSHA Construction Advisory Committee Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

The meeting was called to order by Nathan Taylor.

Previous Meeting Minutes.

The October meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:

David Ellis: found that a problem in field could have been a much bigger issue. Excavating where an existing Water line was. Water line broke and water was entering trench box. Highlighted an area of a domino effect that could happen. There were no injuries.

Shawna Bergeron: building apartments that are 2 to 3 floors and dealing with subcontractors. What are good practices for tie offs to keep the employees safe and keeping those employees under the sub-contractor.

A discussion was had on what scaffolding is being used, and the use of an app that you can translate with Spanish speaking employees.

Bryan Davis: there are 2 things, set the tone early and the connection early and you will have a safety foundation set. And as a controlling contractor document any time you have witness of them doing something take pictures and write down any time you talk to them. Jeff Wilson: Brian Clark wrote a chapter, on commercial construction, it is in the Oregon OSHA Library. Will try to find to have sent out to the group.

Ryan Leffel: This is a good time to utilize OSHA Consultation to help set a plan too. Joaquin Diaz: We require that our sub-contractors have any other contractor they have come in follow our expectations too. There is a Risk Management program that has good insight. Jeff Wilson asked if anyone "cites" subs with a penalty if found out of compliance? Dennis Bonin said Perlo has issued corrective action - both oral and written warnings - to subcontractor employees for failure to follow our fall protection guidelines. We find often though that education is the best approach.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

We are moving forward with the Consultation for public entities and non-entry firefighting rulemaking.

We are moving forward with addressing the Lead rulemaking.

Federal OSHA is still planning on a COVID-19 rule making that may just effect healthcare, but we don't have full information. They will also be working on a heat rule.

We are getting our rules coordinator, Lisa Appel, back on December 1st. We will also be hiring a new Technical Specialist.

Renee Stapleton is now our full-time permanent Administrator for Oregon OSHA.

We are on a pause of Employer Knowledge rulemaking and will be working on in the future.

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 Joaquin Diaz know.

Bryon Snapp: Oregon OSHA FAME overview

Shared a <u>PowerPoint on Oregon OSHA's audit process</u> that Federal OSHA does every year on us, and their expectations of us.

Oregon OSHA has 80 authorized for enforcement positions. 56 are Safety and 24 are Health. Currently we have 51 positions on the safety side are currently filled, but 42 are released for inspections, and the others are still in training.

Oregon Contractor Spotlight

Nothing shared this month

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. October 24th 2022

Employee was installing lap siding using a nail gun. Nail went sideways, ricocheted off the wall and back into the employee's eye. Puncture went 3/4 into eyeball. The employee was not wearing eye protection and the employer was present during the event.

2. October 20th Shady Cove

Family friend called to report that 19-year-old was working on a roofing job for employer when he fell from the roof and Nathan is currently in a coma at Asante medical center.

3. October 14th, Milton Freewater

Employee was heating asphalt in a chute using a propane torch. The flame went out on the torch and when the employee reignited the torch there was an explosion. The employee was thrown by the explosion and struck concrete.

4. October 10th, Dexter

The employee was delivering shingles to the roof, taking bundles off a conveyor belt and placing them on the roof. The employee slipped on the roof and fell approximately 15 feet to the ground below.

5. October 7th Philomath

Employee was trying to reset the winch line. The wench line wound back onto itself, catching the employees' finger between the winch line and the roller. The employee's right little finger was amputated at the top joint. The employer transported the employee to the hospital for treatment.

6. October 19th, Wood Village

The employee was cutting wood when his left hand came into contact with the blade of the table saw he was using, causing three broken fingers with exposed bone. There was also damage to cartilage and ligaments of his left hand.

7. October17th, Newberg

Employee was in a scissor lift working approximately 10-15 feet up in the air installing metal framing on the exterior wall of the commercial construction site. An employee from another employer was operating a forklift on the jobsite and hit a pile of material causing a metal beam to fall knocking over the scissor lift. The employee fell in the scissor lift all the way to the ground, resulting in a broken pelvis, broken ribs, head injury, low back spine injury.

8. October 12th, Portland

Employee was working at a client location cutting a 2x4 with a circular saw when the saw jerked and cut the employee's finger, resulting in partial amputation.

9. October 10th Kaiser

An employee was using a ready mix (concrete) truck to pour concrete. Once the employee was done pouring the concrete and cleaning the chute, he flipped up a portion of the chute; however, the chute came back down. The employee's left-hand fingers got caught in the hinge. The employee was taken to the hospital. The employee suffered a partial amputation on the tip of his left ring finger.

10. October 6th, Woodburn

When employee was driving to work, he was not feeling well. After arriving onsite, employee waited around not laboring for ~2 and a half hour for containers to be delivered. After getting out of his truck another employee told him he did not look well and the victim asked for an ambulance to be called. Ambulance was called at 9:52 am and arrived at 10 am and then took him to Salem Hospital where he was admitted.

Fatalities

1. October 19th, Halsey

Truck driver was traveling South on I-5 in a semi-truck and trailer. Traffic stopped and the driver slammed into the semi-truck trailer in front of him. Employee was trapped in the cab of the vehicle which caught fire. Employee was pronounced deceased on the scene. 64-year-old male

2. October 19th, Grants Pass

The victim was talking to two other employees in the office grabbed his chest and fell to the floor and lost consciousness. Employees and emergency services performed CPR and were unable revive the victim. 53-year-old male.

3. October 18th Clatskanie

Employee was in a conference room on a call around 1:45PM. The employee had a meeting in that conference room with another co-worker at 2PM. When the employee

arrived, they found the victim unresponsive and sought help from coworkers and called 911. Mill EMT's arrived on scene and Clatskanie fire arrived shortly after. CPR was administered immediately and Mill EMT's took over care when they arrived. Employees and EMT's were unable to resuscitate the victim. 65-year-old male.

4. October 16th, Clackamas

Employee worked as a maintenance mechanic that does medium strenuous work. The victim was inputting data for the work he had completed that day while sitting at his desk when the fatality occurred. The victim was working in an air-conditioned office and had not used any chemicals earlier that day. The Employer stated the victim had seen a doctor earlier the following week and was prescribed antacids due to him not feeling well. 66-year-old male.

5. October 12th Ontario

Employee was standing next to a dumpster and collapsed to the ground. Employee came to work and said he was feeling sick but did not have vacation time. Employee was going to work until 12 am. 47-year-old male.

6. October 7th, Corvallis

The employee was a barista (who was waiting on customers) when she had a personal medical event, thought to be a heart attack. The employee worked in the hospital and was immediately treated by hospital personnel before passing away. 63-year-old female.

7. October 5th, Oakridge

A truck was traveling westbound on Highway 58 near Milepost 60 when the driver lost control of the truck and flipped over on the driver's side. After sliding for quite some distance, the cab of the truck struck the guardrail and slid several feet down the guardrail, pinning the driver inside. The driver was eventually extracted, but passed away at the hospital. 38-year-old male.

8. October 5th Portland

Victim was on sales trip, staying at a hotel. When his wife was unable to reach him, she contacted hotel housekeeping, who found victim deceased and called 911 at 6:36 am. Exact time of death is not yet determined. 35-year-old male.

9. October 3rd Gates

Employee was driving an International Prostar tractor trailer from Star, Idaho to Springfield, Oregon. As he went along a curve, it veered into the ditch crashing into or falling from a cliff. The truck caught on fire. The employee was pronounced dead at the scene. Employee had no medical history suggesting it was a medical event. The employee started his shift around 8 am on 10/3/22. 70-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 Joaquin Diaz, or Nathan Taylor know and they will bring it up for you. Nothing was shared this month.

Round table:

Brad: Weird call, husband and wife company with home office and 1 employee. The employee never comes into the home office. How does the required posters work? Bryan says they tape them to the vehicle inside door.

Jeff Wilson: just giving it to the employee doesn't work to meet the requirement. They are required to be posted.

Dennis: Construction Safety Summit - November 29, 2022; 12:00 - 1:00. Hybrid - AGC Office and Zoom. Foundations for Safety Leadership.

If you have any topics that you would like Oregon OSHA to talk about to the group, please let <u>Alta</u> <u>Schafer</u> or <u>Nathan Taylor</u> or Joaquin Diaz know.

Next Meeting:

December 13, 2022 Zoom Meeting -