

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Al Lee-Lennar	Dennis Bonin	Lynn Craig
Alta Schafer	Dominick Marchesiello	Maggie Gerlicher
Amme Standing	Doug Pettyjohn	Mark Spring
Angelica Valdivieso	Eden Berestoff	Mary Lou Wilson
Annmarie Earl	Eric Elkins	Mike Jacobs
Barbara Hudson-Hanely	Gary Gripp	Nathan Taylor
Barry Moreland	Greig Lowell	Oriana Davis
Bash Mumuni	Hailey Latherow	Penny Wolf-McCormick
Brad Nanke	Holt Andron	Phillip Wade
Brendan Riedel	Ilene Ferrell	Rachel Madjlesi
Bryan Davis	Jackie Boyd	Rick McMurry
Bryan Ortiz	Jake Errico	Robert Miller
Bryon Snapp	Jason Dunton	Roberto Aguilar
Chris Dahl	Jeff Wilson	Roy Shawgo
Cindy Booker	Jeremy Lawson	Royal Willard
Dale Lindstrom	John Mastro Monaco	Sean Tinker
Darren Toy	Joaquin Diaz	Stephen Heaven
Dave McLaughlin	Justin Scott	Steve Huson
David Davidson	Kyan	Tony Howard
David Ellis	Lisa Wisler	Troy Stroud

The meeting was called to order by Nathan Taylor.

Previous Meeting Minutes.

The November meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:

Scissor lifts- anti crush devices required on our sites and we are finding it hard to find the technology. Employee went to adjust basket and the control basket was flipped around, so instead of going down, he went up and pinned him. Luckily his spotter was able to get him down. Haven't been able to find a solution for this yet.

Near miss, forklift in warehouse. Electric forklift almost absolutely silent and they have a blue light out in front of them. We do have signage and striping but looking for solutions on blind spots and with it being completely silent.

-lighting system that beams a light box around the forklift. [Halo light system](#) out of Seattle is an option.

-would you be able to wire in an auxiliary sound system to emit a forklift sound?

- a company mounted a GoPro to the operator to show their perspective and helped them develop controls from that.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

Federal OSHA has submitted their COVID-19 rule and we don't have full information yet, but we are watching and waiting.

We are working on non-entry firefighting rulemaking and will be putting together a workgroup in the near future.

We are working Consultation for public entities and hoping to have things out early next year.

We are working on addressing the Lead rulemaking.

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: Safety Committee's and Safety Meetings

Link to rules, publications, and fact sheets: <https://osha.oregon.gov/Pages/topics/safety-committees-and-meetings.aspx>

The purpose is to get workers and management working together to prevent workplace injuries and accidents, ultimately producing a safer and healthier workplace.

We always inquire about the safety committee, and safety meetings if they qualify. We use 2 tiers in construction realm. We have ones who are hitting the mark and actively trying get feed back from employees, and providing solutions. Going above and beyond the bare minimum.

Then we have the rest who continue to disregard or they are not actively engaging in a meaningful or effective way.

The way our rule is set up it allows you have a safety committee in place of a meeting we see a loss of communication of those doing the actual work, and management.

We have seen a lot of use of worn out PPE, injuries from vehicles, or injuries at office away from mobile site.

Employee feedback is challenging. What is the employee general perception of the effectiveness of the safety committee. If the answer is not brought up immediately when issue is brought up, they will never hear back from management.

Overall picture we see employees would like more specific information for the work they are doing, not just general. And the mundane stuff is lacking, such as, tread on boots, following speed limits, etc.

It is a great space to ensure the information is being shared and have open lines of communications.

Questions:

In a lot of OSHA rules it talks about the workplace, and a lot of the companies don't have a maintenance area, and there are mobile sites.

Answer: What does a safety committee look like for a company that has employees all over, and not just in the office. You have fuelers, equipment pick up, construction, etc.

- The construction part is the easy part, it is how you have representation of the other workers. Make sure that the communication is open and that management is open to hear from everyone.
- Some companies do both with weekly safety meetings and monthly safety committee meetings.
- Another company holds weekly toolbox talks on our jobsites, a monthly safety committee meeting, and quarterly safety meetings for our office staff.

Question:

Has anyone come up with success about getting participation from employees?

Answer:

- Formally invite an employee with an invitation and there are seed questions to start thinking about things and then room for notes. They bring ideas, questions and has worked well for us. we take those and create action items and we take to management and then show the progress at the next meeting.

- We have an open conversation with all staff and we have built trust with all the employees. We do also have an anonymous option to bring things up.
- Another company has used AGC's focused 4 and it has been successful with our employees.
- We make sure that the employee receives the follow-up from the management.
- We do crew reviews and executive site visits. In addition, we have five worker lunches, monthly management reviews, and PSLTs that encourage craft engagement
- we have a cascading message in Procore that is shared to field level and executive teams immediately after minutes are shared to company from safety committee and general monthly safety meetings.

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. November 3rd, Athena
Employee was derigging a rotor. The rigging got tangled and the employee was attempting to manually untangle the rigging. Employee hand was crushed between two pieces of equipment. Employee's index finger and middle finger were amputated. Employee was driven to Portland to have surgery and is on restricted duty.
2. November 16th, Sisters
Employee was on a ladder conducting maintenance on the trim of a cabin when he slipped and fell from ladder, fracturing his ankle and injuring his ring finger.
3. November 6th, Medford
Employee's setting up a lane closure, company vehicle was struck by a swerving semi-truck, the company vehicle struck the employee.
4. November 28th, Woodburn
The victim was operating a chop saw. The victim went to remove a piece of wood that was on the chop saw and their thumb hit the rotating saw blade. The victim went to the employer's first aid room. They called 911 and an ambulance transported the victim to the hospital. The victim had surgery and was admitted into the hospital. Victim is still currently in the hospital.
5. November 17th, Portland
Employee was filling a large construction debris trash container and when the employee was climbing down from the container they fell and struck their head on the ground. Employee was knocked unconscious. Paramedics transported the victim to the hospital. Employer does not know if the victim regained consciousness after the incident. Employee is at OHSU in Trauma ICU.
6. November 8th, Portland
Accumulative mental health (PTSD) issues built-up over time due to on-the-job stress. Employee admitted into inpatient residential health treatment.
7. November 7th, Silverton
Employee was wearing gloves while operating the band saw out in the shop when the saw blade caught the tip of his glove. Employee immediately pulled his hand back and somehow the suction created pulled the tip of his pinky finger off. Employee ran to the office and grabbed paper towels due to the bleeding. A coworker was in the office and went after the employee to see what had happened. A coworker transported the employee to the emergency room immediately upon realizing the tip of his finger was gone.
8. November 1st, Clatskanie
The worker was attempting to walk under scaffolding to get to the back side of the transformer when he was tripped up on the lower bracing of the scaffold, resulting in a fracture to his lower right leg.

Fatalities

1. November 29th, Salem
Bus was blocking right hand lane in front of a church. Person affiliated with the church noticed driver was slumped over steering wheel. 911 was called and CPR was started. Driver was transported to Salem Hospital. Presumed natural causes. 67-year-old male
2. November 12th Portland
Victim was an independent contractor contracted to provide in-home medical care to patients. Victim was caring for a patient when the patient's son assaulted the victim. The victim was hit in the head with a table. Victim was transported to the hospital and was removed from life support and declared deceased on 11/22/22 at 8:24 PM. Female, age not reported
3. November 25th Portland
Victim was a cook at a tavern. Victim routinely wore a pistol sidearm. Owner was in office on phone. Victim told the owner he had to go home, then went to rear of establishment and shot himself. 26-year-old male
4. November 18th Portland
The employee worked a graveyard shift for a package delivery company as a package handler. He was found by a manager unresponsive. The manager performed CPR and EMS was immediately called and arrived. Employee was pronounced deceased. There was no exposure to any chemicals, substances or any unusual work activities prior to incident that management was aware of. Cardiac arrest listed as injury. 62-year-old male
5. November 6th, North Bend
Employee works from home and travels between nursing homes, assisting billing departments. When leaving one facility to head home, employee was involved in MVA near her home. 62-year-old female.
6. November 13th Clackamas
At approximately 5am the victim (Maintenance Worker) was preparing to receive a shipment of goods when he collapsed. Another worker found the victim and called 911. The victim was pronounced deceased on scene. Victim had a previous medical condition unknown to the employer at the time of the event. The employer learned about the condition from the Sheriff's Dept. when they responded. 50-year-old male.
7. November 8th, Hillsboro
The employee was preparing to begin stretch and flex exercises with about 20 co-workers when he collapsed to the ground and lost consciousness. On site security provided emergency medical aid and called for an ambulance. He gained consciousness at the hospital until his heart had stopped after a seizure. 43-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:

High voltage class- Free- Tapani- put on by Clark County PUD in Washington.

ORFACE- new fatality investigator has joined the team.

ASSP: Santiam Section- 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12:00pm in person only at Comfort Inn 630 Hawthorn Ave Salem, OR

Central Oregon Construction Safety Summit- January- Bend

David- enjoyed this meeting over the year and working with various members of this group. If you would like to meet for lunch or tour our sites let me know.

Tony Howard: Jason Dunton will be taking over for me when I retire in 1 year, at Hoffman Construction.

Bryan: English and Spanish Construction Seminar by AGC - OR OSHA and SAIF
<https://www.saif.com/trainings/classroom.html>

Nathan: Last meeting as the chair. Joaquin Diaz will be the chair starting in January.

If you have any topics that you would like Oregon OSHA to talk about to the group, please let [Alta Schafer](#) or [Nathan Taylor](#) or Joaquin Diaz know.

Next Meeting:

January 10, 2023
AGC / Zoom Meeting -