

**Oregon OSHA**  
Construction Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, January 10, 2023

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Al Lee	Doug Pettyjohn	Laird Blanchard
Alta Schafer	Eden Berestoff	Lisa Wisler
Amme Standring	Eric Elkins	Lynn Craig
Andy Haymart	Eric Fullan	Mark Spring
Angelica Valdivieso	Greig Lowell	Mary Lou Wilson
Annamarie Earl	Guy Sixberry	Mike Brunenkant
Barbara Hudson-Hanely	Hailey Latherow	Mike Souder
Barry Moreland	Holt Andron	Mindy Uber
Bash Mumuni	Ilene Ferrell	Nathan Taylor
Bryan Davis	Jackie Boyd	Oriana Davis
Bryon Snapp	Jake Errico	Phillip Wade
Carlton Chambers	Jason Dunton	Rick McMurry
Chris Dahl	Jeff Wilson	Robert Miller
Dale Lindstrom	Jeremy Lawson	Roy Shawgo
Daniel Fan	Jim Anderson	Royal Willard
Darren Dikeman	Joaquin Diaz	Stephen Heaven
Darren Toy	John Mastromonaco	Steve Huson
Dave McLaughlin	Julie Love	Travis Stone
David Davidson	Justin Scott	Tony Howard
David Smiley	Kyan Bartel	Troy Stroud
Dennis Bonin	Kyle Smith	

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The meeting was called to order by Joaquin Diaz.

Thank you all for joining the hybrid meeting. Introductions of people in person were made.

**Previous Meeting Minutes.**

The December meeting minutes were approved.

**Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:**

A company is continuing to evaluate anti-crush for scissor lifts. They have reached out about a particular product, Lidar, and it didn't work well; It was giving erroneous readings and it would not notify if it was near something. We have reached out to United Rentals and they currently do not have any other products for this.

We have spotters at the base, but in this case the spotters didn't notice it right away.

We just had a major storm and had a tree branch fall and strike the head of employees. Both employees are okay, but they received concussions, sprains, and gashes. As we go about business, hard hats are very important. Their hard hat was crushed from the branch and it was a good thing they were wearing them.

**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. This was a concept that came to us from the legislature. Fire on cultivated land.

We are working Consultation for public entities and hoping to have things out early next year. Federal OSHA is requiring us to do this rulemaking.

ALH is still being worked on, and are hoping to reengage this month.

We are working on addressing the Lead rulemaking. Blood lead levels and surface contamination. -we don't have current number yet, but we do know the current number is too high.

Were there any illnesses, hospitalization's, or citations from last year on lead?

-we don't readily have this information. it is a chronic illness and not a one-time occurrence. There are a lot of moving parts for this information.

The current numbers were set in the 1970s. and now we know more about the subject.

### **Employers plans for Health and Safety for 2023:**

What is your company looking at doing differently?

-Hoffman will be looking at their crane program. There has been an increase in crane to crane incidents. Is there something in the industry to help prevent these? We have gotten lucky with no serious accidents, but we want to prevent them from happening.

-Get people to understand when to use procedure rather than an EEW. When you can't deenergize a line, then what do you do next so there are no mistakes made.

-Perlo: Focus on a new emphasis on safety. We are going to focus on courage. The courage to speak up and put more of a positive spin on safety, rather than a negative.

-Change worker behavior. Do we go disciplinary, or do we go another direction?

-Make a more personalized safety message that focuses on their family.

Jeff Wilson added that you always have to be changing because they could get complacent. Incentivizing can be good, but after a while it could not work as well.

-PGE has safety coaches so employees can go to the coach rather than the safety director and the coaches will report back to the director. It has been successful for us because they have more people that they know and can be more comfortable sharing their concerns.

-Kerr Contractors: open communication with near misses. We don't incentives, but we use it as a coaching moment in a positive way.

-DeWitt Construction: we are focusing on foreman and being a competent person. Training, background, etc. it has been a good exchange so far.

### **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.*

Nothing this month

### **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. December 26<sup>th</sup>, Shady Cove  
Employee was working from a ladder painting. Though instructed not to, the employee stepped off the ladder onto the asphalt shingle roof and lost his footing. He fell approximately 8 feet to the ground level and hurt his back. He was transported to the hospital by ambulance. The weather at the time was mostly clear, with wet surfaces.
2. December 16<sup>th</sup>, Gold Hill  
The employee (victim) was working alone (inside of a canopy) cutting crown molding with a chop saw. The employee was holding the material with his right hand and operating the chop saw with his left hand. The other two (2) employees on site heard the injured employee groan and yell out for help, as he had suffered cutting injuries to three (3) fingers, one of which was an amputation. The other two (2) employees went to aid the injured employee, who was holding onto his injured fingers. The injured employee wrapped up the injury site into a blanket / towel. The one other employee transported the injured employee (and amputated finger) to RRMC. This other employee assisted the injured employee into the ED, gave a statement to the hospital intake staff, and then left the hospital. The injured employee was still at the hospital at the time of this reporting.
3. December 13<sup>th</sup> St Helens  
The injured worker was working within a warehouse pulling wire through a conduit when the conduit broke causing him to fall approximately 8 feet from a rack he was using to gain height while perform his work duties. The fall resulted in two broken bones in neck, broken rib, laceration to head.
4. December 1<sup>st</sup>, Beaverton  
The injured employee was at site location to perform an estimate on the roof of the residence. At approximately 10:30AM the home owner heard the employee yell and went outside. The injured employee was found lying next to his ladder and called 911 himself. The employee was taken to St Vincent by ambulance. Resulted in cracked ribs and a broken arm.

#### **Fatalities**

1. December 29<sup>th</sup>, Beaverton  
Employee was working the night shift from 10pm to 8am on 12/28/2022 and 12/29/2022 and was feeling sick the previous day. Employee said that they had heart burn and stated that they were ok to work. On 12/29/2023 the employee was working their normal shift. Another staffer came in 6:30am to start their day shift when the employee collapsed in the living room and emergency services were called. The victim was transported to the hospital where staff was unable to resuscitate the victim and he passed away. 54-year-old male
2. December 27<sup>th</sup>, Madras  
Employee was killed when the vehicle he was driving was struck by a falling tree due to hazardous weather conditions. 40-year-old male.
3. December 19<sup>th</sup>, Redmond  
Semi-truck driver was stopped on the northbound Highway 97 shoulder and attempted to cross five lanes for an unknown reason. The employee was struck and killed in the right lane of southbound traffic by a passenger vehicle. 59-year-old male
4. December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Boardman  
An employee was filling corn seed into bins on semi-truck. The 1st bin was filled and then the truck driver pulled forward to begin filling 2nd bin with corn seed. After some time, the

truck driver got out of the truck and corn seed grain was pouring out on the ground. The truck driver observed the employee face down on the ground. Truck driver flipped worker over and attempted to administer 1st aid. The employee was reported as not breathing. Truck driver found two nearby workers and asked for help from workers. The two workers went to employee and attempted to administer first aid, while truck driver called 911. Fire department, police, EMT's arrived and reported attaching worker to AED, and administering compressions. Employee believed to have died of suspected major heart attack per onsite EMT's. 56-year-old male.

5. December 19<sup>th</sup>, Salem

Employee left the building and was walking across the public street by use of the crosswalk to move her vehicle and was struck by an oncoming vehicle. 54-year-old female.

6. December 11<sup>th</sup>, Burns

Employee traveling in Burns, OR area, during snow storm. Employee pulled off and got a hotel room in Burns, OR. Concerned family member of victim reported seeking a wellness check, after not hearing back from worker. Employer reported worker dying of natural causes while sleeping during night at hotel. Male in his early 60's

7. December 9<sup>th</sup>, Hells Canyon

Employee was drilling a rock face from an elevated basket when a rock (above the direct worksite) fell down striking the employee. The employee was brought down while another employee drove to get emergency cell coverage. The employee received first aid but is believed to have died upon impact. No Age listed.

8. December 7<sup>th</sup>, Portland

Employee was off the clock but remained on the work premises. The employee let an unknown person on the premises. When it was apparent the employee was experiencing a medical emergency, the unknown person performed CPR and contacted 911. The police arrived and the unknown person left the premises. 28-year-old male.

9. December 1<sup>st</sup> Portland

The injured employee was found in the men's restroom by another coworker. The employee was found lying on the ground of the bathroom vomiting and was transported to the hospital. Employer rep called Central on 12/3/22 with update that employee passed away. Unknown TOD. 44-year-old male.

- Getting out of your vehicle on the hwy is one of the more dangerous things you could do. We looked into toolbox talks about what to do if you find yourself broke down on hwy but we couldn't find anything. So if you have anything please share.

**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.*

1. "A client has asked If they send their safety meeting to their employees via Email and the employee reviews it and sends an email back stating reviewed, is this considered compliant as their employees some weeks don't report to the office and are directed directly to sites.

Dave McLaughlin: we weren't sure on some of the details. Did they meet in person and then sent people who weren't able to attend? Or did they just write things down and send out with out actually meeting?

If it is the first, they are aren't required to send to out to those who missed. If it is the second, that is not considered a meeting. You can't just email information out, you would need to meet and discuss.

2. "Some of our sites are small and we don't have room for the Required postings to be posted can we print and post in book form on the wall 8.5 x 11" and state on the front all required postings inside or Have a binder call Required postings inside. Both options are covered with all employees onsite."

Dave McLaughlin: our postings need to be posted but we don't have size requirement, it just needs to be legible. As far as the binder, if they are able to look at it when they want and all employees have that message.

Jeff Wilson: I think we would need to look into this more to get ore answers.

Laird asked with cell phones and technologies we have, is the posting out dated now?

Jeff, the end of the day, do employees know where to go to get that information. We would need to look to see if going away from paper would be an option.

Dave: in agriculture settings, they have a board outside that all of their information is on because they don't have walls to put them on.

One company uses a big cork board on wheels that have the required postings on at the sites they are working.

Tony said there is a federal osha rule that shows where you have to have to have them

#### **Round table:**

Julie- thank you, AGC for having us here for this meeting, and thank you all for participating.

The legislative session kicked off yesterday, and they official first day is 1/17.

We have a number of positions open that we will be filling in the next few months.

We are looking forward to our outreach program going. We have a policy option package that we are putting forward to make sure all workers have access to our information and know their rights. Renee will be doing the State of the State at this meeting next month.

Barbra Anderson, new Ombuds for Oregon Workers.

Meeting adjourned.

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:**

February 14, 2023

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