# **Oregon OSHA**

Construction Advisory Committee Tuesday, May 9, 2023

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### Attendees:

Al Lee-Lennar Dennis Bonin Mary Lou Wilson Mike Brunenkant Alex Garcia Doug Pettyjohn Alta Schafer Eric Bongen Mike Jacobs Amme Standring Erik Elkins Monty Foust Andrew Johnson Eric Fullan Nathan Taylor Angelica Valdivieso Holt Andron Oriana Davis Annmarie Earl Ilene Ferrell Phillip Wade Robert Miller Barbara Hudson-Hanley Jackie Boyd Barbra Anderson Jake Errico Roy Shawgo **Royal Willard** Bash Mumuni Jeff Wilson John Mastomonaco Sean Tinker Brian Dysinger Soren Bierregaard Bryan Ortiz Josh Schwabauer Bryon Snapp Julie Love Stephanie Baird Caleb Harris Stephen Heaven Justin Scott Craig Ley Kevin Kilrov Steve Barrett Dale Lindstrom Kyan Bartel **Tony Howard** Dave McLaughlin **Travis Stone** Laird Blanchard David Davidson Lisa Pickert David Smiley Lisa Wisler

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 April meeting minutes were approved.

#### **Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:**

On-Site Health and Safety: Paramedics come on to the job site to provide first aid. It is free to sign up. A company used them recently and it was beneficial.

Security Issues: how are you managing security on your sites?

- -One company is using a system that has cameras with face recognition, and you can search the play back by color of car, or shirt, etc. it works really well and is really high quality.
- -Motion detector cameras set up on site. Put the cameras on the fence line and it would notify when activated.
- -One companies camera was able to catch a person and used the photo to show police.
- -Tower crane base jumpers. Have to build fence around the base of the crane to try and prevent people from climbing up to jump off the top.

### Status of Rulemaking:

COVID-19 rule was a temporary and we are now in the process to make that permanent of removing the rules.

Lead is starting to meet

Nonentry firefighting is starting to meet

Consultation, public entity- drafting rule

Standards improvement process- clean up of rule, minor editorial scripters errors.

ALH is being worked on.

Crane rule question: when is a crane a crane, or devise being used to hoist. Federal OSHA said they would work on clarifying but they have not released the final definition/description yet.

Federal OSHA has released their CPL, and they have decided that it falls in General Industry and Construction and they are creating an emphasis program. Once they do this, we will need to review our program to be at least as effective as.

### Safety Week and national fall protection stand down:

What are some things that are being planned for the May Safety Week?

We did an extra tool box talk and used Oregon OSHA's website.

During safety meeting discussed the topic of falls, and on our social media we put some cameo's up.

We had about 10 different job sites, and focused on the specific issues for those job sites, and each was different.

Reach out to your venders and invite them out to your site to do a demo, or share products, etc. and see how they can support you. and make sure you plan in advance.

We started doing a monthly emphasis a year ago and put all topics together and met with each individual foreman and we reviewed our workers comp data.

Kudos to all the supply vendors for helping support us. we invited them out to our company for safety week.

### **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. April 13<sup>th</sup>, Redmond

A student was using a compound miter, when the blade kicked back causing an injury (laceration) to the right bicep area.

# 2. April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Powell Butte

A worker was injured and was taken to the hospital after falling 12 to 14 feet from an 8/12 pitched roof. The ladder was displaced, but it is not known what part it played in the fall. Details such as injury type unknown. The worker was and independent contractor and was not in Oregon OSHA's jurisdiction.

# 3. April 26<sup>th</sup>, Hillsboro

Employee was carrying a piece of wood or material and tripped or slipped on another piece of wood or material and fell to the same level breaking their femur in their right leg.

# 4. April 24th, Nehalem

The victim was operating a table saw cutting cedar shakes to be used as exterior siding. The victim contacted the blade causing lacerations to include the thumb, index and middle finger of the right hand. 911 was called and an ambulance arrived to the accident site. The victim was transported via helicopter to OHSU where he was admitted. Surgery was performed; the Surgeon was unable to reattach the index finger of the right hand.

# 5. April 24<sup>th</sup> Portland

The employee was installing insulation material over the attic, when he fell through sheetrock to a mezzanine below, resulting in several fractured ribs and a back injury.

# 6. April 12<sup>th</sup>, Portland

Employee was working on ceiling stilts putting up a ceiling grid. One of the stilts slipped on something and he did the splits and hit his right knee on the ground. A first aid company, On Site, came to the site and evaluated the injury and told the victim it was bruised and to elevate and ice the injury. At a later time the victim went to urgent care and was informed that the kneecap was broken. They were sent home and are is waiting to schedule surgery for a broken kneecap.

## 7. April 1<sup>st</sup>, Portland

Employee working on ship in drydock was descending a step ladder when he caught his ring on the ceiling, placing full weight on ring and injuring finger. Employee was taken to hospital same day. on 04/03/2023 employer learned that employee is scheduled to have finger amputated on 04/04/2023. No jurisdiction.

#### 8. April 4<sup>th</sup>, Salem

Employee had hand pulled into a mag drill. Glove came off and employee had the tip of one finger amputated.

#### **Fatalities**

## 1. April 25<sup>th</sup>, Beaverton

EHS Safety/ Security Administrator said at approximately 1:00PM the victim was asking for assistance from supervisor to load some wood in the back of their vehicle. Two employees were loading wood into victims vehicle while he stood nearby. The victim had sat down on the ground and a co-worker asked if he was ok. The victim responded that he was and just felt dizzy. He was asked if he needed medical assistance. The victim declined services said he was ok. The victim's supervisor brought him some water. On his own the victim got up and went to break room approximately 50 yards away. The victim had indicated to employees that he was feeling sick earlier in the day. The victim's supervisor told the victim that he couldn't work the rest of the day and that he advised he didn't drive home. The victim called his son. At about that time the victim indicated that he started having left arm pain. At approximately 1:23PM the victim started vomiting. The victim passed out and was caught by

other employee and was placed on his side in recovery and was still vomiting. 911 was called and AED was prepped while on the phone with emergency services. Beaverton police arrived first at approximately 1:32PM. TVFR arrived at approximately 1:36PM. At approximately 1:40PM Metro West arrived and took over for TVFD at approximately 2:10PM and left property at approximately 2:17PM. The victim passed away at St. Vincent's sometime after that. 65 year old male.

# 2. April 24<sup>th</sup> Newport

Employee was standing on a ladder approximately 6 feet high. The employee was removing a birds nest. The employee fell from the ladder and hit his head on the cement surface located below the ladder. The employee received a head injury from the fall and was transported by ambulance to the local hospital where he was immediately life flighted to the hospital in Corvallis Oregon. 78 year old male.

# 3. April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Coos Bay

Security officer was found unresponsive in his patrol vehicle. Patron found him and called 9-11. He was transported to Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay. 80 year old male.

# 4. April 15th, Nyssa

Officer initiated a vehicle traffic stop. The vehicle/person was involved in a prior complaint and fled the scene in the vehicle. When the suspect vehicle came to a stop, the officer prepared to open dialogue with the driver of the vehicle. The driver engaged the officer with a firearm. The officer had no chance to seek cover or return fire. 43 year old male.

#### 5. April 10<sup>th</sup>, Willamina

The victim drove a company vehicle on-site checking on employees. The victim got out of the pickup and walked inside entering a terminal managers office. The victim stated he felt "Funny" and informed the manager that he, the victim, was walking to the dispatch office for a drink of water and coordinate with dispatch. Shortly after, dispatch noted the victim folded over and leaning against a rail near the exterior of the dispatch office. Dispatch called the manager and informed him. The manager left the office to see to the victim. When he arrived the victim was grunting in pain. He asked the victim if he wanted help; the victim said no, He assisted the Victim to a seated position. The Victim then said he felt cold, clammy and that his chest and left arm hurt. Clyde helped the Victim lay flat and dispatch called 911. The Victim was incoherent by this time; Victim attempted to call NOK but dropped the phone. The manager spoke to NOK using Victims phone and informed her of the event. At that point the Victim begins speaking incoherently, The manager held his hand. An Ambulance arrived on site at approximately 11:08 AM and attempted to revive the Victim both near the dispatch office and inside the ambulance. The Victim was then transported to Salem General Hospital. At approximately 1:54 PM the manager sent out an email stating NOK had informed him the Victim had passed away. While on-site Ambulance Crew members speculated the Victim may have suffered cardiac arrest. 51 year old male.

# 6. April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hillsboro

From news report: "According to police, a group of four people was asked to leave the bar in the early morning hours of April 2. They say one person in the group shot and killed the victim. 42 year old female.

Oregon OSHA requirements:

### Report within eight hours

You must report the death of any employee or a catastrophe within eight hours of when it happened or when it was reported to you or your agents. A catastrophe occurs when two or more employees are fatally injured, or three or more employees are admitted to a hospital or clinic as a result of the same incident.

### **Report within 24 hours**

You must report an in-patient hospitalization, loss of an eye, and either an amputation or avulsion that results in bone loss within 24 hours of when it happened or when it was reported to you or your agents.

## **Temporary employees**

A staffing agency or host employer must follow the same reporting rules. They should also establish a procedure by which both are informed if a temporary worker is injured.

#### **Accident scene**

Do not disturb the scene of a fatality or catastrophe until Oregon OSHA investigates the incident, unless a law enforcement officer tells you to do so, or it is necessary to safely reach victims or to prevent injuries.

## **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.

#### Rigging question:

A photo was shared of forks with an attachment that was carrying a large heavy load. The company stated that it had been approved by that company's safety department. A discussion was had on this and will follow-up at the next meeting. Does the same rule apply to forks being added to a front-end loader? Bryon will look into this more and get back to the group. (add for follow up in June)

### Round table:

Safety stand down in May 10th

Construction Safety Summit will move to the Saif office in Lake Oswego and will not have a virtual option.

Heat Emphasis: we are going to be getting into the 90's this week. Oregon OSHA program directive, we will be looking at the heat related programs in every inspection from June 30<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, but the rule is always in effect.

Barbara Hanley: If you have summer safety internships, please let me know! Barbara.hudsonhanley@oregonstate.edu. I have several students who are interested in gaining experience in construction safety management. Meeting adjourned.

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

# **Next Meeting:**

June 13, 2023 AGC / Zoom Meeting –