

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Al Lee-Lennar	Eric Fullan	Mars Gracida
Alden Streatly	Greig Lowell	Mike Brunenkant
Alex Garcia	Hailey Latherow	Nick Naramore
Alta Schafer	Hayley Porter	Phillip Wade
Annmarie Earl	Holt Andron	Rick McMurry
Antonio Gonzales	Ilene Ferrell	Robert Miller
Barbra Anderson	Jake Errico	Roberto Aguilar
Bash Mumuni	Jason Dunton	Roy Shawgo
Brandon Brooks	Jeremy Lawson	Ryan Leffel
Brian Dysinger	Jim Anderson	Sean Tinker
Bryan Ortiz	Joe Mullen	Stephanie Baird
Bryon Snapp	John Mastomonaco	Stephen Heaven
Caleb Harris	Josh Schwabauer	Steve Barrett
Craig Ley	Justin Scott	Steve Huson
Dale Lindstrom	Laird Blanchard	Tammi Stevens
David Davidson	Leah Walker	Troy Stoud
David Ellis	Lisa Wisler	Tony Howard
David Smiley	Lynn Craig	Travis Stone
Eden Berestoff	Mark Spring	Ursula Lande
Erik Elkins	Mary Lou Wilson	

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 May meeting minutes were approved. The June Meeting was cancelled.

Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:

Launching a new safety app and specializes in pitched residential roofing. It will be rolling out at their conference. It has pre-site inspection forms, check lists, documentation.

Locates have been really poor quality and they are not showing up in a timely manner. Make sure you watch out for things while you are digging because things could not be marked or marked incorrectly.

There are things that are not showing up when they do the locates. And gas lines could be abandoned and capped on one end, but it is still a live line. these conditions are becoming more and more common and if you come across these you can file a report with the PUC on these.

Oregon OSHA Program Directive 303 underground locates- if you hit a miss identified, or unidentified, and you have done everything right, we (Oregon OSHA) will go to the PUC and they will go to the locate company.

Found a lateral that was unmarked and we called fire department and gas company. There is a time frame for them to open a ticket and fix it, but we didn't know that at the time.

We had a person on site claim they were with MSHA and they were going to report to OSHA.

-Bryon said ask for credentials and you can also call the Oregon OSHA main phone number and ask for the manager to verify.

Workers comp claim discussion.

Ee, 2nd day on job and had a seizure. He did not disclose, and we can't ask. What is your experience with that and how do you handle this situation?

Total worker health – talks about how the workplace can drive health education and health influence to make better choices on and off work.

www.saif.com/safety-and-health/topics/promote-health.html

Have encountered similar, they have allergies and we ask if they have allergies, and if they have an EpiPen.

You can't ask directly if they have anything, but you can pose it as a statement. If you have allergies and have any concerns you can talk to physician or employer.

We have switched to helmets with the 4-point chin strap and have had people fall from a seizure and these have helped in preventing serious injury.

Don't always assume that it is a personal medical issue.

Status of Rulemaking:

COVID-19 rule was a temporarily repealed and Oregon OSHA is now in the process to make removing the rules permanent. There is a public hearing on 7/25/23. Permanent rule to be effective September 2023.

Div 1- SB592 penalty structure, comprehensive inspection after fatality. The next meeting is 7/20/23 via zoom. It was passed with an emergency clause so we are moving quickly on this rulemaking.

SB907: right to refuse work, is also meeting at the same meeting as above.

[Oregon Occupational Safety and Health : Senate Bills 592 and 907 : Senate Bills 592 and 907, relating to Penalties, Inspections, and Right to Refuse Work : State of Oregon](#)

Lead rulemaking is starting to meet: nothing proposed yet.

Non-Entry firefighting rulemaking: Starting to meet.

Consultation, public entity rulemaking: Drafting the rule

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

ALH is being worked on. 7/26 RAC Meeting

Oregon OSHA Spotlight: Heat

Oregon OSHA has updated Fact sheets, and our co's will bring them up at their inspections. Please visit the Oregon OSHA website for [heat related information](#). They are available in English and Spanish.

Contractor Spotlight: Mental Health

Joaquin: May was mental health awareness month and September is Suicide awareness. The suicide rate is 5 times the national average in construction, and is 70% white males. The most common contributor is work place injury. They can't work, they can't heal, medication issues, etc.

Total worker health. We are doing work on the back end, but we need to do more work up front. There are doctor's who will come in and do a pre-injury analysis and we had a 90% reduction in our injury rate when used. (work right, vital health, etc)

Reach out to professionals to come in and guide conversations, and programs. Federal OSHA is focusing on Mental Health in the workforce for their safe and sound week www.osha.gov/safeandsoundweek

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. 27 June, Grants Pass

The employee was working as a leased employee. When closing a heavy metal lid the employee caught their finger in between the lid and the container and lost the tip of his right index finger.

2. 23 June, Veneta

The employee was climbing down a Little Giant ladder (In extension mode) when the ladder moved. The employee tried to grab a brace, lost his balance and fell to the ground from six (6) feet. He suffered from a fractured clavicle, laceration to his head and a concussion. The employee was kept overnight for observation.

3. 21 June, Klamath Falls

The employee was removing the roof sheathing when he stepped onto a piece of plywood that wasn't attached, spanning 2 roof joints, and the plywood slipped and he fell to the floor. The employee had safety harness on but forgot to reattach to the safety rope. Approximately 23 feet fall. The employee broke his right leg and possible head injury.

4. 21 June, Portland

An electrician was wiring up lights in a small room with 10 foot ceilings on a scissor lift when other tradesmen working nearby heard what sounded like a hardhat hit the ground and a groan and as they entered the room found the man slumped over the railing, unresponsive. CPR was initiated.

5. 7 June, Eugene

Employee was on an 8-foot step ladder about 5 rungs up. Employee fell off ladder. Employee broke his leg and was transported to the hospital. Employer is unsure how employee fell off the ladder.

6. 17 June, West Linn

The employee was working at a job site when they tripped and fell over their packout rolling tool box/portable cabinet. The employee fell and came down to the floor landing

on his right knee, left elbow, and right shoulder. They went to the hospital and were admitted, and treated for a blown out knee, scuffed elbow, and torn rotator cuff.

7. 23 May, Ashland

The employee went over to help another employee get his truck unstuck from a rock. The employee hooked up the winch of his work truck to the truck that was stuck. The employee accidentally pressed the wrong button; he pressed the in button for the guiding cable as opposed to the out button. As a result, as the guiding cable spooled in, the employee's finger got caught in the cable.

8. 22 May, Medford

Employee was repositioning a motor with a boom extension. The boom arm dropped on the employee's left hand amputating the tip of the left ring finger.

9. 18 May, Beaverton

An employee was accessing a roof via ladder when the ladder kicked out and he fell approximately 15 feet, causing serious injuries that required in patient hospitalization.

10. 15 May, Banks

Employees was beginning to step up onto a tilt deck trailer and his left knee went out and he had a ground level fall.

11. 15 May, Portland

They are excavating for a dry well, and the employee fell into a hole about 30 feet deep.

12. 15 May, Portland

Employee was working on a 10 foot ladder adjusting a fixture when the cable hanging bumped into an energized source the employee was shocked and fell off the ladder.

13. 1 May, Sherwood

Employee cut himself with a Skillsaw while cutting a 2x4.

Fatalities

1. 21 June, Portland

A tile setter apprentice was working in a restroom prepping a wall for tile. The employee was working on taping the joints between backer-board. The employee was on their knees working down low on the wall - setting the tape. There was a coworker working in the same restroom on the other side. The coworker happened to glance over at the apprentice and saw them supporting themselves on a 5 gallon bucket when the employee then fell face forward onto the floor. The co-worker yelled for help and the foreman. Foreman came into the room and yelled the apprentice's name. The apprentice started to get up from the floor and then went into convulsions and collapsed. 911 services were summoned. Two employees that responded to the call for help started performing CPR and the coworker checked for a pulse and was not able to locate one. The employee was transported via ambulance to Meridian Park hospital. The employee was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The employer received a text from the deceased's wife indicating that she was told it was a heart attack. The heart did not respond to medication or efforts or CPR. The deceased employee was not working with any chemicals outside of tile mud for joint (joint compound) and the work environment was not hot. The employee was performing the least strenuous work related to setting tile.

2. 19 June, Central Point

Employee found slumped over the wheel of his "jacking truck" deceased. No signs of outward injury. Deceased moved to unknown funeral home. Medical examiner's investigation of cause of death was inconclusive.

3. 15 June, Tillamook

An employee found the victim lying face down in the milk barn pit floor. The victim was breathing but unresponsive. 911 was called and the victim was transported to hospital. The victim passed away from a brain aneurysm the next day.

4. 10 June, Medford

Employee was completing tree removal. When he topped the tree, the tree cracked, and his safety line fell. He fell about 50 feet to his death.

5. 9 June, Mill City

An employee was moving a rolling lumber cart loaded with plywood pieces. The employee was found with the rollaway cart overturned and the cart and lumber on top of him. CPR was started and 911 called. The employee was taken by ambulance to the Santiam Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

6. 8 June, Mulino

Victim was operating tractor when it rolled over, resulting in fatal crushing injuries. Victim was pronounced dead at scene.

7. 23 May, Lyons

An employee operating a fuel delivery truck drove off the road, struck a power pole and then hit a tree. The truck burst into flames and the driver was unable to exit the truck. First responders attempted to remove the victim but were driven back by the extreme heat. The tanker was carrying gasoline and diesel fuel.

8. 6 May, Woodburn

Employee was feeling light headed and went to the onsite nurse. Based on the current information the employer believes the employee was having a personal medical event.

9. 3 May, Florence

State Police found employee slumped over steering wheel of brush cutter. Employee was working alone. Presumed heart attack.

10. 3 May, Albany

Employee was struck by a motorbike and sustained fatal injuries.

11. 3 May, Ontario

The employee started their shift at approximately 3:41 am. The employee completing a fuel transfer from a tanker car. Employees working adjacently observed that the transfer equipment was still connected, but that the transfer was not active. They observed the employee down and immediately called 911 and initiated CPR/AED use. EMS arrived and the employee was pronounced dead at the scene. The medical examiner declared cause of death as sudden cardiac arrest and that they would not need to perform an autopsy.

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.

No Anonymous Questions were asked.

Round table:

Greig- Oregon OSHA's 50th anniversary is this month. There will be a video on our website soon commemorating our 50 years.

Front end loaders, nothing explicit in our rules that addresses that topic. We would look at it in a more generic point of view. We would look at div 1 and the manufactures recommendations.

Alden: AGC 7/19/23 Tony Howard sharing career in safety and open to anyone who wants to attend. RSVP to AGC website.

CSS golf tournament 7/25 at stone creek:

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:

August 8, 2023

Oregon OSHA Portland Field Office / Zoom Meeting –