

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Al Lee-Lennar	Estela Holmes	Mary Lou Wilson
Alex Garcia	Greig Lowell	Mike Brunenkant
Alta Schafer	Hailey Latherow	Monty Foust
Amanda Davies	Holt Andron	Nathan Taylor
Angelica Valdivieso	Ilene Ferrell	Phillip Wade
Annmarie Earl	Jake Errico	Rachel Madjlesi
Barry Moreland	Jamey Goodman	Rick McMurry
Bash Mumuni	Jason Dunton	Robert Miller
Bryon Snapp	Jason O.	Roy Shawgo
Caleb Harris	Jeff Wilson	Shane Jundt
Chris Dahl	Jeremy Lawson	Skyler Lanham
Cindy Booker	Jim Anderson	Stephanie Baird
Craig Ley	Jim Maher	Stephen Cannon
Craig Tweedy	Joe Mullens	Stephen Heaven
Dale Lindstrom	John Mastromonaco	Steve Barrett
Darren Dikeman	Josh Schwabauer	Steve Huson
David Davidson	Justin Scott	Tammi Stevens
Dave McLaughlin	Kirsten Adams	Thomas Price
David Smiley	Kyan Bartel	Travis Stone
Eden Berestoff	Kyle Smith	Troy Stroud
Eric Bongen	Laird Blanchard	Ursula Lande
Eric Elkins	Lisa Pickert	
Eric Fullan	Mark Spring	

The meeting was called to order by Rick McMurry.

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 flagger was hit under the eye by a hummingbird flying by. Minor injury but the employee is okay.

Status of Rulemaking:

[SB592 and SB907](#) has gone into effect.

This rulemaking amends 15 rules and adopts two new rules in Division 1, General Administrative Rules, related to Penalties and Work Refusal to align with the changes made to Oregon Safe Employment Act by [Senate Bill 592](#) and changes to ORS 654.062 by [Senate Bill 907](#) in the 2023 Oregon legislative session.

There is a video on Oregon OSHA's YouTube channel in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#) explaining the changes.

Record Keeping:

Federal OSHA has updated their requirements for [recording keeping](#). Oregon OSHA has adopted federal changes and is effective January 1, 2024.

Oregon OSHA offers record keeping classes and have [online training](#) on their website.

Nathan asked: What is defined as workplace? Especially in construction.

Dave: If you have a job that is less than a year, it is the main office. If it is longer than a year, it would be that location. We do have a definition on “establishments”.

Nathan: is the data different from OSHA to DCBS/WCD?

Dave: Yes. When Oregon OSHA comes out, they are looking at site specific data. WCD could be looking at the whole of the data.

Thomas: What about out of state and out of Country companies?

Dave: We will have to look at it case by case. If there are less than 10 employees working in the state of Oregon, they would be exempt. Employment statewide, not just location site. We can look at case by case so if you have questions, you can call our technical section at (503) 378-3272 or tech.web@dcbs.oregon.gov.

[Lead rulemaking](#) working on currently. RAC meeting monthly.

[Non-Entry firefighting](#) rulemaking: There have been meetings held and is currently being worked on.

Federal OSHA is working on a rule for emergency responders, and we don't know what that is going to look like yet, or what their scope will be.

[Consultation in public entity's](#) rulemaking: Drafting the rule.

Standards improvement process: this is clean-up of rule; minor editorial scripeter errors. Looking at proposing the corrections in March 2024.

[Ag Labor Housing](#) is being worked on. Meetings being held monthly.

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 24th, Eugene

Employee was working on water line piping. Employee repeatedly was required to bend and twist. Employee felt back tightening. Employee finished shift went home. Went to hospital the next day. Employee held in hospital and scheduled to be release afternoon of Jan 24.

2. December 12th Bend

One employee was working from an extension ladder installing a drop wire from an external electrical pole to a residential home. During this process for unknown reasons the employee fell from the ladder approximately 8-10 feet to a lower level of grass and concrete. Employee was working alone, he was able to call 911, first responders arrived and transported the employee to the hospital. The employee suffered rib and spinal injuries.

3. December 5th, Boardman

Two employees were installing sheet rock while on the top of a bathroom (a small building inside a larger building estimated at 12 feet wide by 14 feet long by 8 feet 3 inches high) in shop 7. The employees were not wearing any form of fall protection nor did the top of the bathroom possess guardrails. It was reported that the employee may have mis-stepped and fell off the top of the bathroom approximately 8 feet 3 inches to the ground resulting in multiple injuries such as a fractured skull, fractured vertebrae in the neck, a broken ankle and broken ribs.

4. December 28th,

The owner states his employee cut his right pinky with a saw blade while cutting wood. His shift started at 6:30am. His work does not entail continuous work at the saw blade. The employee was treated for a lacerated tendon on the right pinky at Salem emergency room. The treatment at the hospital included cleansing and antibiotics. He was released from the hospital on the same day.

5. December 1st, Portland

The employee is a truck driver who fell from the passenger side of a trailer onto the ground. The employer believes he was disconnecting air lines from the connected trailer when he fell. No witnesses saw the incident and he was discovered on the ground afterwards in an unconscious state. 911 was called and the employee was transported to Legacy Emmanuel Hospital where he was admitted. The employee was discharged on Saturday December 2, 2023, with a fractured skull, broken ribs, and an injury to his shoulder (employer was unsure of the side injured).

Fatalities

1. December 30th, The Dalles

Employee reported to work was upbeat and positive with no outward complaints of not feeling well. At 9:30 AM provisions started for the morning sit and fit exercise class. Upon beginning the class, the employee began to shake and then fell to the floor. Coworkers called 911 and began CPR and used the AED device. 911 Services arrived and took over CPR and lifesaving treatments and then declared the employee deceased after 40 minutes. 66-year-old male.

2. December 22nd, Central Point

EE went out on a call, last check in was at 3:33PM. EE was on his way home. He pulled over on Table Rock Rd., 6405 Table Rock Rd. Received a call about one of the ERs truck running for 4 hours. Owner of C & J towing son responded. Located the EE slumped over the steering wheel. EE was clearly deceased. Police notified. 56-year-old male.

3. December 12th Toledo

The employee did not show up at his workstation at 6 am. A coworker went to look for him and found him unresponsive in his vehicle. The manager was called and performed CPR until first responders arrived. First responders declared him deceased with a potential heart condition, and the coroner was called. 65-year-old male.

4. December 1st, Maryland

Employee was a no call no show, when she didn't show up for her meetings on 11/30/23, and then again today, her manager called HR Staff who asked the Oregon State Police to contact the Maryland authorities for a welfare check, which is when the employee was found deceased. 38-year-old female.

Anonymous Questions:

If you have anything you would like to bring up at the meetings and would like to stay anonymous, let Rick McMurry, or Dale Lindstrom know and they will bring it up for you.

Round table:

- Construction Safety Summit: Andrew Graham to talk about Multi-Employer Pit Falls. Will be January 23rd at the SAIF Office in Lake Oswego.
- AGC Update: Holt Andron has taken a position with AGC.
- ASSP Santiam Section: will be held at the Saif Conference Center 440 State st. SB592 presentation by Bryon Snapp. Tomorrow 1/10 at noon.
- Greig Lowell is the new Oregon OSHA Statewide Consultation Manager.
- Opening for an IH3 in Portland Consultation.

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 13, 2024