

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Al Lee-Lennar	David Rekdahl	Julie Love
Alex Garcia	David Smiley	Justin Scott
Alta Schafer	Donnie Chandler	Kyan Bartel
Amme Standing	Eden Berestoff	Laird Blanchard
Andy Kavanaugh	Eric Bongen	Mark Spring
Angelica Valdivieso	Eric Elkins	Mary Lou Wilson
Anmarie Earl	Eric Fullan	Mike Brunenkant
Barbara Hudson-Hanley	George Goodman	Nathan Taylor
Barry Moreland	Greig Lowell	Oriana Davis
Bash Mumuni	Hailey Latherow	Penny Wolf-McMormick
Brad Nanke	Holt Andron	Phillip Wade
Bryan Davis	Ilene Ferrell	Renee Stapleton
Bryan Ortiz	Jake Errico	Rick McMurry
Bryon Snapp	Jason van Mourik	Robert Miller
Cindy Booker	Jeff Wilson	Roy Shawgo
Craig Ley	Jeremy Lawson	Stephen Cannon
Craig Tweedy	Jim Anderson	Stephen Heaven
Dale Lindstrom	Jim Maher	Steve Barrett
Darren Dikeman	Joaquin Diaz	Thomas Price
Dave McLaughlin	John Mastromonaco	Travis Stone
David Davidson	Josh Schwabauer	Ursula Lande

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 January meeting minutes were approved.

State of the State:

Renee Stapleton, Administration of Oregon OSHA gave a [presentation](#) for upcoming rulemaking for the State and what Federal OSHA is going to be working on for 2024.

Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:

The group discussed secondary contamination to Fentanyl and safety issues.

Oregon OSHA has created a fact sheet on [Fentanyl](#).

AI: are companies using AI to help create programs or policies?

-one company is using it for ergonomics. You can take a short video and the program will analyze and give recommendations.

-One company test piloted a program. Real time analytics, notifications of hazards as they happen. If someone is in an area they are not certified to be in, they will get a notification

that someone is in the area, or that a guard rail is missing, or gloves are missing. These Cannot be used for disciplinary actions but can be used for training.

-Another company uses dash cams in their vehicle that have some of the same capabilities.

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. February 2nd Medford

Three employees were moving water heater up stairway. Injured employee was on bottom of the appliance dolly lifting/pushing and collapsed, lost feeling in legs, and was transported via ambulance to hospital.

2. February 28th, Bend

Cleaning 2' bracing materials when 45' shoring pole fell striking and breaking EE's leg.

3. February 27th, Springfield

EE was operating a stand up mini-track loader to grade the gravel parking lot, the area where they parked their car. The employee backed into their own vehicle and caught their leg between the loader and their truck. The ER was in the office, heard the EE yelling for help. Reached out to EMS to transport EE to urgent care/hospital. EE was transported and they notified the ER at ~6pm that their lower leg was broken and they were going to be admitted to the hospital overnight for a surgery on 2/28/24 to set the bone and put pins in the lower leg/ankle.

4. February 12th, Klamath Falls

The employee and supervisor were loading metal onto a storage rack, located outside the landscape shop. The storage rack broke and the metal fell onto the employee, pinning down the employees left leg with approximately 3-4 pieces of steel. The employee was transported via ambulance to Sky Lakes Hospital, where he was admitted and had surgery on his fractured left leg.

5. February 6th Cottage Grove

EE was a temp providing temp road flagging services. The EE was struck by a motorist and taken to the hospital in critical condition.

6. February 9th Seaside

An employee was installing gutters from a ladder when he fell to the ground. The employee which was less than coherent due to likely concussion reported to his employer he was installing a roof anchor when he fell.

7. February 7th, Portland

Employee was replacing a light fixture in the ceiling grid while on a ladder when they came into contact with a live ceiling wire. The employee was shocked with 277 volts and unable to move. Somehow the employee was able to fall off the ladder (details are hazy - possibly self rid or another individual on site kicked out the ladder) however the employee's left leg was caught between the rungs of the ladder when they fell, leading to a broken leg in two places: directly under their knee and throughout their tibia.

8. February 2nd, Portland

- Employee was tasked to go in the attic space and install insulation around pipes. Employee was walking on rafters/2x4's and went to open the insulation bag and lost his footing. Employee's foot became tangled in wiring and he fell through the sheet rock ceiling falling approximately 8-9 ft landing on his back in the hallway below the attic.

9. February 1st, The Dalles

The victim was working on a deenergized line and moving it from one crossbar to another and it became energized when it came in contact with an energized line.

10. February 12th, Salem

The employee was applying drywall joint compound to the walls and ceiling of a 2nd floor hallway when he fell approximately 11 feet down an interior stair well, where the guardrail had been removed. The employee was working in the upper hallway using a drywall taping machine, looking up, when he stepped sideways off the stairway opening. The injured employee was take to Salem Hospital where surgery was performed to repair broken vertebrae in the employees back.

11. February 1st Jefferson

Employee fell approximately 18 ft. from a ladder, employer unsure of the height at the time of the fall. Employee fell on to the grass below resulting in a lumbar fracture.

Fatalities

1. February 27th, Portland

Employee was conducting cleaning (strip and wax) at a hospital. Three total employees working in building conducting janitorial work. Employee was discovered by other employees on ground and unresponsive. CPR was initiated. EMS arrived and continued CPR. Transferred to the Emergency Room. 50 year old male.

2. February 22nd, Grants Pass

The manager tried to call the employee and received no response. He found the employee lying in the shop unresponsive. He performed CPR and called 911. The manager believed employee collapsed, there were no signs of bruising. 68 year old male

3. February 20th Warrenton

An employee was working on the DL300 loader in the "chipper area" to fix a leak. The bucket of the loader was tilted away from the machine so he could work on the leak. The bucket was not tilted all the way back, and the employee was caught between the bucket and the loader, and the bucket rolled back and on top of him. The employee was discovered by another employee in the yard and a forklift was used to lift the bucket off the employee so emergency personnel could access him. 57 year old male.

4. February 14th Grants Pass

The employee was on a roof when he had a seizure and fell off a roof. He had a harness on, but was not clipped in. The employee passed away in the hospital. 29 year old male.

5. February 14th Portland

On February 14, 2024 at approximately 7:00 A.M the employee was sitting in line in a work truck at the Port of Portland. While in line he was on the phone with his companies dispatch and complained of arm and chest pain when the phone dropped. The dispatcher immediately called 911. Andrew was taken to Legacy Emanuel Medical Center. Employee passed away from a heart attack. 54 year old male.

6. February 2nd Wilsonville

The employee was walking to go clock out for the day and came across a co-worker and told him that he didn't feel well. Shortly thereafter the employee collapsed, was convulsing and had agonal breathing. 911 was called immediately. The employee was on his stomach and co-workers were instructed to roll him to his back and start CPR. The AED was applied, CPR was continued as directed by AED. TVFD responded and transported Scott. 60 year old male.

7. February 1st Corvallis

Employee was delivering a load of corn mix feed. He opened the rear door and started the belly conveyor. He attempted to cross over behind the truck and the load started to empty out forcing the rear door to swing. The employee was hit and crushed between the rear door and a bin wall. 56 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 Rick McMurry, or Dale Lindstrom know and they will bring it up for you.

Railing height requirements for balconies. The railings are purposely low to allow patrons to see the stage or screen from their seating in auditoriums, theaters, and churches. Are the lower rails grandfathered in? What are the current requirements? And, if construction is taking place in an older facility with low railings, do the rules require that contractors provide a temporary railing of sufficient height and strength for fall protection?

- It is not grandfathered in for employees who are working. If you are hired to renovate or do work, you would need to have additional PPE. *exception for people who are in a performance, but not during rehearsal.

Look at fall exposure: use temporary guard rail, or other acceptable means.

Round table:

- [Construction Safety Summit](#): 4/23 training: total worker health- AI- etc. in Albany in the knife river training facility. – send sign up info to group-
- 811 locate system not properly locating. Have escalated to PUC. Working on pathway with NWUCA. If you would like to contribute stories contact Eric Bongen: eric.bongen@themeigroup.com

<https://www.oregon.gov/puc/pages/safety/ousc.aspx>

On 3/15/24 there is a public meeting from 9:00am-12:00pm at PGE Salem line operations center.

Meeting adjourned.

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

Next Meeting:

April 9, 2024

At Oregon OSHA's Portland Field Office

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