

**Oregon OSHA**  
**Construction Advisory Council**  
**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Al Lee	Eden Berestoff	Mike Jacobs
Alta Schafer	Eric Bongen	Nathan Taylor
Angelica Valdivieso	Eric Fullan	Oriana Davis
Annmarie Earl	Greig Lowell	Phillip Wade
Antonio Gonzales	Hailey Latherow	Rachel Madjlesi
Barbara Hanley	Heather	Rick McMurry
Barry Moreland	Holt Andron	Robert Henderson
Bill Haskins	Ilona Hyett	Robert Miller
Boyd Ellison	Jamey Goodman	Roy Shawgo
Brett Warming	Jennifer Carter	Scott Brawner
Bryan Davis	Jennifer Stewart	Sean Gremer
Bryon Snapp	Jeremy Lawson	Sean Tinker
Chris Dahl	Jim Hill	Shane Tercek
Chris Whitaker	Jim Mahar	Stephen Cannon
Chris Williams	Joe Forest	Stephen
Connie Graybeal	Josh Schwabauer	Steve Barrett
Craig Tweedy	K. Beuscher	Steve Huson
Dale Lindstrom	Kyan Bartel	Thomas Price
Darren Dikeman	Kyle Sutton	Ursula Lande
David Rekdahl	Mark Spring	Will Schafer
David Smiley	Mary Lou Wilson	
Donnie Chandler	Mike Brunenkant	

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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 March meeting minutes were approved.

**Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:**

Contactors in another state, they had a truck delivering materials on a site. The driver was running late, and cars parked in the way. The truck parked in the middle of the road and the employees rushed to get the truck unloaded and made contact with an overhead power line. Luckily no one was injured. The lesson is slow down- they have a "wait a second" program to make people stop and refocus on what they are doing.

One company is working on a project downtown, and they asked for the overhead lines to be moved so they could do the work safely. The lines were moved 4 feet back to accommodate the work being done. It cost to do this, but safety is the priority.

Another company has been looking at when a routine task turns into a non-routine task such as when someone needs to fill in while the “normal” person is not there. How do we continue business while being safe.  
Pre task planning is very important.

### **OSHA Discussion:**

State of the State: Greig Lowell presented in place of Renée Stapleton.

Greig shared a [PowerPoint presentation](#) on some staff changes within Oregon OSHA, highlights from Fiscal Year 2024 from Oregon OSHA, Federal OSHA updates, Oregon OSHA’s recent rule adoption, pre-proposal rulemaking, and emphasis program updates.

Bryon shared additional information on the Severe Violator Enforcement Program (SVEP). At the national level, Federal OSHA targets employers who are severe violators. Approximately two years ago Federal OSHA updated their SVEP program and Oregon OSHA had 180 days to adopt the same or something “at least as effective as” theirs. That came at the same time as Senate Bill 592 was introduced into the 2023 legislative session, so we let the Feds know we would exceed the 180 days in order to incorporate changes related to SB-592. Oregon OSHA has turned ours SVEP program, which was a national emphasis program (NEP, into a local emphasis program (LEP) with the publication of Program Directive [A-277](#) on March 31, 2025. It explains that if the employer meets the criteria to get on the list, there will be a subsequent comprehensive Programmed Inspection for Cause (PIC) that will occur. The employer can remain on the list or be removed from the list based on the type and nature of the violations (if any) that result from the SVEP-initiated Programed Inspection for Cause. There are currently zero employers on Oregon’s severe violator list.

A question was asked about [trends in fatalities](#) that could not be answered fully at the time of the meeting, but we were able to pull data to show all industries.

### **Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:**

If there is an accident or a fatal incident that you would like more information on let Jennifer Stewart or Alta Schafer 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 –**

Summary:

34 Accidents – 9 construction, 22 general industry 2 agriculture and 1 logging  
7 personal medical and 27 trauma

Fall (same)	7
Fall (lower)	5
Struck by	5
Caught In	6 (Amputation 4 of the 6)
MVA	2
Over exertion	1
WP Violence	1
Personal Medical	7

#### **1. March 1, Toledo**

The employee was power washing a fixed cat-walk that ran above temporary scaffolding, during the work the employee climbed over the guard rail to access the

scaffolding below. While doing so, they slipped and fell through the scaffoldings ladder access opening on the scaffold platform. The fall resulted in internal injuries.

2. March 5, Jefferson

Employer was performing a house demolition using an excavator. The excavator possibly hit the chimney and an employee was struck by the debris. The employee was transported to the hospital by ambulance. The employee sustained multiple broken bones.

3. March 10, Portland

Two employees were engaged in a fight. It resulted in one employee with broken bones.

4. March 11, Bend

Employee amputated the tip of their finger while operating a portable circular saw.

5. March 17, Eugene

Employee was working on roof, wearing harness and was climbing up roof to anchor there rope when they slipped and fell approximately 20 feet off the roof. The fall resulted in broken bones.

6. March 24, Springfield

Employee was working as a safety monitor (on an approximately 2/12 pitch roof) when a portion of the roof collapsed. Employee fell approximately 12-feet to a lower level in the building. The fall resulted in broken bones and internal injuries.

7. March 24, Bend

A rock crushing crew was working at a mobile site when a rock caused a jam in the tail pulley of the drain rock belt on a mobile rock crushing unit. Employee disconnected power to equipment to allow the supervisor to clear the jam. After some material was removed, supervisor instructed employee to "jog the belt" and the employee turned power on and off. Employee at the power thought the "all clear" was given and turned on the power to the equipment. Another employee communicated to turn off the power to the equipment. Supervisor's arm was amputated near the shoulder.

8. March 20, Central Point

Employee was servicing a forklift (pin between the hydraulics and the forks). As they placed the pin back in position, the employee caught their right gloved thumb. When they pulled their hand back, the glove and thumb were caught in the forklift. Employee was transported to hospital. Additional medical care is expected.

9. March 25, Tillamook

The employee was working on a ladder drilling into a post. They lost balance. They grabbed the post with their left hand to steady themselves. The drill caught their work glove and removed the glove and the tip of their left index finger to first knuckle. The employee wrapped up their hand and sought medical attention at a nearby urgent care facility. Additional medical care is expected.

10. March 4, Milwaukie

Employee was cleaning their work station when their foot clipped the edge and caused them to trip and fall to the ground. The employee was transported by ambulance. The fall resulted in broken bones.

11. March 4, Beaverton

The employee was driving his personal motorcycle for a regular work related task when they were involved in a motor vehicle accident. They were transported by ambulance.

12. March 5, Prospect

Employee was pulling a hose from a propane supply truck to a customer residence when they tripped and fell over plywood at the customer residence. The fall resulted in broken bones.

13. March 6, Portland

The employee climbed to the top step of an A-frame ladder to correct an issue with a piece of equipment. The employee fell off of the ladder. The employee was transported by ambulance and resulted in broken bones and head trauma.

14. March 12, White City

Employee was completing regular work duties and complained of exhaustion and cramping. Employee was fatigued and dizzy and tried to continue with the work task. Employee was transported to the hospital and treated.

15. March 13, Eugene

Employee was cleaning up a hydraulic fluid spill in a location that required fall protection. The employee returned to the task after a safety meeting and did not put on the fall protection that they were using earlier. Employee fell approximately 10 feet onto an auto shredder. Employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a head injury and multiple broken bones.

16. March 3, Eagle Crest

Employee traveling in personal vehicle was involved in a motor vehicle accident. Employee was transported by ambulance. The MVA resulted in multiple injuries.

17. March 4, Newberg

Employee reported chest pain and was transported to hospital. The employee is being treated for a personal medical emergency.

18. March 4, Jordan Valley

Employee was not feeling well and employer transported them home. Employee was transported to the hospital and is being treated for a personal medical emergency.

19. March 6, Roseburg

An unconscious employee was found by another employee. Initial report indicated a personal medical emergency.

20. March 10, Beaverton

The injured employee was discovered by a co-worker on the floor with a head injury. The employee was conscious but exhibited signs of confusion. The employee was transported to the hospital with head trauma.

21. March 17, Portland

Employer was using a scissor lift to complete maintenance tasks. Employee was struck by the scissor lift. The employee was transported to the hospital for broken bones.

22. March 18, Hillsboro

Employee was driving a work vehicle back to the yard, felt sick and pulled over. He called 911 and was transported to the hospital and treated for a personal medical emergency.

23. March 19, Medford

Employee started feeling light-headed and dizzy and stated they felt like they were going loose consciousness. Employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a personal medical emergency.

24. March 20, Hood River

Employee entered the building and collapsed. Another employee heard the injured employee collapse and found the injured employee on the floor. The employee was transported by ambulance and treated for head trauma.

25. March 25, Klamath Falls

Employee was picking up potatoes. As the employee got up from a crouched position, they used their shovel with one hand and reached up and grabbed the table holding equipment with the other hand. Their hand was caught in between a roller and belt on the equipment. This resulted in damage to the hand.

26. March 27, Salem

Employee reported a swollen leg. No evidence of connection to work activity at this time. Initial report indicated a personal medical emergency. Additional medical care is expected.

27. March 28, Myrtle Creek

The employee went to grab the drop line from the carriage to connect the drop line to the chokers in order to send the turn to the landing. As the employee was grabbing the drop line, an approximate five foot in diameter log rolled striking the employee. The log rolled over the employee resulting in broken bones. The employee was transported by EMS to the hospital.

28. March 28, St Paul

Employee was loading an ATV onto the back of a pickup truck. One of the ramps used to load it flipped over causing the ATV to flip over. The ATV landed on the employee. Employee was transported to the hospital and treated for spinal injuries.

29. March 28, Forest Grove

Employee was carrying cement bags down stairs into a basement. They slipped down the stairs. The employee tried to stop themselves with their right arm. They caught their arm on some metal and lacerated their elbow. Employee was transported to the hospital and treated.

30. March 27, Ashland

Employer surveillance camera shows employee staggering and then falling to the ground. Employee was transported to hospital and treated for what initially appears to be a personal medical emergency.

31. March 7, Sandy

Employee was using a paint sprayer in a paint booth. Identified a frayed hose, notified foremen but continued to use sprayer. The hose ruptured and sprayed employee in the face and mouth. Employee went to urgent care and was transported to the hospital.

32. March 30, Portland

The employee was coupling a couple of pipes and their middle finger got caught. The employer recommended the employee seek medical care the following day due to continued issues.

The employee went to urgent care and then a hand specialist. The hand specialist referred the employee to ER due to complications that extended past the hand. The employee was admitted to treat an infection from the initial laceration.

33. March 26, Portland

Employee was found in his truck unconscious. The employee was transported to the hospital.

34. March 28, Portland

The employee was on a 20 ft ladder power washing a house. The ladder began to slip and the employee fell and landed on their back onto a concrete surface. Employee was transported to the hospital and treated for head trauma.

35. March 30, Portland

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36. March 26, Portland

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37. March 28, Portland

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**Fatalities –**

Summary:

7 Fatalities – 7 general industry  
4 associated with personal medical  
3 associated with a MVA (struck by)

1) March 3, Midland

Employee operating company vehicle was involved in motor vehicle accident resulting in fatal injuries.

2) March 24, Baker City

Employee operating personal vehicle was involved in motor vehicle accident resulting in fatal injuries.

3) March 28, Molalla

Employee was involved in motor vehicle accident resulting in fatal injuries. Law enforcement is investigating crash.

4) March 1, Silverton

Employee was completing normal work duties and stated that they were not feeling well. Employee lost consciousness and coworkers began emergency response. Medical care was provided for a personal medical emergency.

5) March 3, Oakland

Employee collapsed. Suspected personal medical emergency.

6) March 18, Portland

Employee was working alone. Employer surveillance showed employee collapse and strike the back of their head. No known or reported cause.

7) March 22, Portland

Employee was completing regular work duties and stated they did not feel well. Employee then collapsed and co-workers provided care. EMS arrived at scene and provided care. EMS pronounced employee death and contacted medical examiner to transport to a funeral home.

**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.*

There were no anonymous questions this month.

**Round table:**

A question was raised regarding job sites with tenants using property management crews. They are working near an active construction site, is the GC responsible for them, even though there is no connection?

Bryon responded that the situation would be evaluated to consider communication, the surrounding area, and other relevant factors. We would look to see if there is any kind of direction going on or any link, we wouldn't just focus on the property management company, but it could end with us just citing the property management company for their employee's exposure to the hazards.

Eric Bongen shared that public comment just ended for updating the Oregon dig laws for excavations around underground utilities. The [Oregon Utility Notification Center \(Oregon 811\)](#) is holding a [public rulemaking hearing](#) scheduled for April 15, 2025.

AGC has a live in person training coming up that will be presented in Spanish. [April 21-23, 2025](#)

Construction Safety Summit: every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, will now be held at Brix Tavern in Tualatin. Topic: Crane Safety: Former Nes Campbell Crane employee will be the speaker.

Excavation Safety at Knife River in June. If there is an excavation company that would like to help please reach out to Mike Brunenkant at [mbrunenkant@gmail.com](mailto:mbrunenkant@gmail.com).

Greig shared [Oregon OSHA has public workshops](#) coming up that are free,  
4/9 fall protection and excavation safety  
4/16 Lockout/Tagout  
4/22 Job Hazzard Analysis

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

**Next Meeting:**

May 13, 2025  
Zoom / Oregon OSHA 16760 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd Tigard, OR 97224