

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Council
Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Alta Schafer	Doug Biron	Michael Townsley
Amanda Davies	Eric Bongen	Mike Brunenkant
Amber Lloyd	Eric Elkins	Oriana Davis
Amber Schneider	Hailey Sorenson	Penny Wolf-McCormick
Anna Makela	Heather Schwirse	Phillip Wade
Angelica Valdivieso	Holt Andron	Randee Prottzman
Annmarie Earl	Jake Errico	Renée Stapleton
Barbra Anderson	James Burke	Robert Miller
Barry Moreland	Jamey Goodman	Roy Shawgo
Bill Haskins	Jennifer Carter	Russ Goodwin
Brandon M.	Jennifer Stewart	Sean Gremer
Brett Warming	Jeremy Lawson	Sean Tinker
Brian McMuldren	Jim Hill	Shane Tercek
Bryan Davis	Joe Mullens	Stephen
Bryan Ortiz	John Byrd	Stephen Canon
Caleb Harris	John Frank	Steve Barrett
Connie Graybeal	Josh Schwabauer	Steve Huson
Craig Tweedy	Laird Blanchard	Thomas Price
Dale Lindstrom	Mark Spring	
David Smiley	Mars Garcida	

The meeting was called to order by Dale Lindstrom.

Thank you all for joining the hybrid meeting. Introductions of people in person were made.

Please make sure if you are joining the meeting virtually that you have your first and last name, along with your company. If there is no name listed, you will be removed from the meeting for security purposes.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The June meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:

A company was performing night striping and the machine caught on fire and couldn't be put out. They called emergency services and it took more than 30 minutes for the fire department to come out and put out the fire because they were waiting for a police escort due to the incident in Idaho. One of the employees used a fire extinguisher to knock down the flames to unhook the propane tank so it didn't spread and become bigger.

The group discussed the scenarios of an employee putting out the fire, or trying to put out the fire. What would that have looked like if it hadn't worked, or the employee was injured in the process. Luckily in this situation there was no injury.

Other companies have been having discussions around hot equipment and planning what to do in case of emergencies.

OSHA Discussion:

Penny Wolf-McCormick- [Respiratory Protection](#)

Presentation was shared on [Respirator Information: Voluntary vs Mandatory](#).

Voluntary:

- Use is not required due to over exposure or required by employer or rule – but employer allows the use.
- Tight fitting rubber/silicone – elastomeric
 - Required to do medical evaluation,
 - Must be kept clean and stored appropriately
 - Trained on Appendix D of the rule (limitations, care, fitting, etc)
 - Have program with elements on the above
- Filtering facepiece
 - Med evaluation and program not required
 - Required to be clean, stored appropriately, app D training

Mandatory:

- Due to rule (ex: asbestos/lead/chromium / etc. prior to negative assessment or engineering controls)
- Written program
- Medical evaluation
- Training
- Fit testing
- Assess hazards to determine APF and appropriate respirator

All of [1910.134](#) applies

Rule Updates:

Oregon OSHA is currently working on the [Lead rulemaking](#).

HAZCOM still on hold.

The group discussed the use of AI, and has Oregon OSHA thought about using it for their rules. Response: Oregon OSHA cannot use AI currently. There are too many unknowns of security and how data is used.

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 –

33 Accidents – 6 construction and 27 general industry

6 personal medical and 27 trauma

Fall (same)	4
Fall (lower)	8
Struck by	2
Caught In	6 (Amputation 5 of the 6)
MVA	3
Exposure	1

WP Violence 1
Laceration 1
Unknown 1
Personal Medical 6

1. June 13, Beaverton

Employee was finishing their shift and began to have a personal medical emergency. EMS was called and the employee was transported to the hospital. Employee was treated for a personal medical condition.

2. June 23, Klamath Falls

Two employees were traveling in a vehicle. Another vehicle struck their vehicle. The passenger was ejected from the vehicle. The driver remained in the vehicle as the vehicle went over the guardrail and down the embankment approximately 100 feet. EMS was called, both employees were transported to the hospital and treated for multiple injuries.

3. June 24, North Bend

The employee was placing flashing and fell off the roof approximately 30 feet to the ground. EMS was called and the employee was transported to the hospital. They were treated for multiple broken bones.

4. June 24, Dallas

The employee was in a scissor lift setting trusses. They exited the lift to brace another truss. Another truss brace broke resulting in multiple in multiple trusses folding into one another and then falling to the ground. The employee fell to the ground with the trusses and was pinned between trusses. EMS was called and the employee was transported to the hospital. The employee was treated for internal injuries.

5. June 24, Portland

Employee slipped while climbing down a ladder and fell approximately 10 to 11 feet to the ground. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for unspecified injuries.

6. June 24, Coos Bay

The employee was standing on a ladder painting. They fell on the way down the ladder. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for bone and joint injuries.

7. June 1, Eugene

An employee was driving a work vehicle. There was a sharp turn in the road and the employee drove off the roadway and into the river. EMS, Sheriff, and Search and Rescue were called. The employee was taken to the hospital and treated for back injuries.

8. June 1, Salem

A customer came into in the intake area and stabbed an employee in the neck two times. EMS was called and the employee was transported to the hospital. Police are involved in this incident.

9. June 13, Cornelius

Employee felt dizzy while driving a truck, pulled over and called 911. The cause is being investigated.

10. June 14, Portland

The employee was working at the cutter, with safety mechanisms intact and working. When their hands entered into the machinery area, they learned forward and engaged the machine by activating the foot pedal. This lowered the bar that crushed their hand in the equipment. The injured employee was transported to the emergency room. They were treated for broken bones and there was a partial amputation of their thumb.

11. June 16, Woodburn

The employee experienced a personal medical emergency and was transported to the hospital for care.

12. June 17, Clackamas

Employee was operating a pallet jack and caught their foot between the safety bollard and the door. EMS was called and the employee was transported to the hospital. A portion of the employees big toe was amputated.

13. June 17, Deschutes National Forest

An employee was assisting a guest, tripped over a rock and fell to the ground, striking their right elbow. The employee went to the hospital and was treated for broken bones.

14. June 18, Hermiston

Employee was the spotter guiding a fork-lift that was transporting a 12 foot steel beam. Employee was struck or tripped and fell and was caught between the fork lift tire and the ground.

15. June 19, Bend

Employee was opening the swing doors at the back of a truck bin full of tires at the recycling center. One tire fell and struck them in the head and shoulder, knocking them to the ground. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for possible broken bones.

16. June 19, Seal Rock

The employee dismounted the skid-steer they were operating to inspect the air filter. The employee hit the hydraulic lever which caused the arms of the skid-steer to come down. The employee's hands were caught between the arms and body of the

skid-steer. EMS was called and the employee was transported to the hospital for multiple injuries to both hands.

17. June 19, Portland

Employee received an abrasion on elbow while at work which became infected. The employee was treated for the infection.

18. June 2, Milwaukee

The employee was traveling for work and was involved in a motor vehicle accident. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for unspecified injuries.

19. June 22, McMinnville

Employee was moving a gondola, when their right foot was run over. Employee was transported to the hospital and treated for the amputation of two toes.

20. June 23, Aumsville

The employee fell from back of a truck. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a muscle, bone and joint injury.

21. June 24, Oregon City

Employee arrived for work and fell to the ground. EMS arrived and transported to the hospital. The employee was treated for head injury.

22. June 26, Tualatin

Employee tripped and fell onto their hip. They were transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones.

23. June 26, Salem

Employee was on a scissor lift. The lift malfunctioned and the employee was ejected. The employee fell 6 feet to the ground.

24. June 27, Molalla

A pump fell over and landed on an employee's foot. The employee's toe became infected and was amputated.

25. June 3, Woodburn

The employee was transferring from an upper level onto a portable plastic three step staircase when the staircase moved. The employee fell. EMS was called and the employee was transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones.

26. June 3, Aloha

Employee was complaining of leg pain. They went to the hospital for care and were treated for an abscess.

27. June 30, La Grande

Avulsion wound to ring finger.

28. June 4, Springfield

An employee opened the door of a vehicle to exit . The employee fell and hit their head on pavement. EMS was called and the employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a head wound.

29. June 4, Corvallis

Employee began feeling ill at work and drove to the hospital. Employee was treated for a personal medical condition.

30. June 5, Portland

Employee experience a personal medical event, fell to the ground and hit their head. EMS was called and the employee was transported to the hospital. The employee was treated for the personal medical condition and a laceration.

31. June 6, Medford

An employee experienced a personal medical event, fell to the ground and hit their head and neck. The employee was taken to the emergency room department and provided care for unspecified injuries.

32. June 8, Portland

Employee was completing regular duties and had a personal medical emergency. EMS was called and the employee was transported to the hospital.

33. June 9, Albany

Delivery driver caught their finger in a bifold delivery gate. Employee was transported to the hospital and their index finger to the first knuckle was amputated.

Fatalities –

Summary:

5 Fatalities – 1 Construction, 4 General Industry
1 trauma and 4 personal medical

1. June 17, Corvallis

Employee was setting traffic control signs and did not respond to radio calls from coworkers. Coworkers went to find out why they were not answering the radio. They found the employee laying face down in the grass. EMS was called and a coworker started cpr. The employee was transported to the hospital. Presumed to be personal medical emergency.

2. June 4, Woodburn

An employee was operating an electric forklift loading produce into the covered trailer of a tractor-trailer that was parked at the loading dock. The employee was driving the forklift into the covered trailer and the truck pulled away from the dock unexpectedly. The forklift fell backwards between the trailer and dock. The forklift operator was thrown from the forklift. The employee struck their head and neck on the dock-board.

3. June 6, Portland
Employee was found unconscious with no pulse in bathroom stall. Emergency responders were unable to resuscitate victim and they passed away. Medical examiner ruled natural causes.
4. June 12, West Linn
An employee went for a walk outside and collapsed. EMS arrived on scene and pronounced the employee dead on scene. Presumed to be personal medical emergency.
5. June 17, Troutdale
Commercial driving trainer went unconscious and started making noises similar to snoring. The student attempted to wake the trainer when the trainer began to have what appeared to be a seizure. Student drove the vehicle back to the starting location. EMS was called and CPR was started. EMS arrived on scene and pronounced the employee dead. Presumed to be personal medical emergency.

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.

Roundtable:

CSS: July is the golf Tournament- all spots are filled. Location is at Stone Creek Golf Course.

Risk and Insurance Management has their [22nd Annual RIMS Golf Tournament](#) – August 28th at 12:00pm. Will be held at Langdon Farms. registration open on web. Contact [Dale Lindstrom](#) if interested.

Annual training on heat, now is a good time for a refresher.

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:

August 12, 2025 at **9:30am**

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