

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee Summary of the August 27, 2014 meeting

Members present: Steve Beaudoin (for Denson Chatfield), Carrie Burkholder, Kevin Christman, Jim Kiser, Ariel Leshchinsky, Mike Mayers (chair), Christina McKnight, Heidi Lively Melton, Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, LeAnna Pitts, Mike Sreniawski, Jennifer Stewart

Members absent: Mike Bamberger, Stephany Chacon, Joe Evans, Karin Hardin, Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Jim Patton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes from July were not available, Mike M. will email them prior to the next meeting, along with notes from the July committee orientation.

REVIEW OF INCIDENT STATISTICS AND REPORTS

The individual hurt in a welding incident was wearing shorts, which is against policy.

Heidi reminded everyone that all bug (tick, spider, etc.) bites and stings should be reported. This is important if the wound gets infected or possibly leads to a disease such as Lyme disease.

A student worker's injury was described as a foot injury but was actually above the ankle. The committee discussed proper footwear, which almost always requires closed toe and heel. Different jobs have different footwear requirements including steel-toed, non-slip, leather, or non-conductive. There is an OSU safety shoe program. Supervisors may require some form of safety shoe for which OSU will reimburse up to \$150 every two years. If in doubt, supervisors can ask EH&S to perform a Job Hazard Analysis.

FIRE/LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Most of September will focus on fire prevention, particularly in living groups on and off campus.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE In July, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following safety training, which occurred in 47 departments:

103	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety (new or refresher)
10	Biological safety for veterinary students
35	General lab safety
47	Hazardous waste
35	Animal handler safety
11	Respirator training/fit testing
16	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
1	Fall protection
28	Fire extinguisher
8	Golf/utility cart
18	Hazard communication
8	Office safety
5	Safety In Motion4 (one module)
11	Radiation safety for custodial workers
2	Isotope user refresher
1	Laser safety
3	Sealed radiation source (new or refresher)
24	X-ray

NEW BUSINESS

Some safety walks have been completed, but there are still routes that have not been assigned. One item noted earlier has been corrected (a detectable warning strip has been installed near Dutch Bros at 26th and Washington).

Since July 1, 158 life/safety items have been logged into Facilities Services' work order system.

It was noted that building odor (chemical, gas, smoke, etc.) complaints received by either Facilities Services or EH&S should be reported to Heidi when workers complain of illness or they miss work. Heidi will send information to LeAnna and Kay outlining the on-line reporting procedure.

An injury at H.J. Andrews Forest occurred where a wildlife crew member was working alone and fell, breaking an ankle and a wrist. Jim noted that everyone gets safety training, which covers a) daily check-in procedure; b) field safety overview; and c) Weyerhaeuser Western Timberland safety program. All training is documented. The accident involved a breakdown of protocol. Forestry is looking into getting SPOT satellite CPS messengers (with subscription for monitoring), which cost around \$200. It might be possible to get bulk pricing if Forestry, Rec Sports, Geosciences, Agriculture and other departments all decide to purchase. Carrie noted that the Burns station is using one; she will send contact information to Jim K. Facilities Services has identified instances where working alone is not allowed. Jim will make HJ Andrews training materials available to others.

Jim, Carrie, Mike S and Jennifer will put together a policy and associated forms for review by the UHSC. Mike B will get and forward information from Search and Rescue.

State Accident Insurance Fund (SAIF) has sent their report regarding their visit to Veterinary Medicine. There had been some respiratory problems from exposure to a chemical (IMAQUAT 256-NHQ). It is not known what process is used to warn others when the chemical is in use or while areas are wet (barricades, signs, etc.). A SAIF Industrial Hygienist came to investigate. There is no industry standard for air particulates. SAIF recommended that the report be made available to the UHSC and to affected employees. Respirators have been issued or are in the process of being fitted. The Workers' Compensation claim has been denied but is currently under appeal.

Mike B reported that an app has been created for emergency preparedness information, which is being tested right now and should go live September 15.

OLD BUSINESS

Mike has prepared a Safety Instruction for reporting animal bites. Mike has suggested possible changes to the online incident report for bites and sharps injuries.

ACTION ITEMS PENDING

LeAnna will check into student employee SIM training. *LeAnna was unavailable to report.*

Mike M will follow up on committee membership.

The golf cart safety policy will be resurrected for review. *Mike will be asked to find out the status of the policy.*

Mike M on behalf of the committee – Ask Public Safety to increase awareness of bike rules

Mike M or Jennifer – An update on the status of the committee charter.

Mike M and Mike S will discuss requiring SIM classes for injured workers and targeted departments.

Mike M will follow up with Public Safety and the Alternative Transportation Advisory Committee regarding bicycle regulation enforcement.

Kevin will check to see whether a work order has been placed for the Motor Pool parking lot to

address the depression that caused an injury.

Kevin will follow up with Bill Coslow and Joe Majeski regarding a campus lighting survey.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, September 24, 1:30 – 3:00 pm. Location: TBD

Safety Committee Roster: Michael Bamberger, Carrie Burkholder, Stephany Chacon, Denson Chatfield, Joseph Evans, Karin Hardin, Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Jim Kiser, Ariel Leshchinsky, Ricardo Letelier, Michael Mayers, Christina McKnight, Heidi Lively Melton, Kay Miller, Jim Patton, Mike Sreniawski, Jennifer Stewart

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