

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

Summary of the July 25, 2012 meeting

Members present: Greg Axe, Joe Evans (chair), Camille Freitag, Karin Hardin, Michael Mayers, Heidi Melton, Kay Miller

Members absent: Martha Adams, Brandi Aston, Jim Ervin, Rainier Farmer, Bryan Feyerherm, Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Ricardo Letelier, Mathew Rodgers, Jennifer Stewart

INCIDENT STATISTICS AND REPORTS The incident involving a temporary worker's injury due to being fallen on by a crowd surfer at the Flat Tail Festival spurred a short discussion of safety at events on campus. The combination of young people, music, and a beer garden made patrol and enforcement particularly difficult in this case.

In response to an injury involving a razor blade scraper, Camille said that they advise workers to figure out where they're most likely to be cut, and to put the bandage on first. This has reduced cuts from razor blades in her department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Minutes from June were approved with attendance corrections.

FIRE/LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS Joe will follow up with Jim Patton to get the schedule prior to UHSC meetings for dissemination with the agendas.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVIEW Matt Rodgers will discuss at the next UHSC meeting (P/P #s 102, 204, 207). Also, Bryan is working on a draft of the Golf Cart Policy.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE In June, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following safety training, which occurred in 34 departments:

- 69 Bloodborne pathogen/laboratory biosafety (new or refresher)
- 18 Animal handler safety
- 4 General Lab safety
- 7 Respirator training/fit test
- 33 Acknowledgement of training and hazard communication
- 1 Forklift supervisor check-off
- 7 Golf cart/utility vehicle
- 3 Office safety
- 4 Initial isotope user training
- 6 Radiation Center training
- 5 Isotope refresher training
- 5 X-ray training

NEW BUSINESS Heidi and Kay will present materials from SAIF on safety committees and safety committee effectiveness at the next meeting. There is a self-assessment tool that Kay will distribute to members prior to the next meeting.

In reference to crimes that occurred at Penn State, the committee briefly discussed background check requirements for people who work with children. It appears that only new workers are subject to background checks. Further information is needed.

OLD BUSINESS Campus Safety Walk information has been distributed to the committee. Members present at the meeting chose routes; non-attendees will need to submit their route choices directly to Kay.

ACTION ITEM UPDATES

Jennifer will look into what information Recreational Sports has available on tick bites. *(Not available to report)*

Brandi will forward information on CDC recommendations for tick bites to Heidi. *(Done)*

A Safety Instruction needs to be developed for bites, exposures to poison oak, etc. **(EH&S)** *(Not completed)*

Bryan will follow up with Mark McCambridge about the Safety & Financial Decisions letter *(Per Joe, Bryan followed up but has not yet received a response)*

Jim Ervin will ask the College of Ag surplus representative what the procedure is for Ag vehicles. *(Not available to report)*

Jim Patton will look into making inspection results available via the web. *(Not available to report)*

Jim Patton will make the schedule of inspections available to Dan Kermoyan each month in time to include in the UHSC agenda. *(Not available to report)*

A sub-committee will discuss fire alarm systems – what the current status is, what can be done to improve audibility, what are priorities, etc. *(No report)*

Bryan will re-start work with the sub-committee on the golf cart policy. *(Not available to report)*

Kay will distribute campus safety walk packets to the committee. *(Done)*

ACTION ITEMS (current)

Joe will follow up with Jim Patton regarding fire inspection schedules.

Kay will distribute SAIF self-assessment tool to members.

Members will submit their safety walk route choices to Kay.

ACTION ITEMS (carried forward)

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NEXT MEETING August 22, 2012, 2:00 – 3:30 PM, **Cascade Hall Conference Room**

Safety Committee Roster: Martha Adams, Brandi Aston, Greg Axe, Jim Ervin, Joseph Evans, Rainier Farmer, Bryan Feyerherm, Camille Freitag, Karin Hardin, Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Ricardo Letelier, Michael Mayers, Heidi Melton, Kay Miller, Mathew Rodgers, Jennifer Stewart

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