FS Safety Team Meeting Minutes
FS Training Center
Tuesday, February 26, 2019
10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Minutes: Chris Pennington

Attendees: Tracey Mosier, Chris Pennington, Anne Donegan, Chris Chizek, Alfonso Escobar, Jim Bushnell, Stephen Deyesso, Mark Dickey, Daniel Jung, Reynard Cruz, Joe Grojean, Geoff Hallett, James Hardwick, Mike Hendrickson, Mingizem Mekuria, Jeff Angeley, Gabrielle Moats, Michael Nguyen, Joseph O’Conner, KC Chen for Tom Pittsford, Mark Pekarek, John Salvesen, Shannon St. Clair, Joles Tahara, Natalie Daranyi - EH&S, UWPD – Samantha Thomson-Daly


Introductions: none

Review of January Minutes: no edits

Presentation of SafeZone App by Samantha Thomson-Daly sthomsda@uw.edu

An impromptu demonstration of the alert app sound was made by a team member. In production is the possibility of adding a component to reporting outages, any safety concerns, etc. However, a UW group or Department has to request it.

The App allows you to access the local authorities based on where you are any place in the world. You need Wifi or data access for the app to work.

The check-In feature is passive. The check-in timer set function needs to be cancelled before the timer has ended or an alarm will sound. The App check-in feature currently monitors the UW Seattle campus only. The emergency services function will work anywhere in the world with local emergency services. Zones can be added by making a request to App support.

Multiple additional phases of App enhancements are underway. For example, within a building determining what floor a person is on. Forward ideas of how your department could utilize the app to Samantha.

Natalie asked if SafeZone can act like a UW Alert. Samantha says, not yet, but it is the hope in the future. Chris C. asked if we can send pictures through the app to emergency personnel. Samantha responded not yet but it is in development.

The App can be paired with Apple Watches, etc. Samantha provided a stalking case as an example.

UWPD Report – We are entering the season for an increase in bike thefts as the weather gets warmer.

EH&S Report – Natalie mentioned there were quite a few slip/trip/fall incidents related to weather. EH&S will provide a slip trip falls checklist to review after an incident. This checklist should be completed by the supervisor that completes an OARS report on a Slip/Trip/Fall. Ideally EH&S will send out the checklist with each OARS report. If employees want to be proactive with the checklist they can send it to ehsdept@uw.edu.
EH&S is using Bridge as their learning management system and they hope to have it up and running in the next couple of weeks. SafetySmart will be eliminated as their training system. EH&S can create their own training modules with Articulate and linked directly to Bridge. Tracey stated that Facilities will be moving over to Bridge as well. Natalie fielded a question about the delay for new employees accessing the platform due to new user status. The practice is it should only take a few days and no more than a week before a new employee has Bridge access.

**UWEM:** No representative

**Finance and Facilities Safety Committee:** Committee members talked about slip trips falls on Red Square. Nominations are open for elected members for the 2020-2022 term.

**January Monthly Safety Topics** (only reference the topics relevant for your shop and go in depth)

- **Warning Signs/Labels:** Check for requirements before entering a laboratory or construction site. “Authorized personnel” does not include Facilities personnel on contracted construction sites. Check with contractor and make sure you have permission, proper PPE, etc. before entering.

- **Lab Equipment/Fume Hood Decontamination:** Facilities personnel are not required to clean equipment prior to repair or moving it. A decontamination form should be attached to the equipment and the equipment should appear clean too before moving/handling it.

**Review of January Accident Reports:**

Of the several slipping incidents reported in January, three (OARS report 2019-01-058, -060, -067) occurred on the ramp of the Stores loading dock and resulted in injury. Joseph was one of the injured persons and said it was the oily component to the deicer that caused the ramp to be slippery, not due to ice on the ramp. Sand was added to the ramp but it did not work to eliminate the slippery surface. The most effective anti-slip coating for the ramp is currently under review.

Traction footwear does not always work but we didn’t have any injury reports from those who wore them. Chains on boots work well for snow and yak-tracks work well for ice, in Joles experience.

**New Business:** Joseph asked if there is a plan for deicer (as well as different types of snow shovels, ice chippers, etc.) to be stored and on hand for these events in the future. Tracey said there is an after action meeting on March 4.

There is a Hazard Review Checklist for snow removal on Facilities website.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. Next meeting March 26, 2019

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