FS Safety Team Meeting Minutes  
FS Training Center  
Tuesday, April 30, 2019  
10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  

Minutes: Chris Pennington

Attendees: Chris Pennington, Jim Bushnell, Chris Valverde for Chris Chizek, Jasmine Arvidson, Reynard Cruz, Stephen Deyesso, Mark Dickey, Daniel Eden, Ron Fouty, Rex Corpuz, Daniel Jung, Joe Grojean, James Hardwick, Mark Hash, Geoff Hallett, Mike Hendricksen, Rini Noerwita for Leigh Kiernan, Mingizem Mekuria, Robert Martinez, Gabrielle Moats, Michael Nguyen, Joseph O’Conner, Shannon St. Clair, Tom Pittsford, Mark Pekarek, John Salvesen, Joles Tahara, Mike Goodwin, Natalie Daranyi - EH&S, Steve Charvat - UWEM

Absentees: Jeff Angeley, Brent Curtis, Alfonso Escobar, Chris Forbes, Lance Hendrix, Hassan Guyo, Patrick Johnson, Joe Lo, Sterling Luke, Curtis Nilson, UWPD


Review of March Minutes: no edits

UWPD Report – no representative

EH&S Report – Natalie stated more safety programs are still under review (Lead Safety, etc.).

UWEM – Steve C. says preparation plans are now underway for a dry and quite possibly smoky summer. A committee has been developed for groups affected: all the outdoor activities – athletics, gardeners, visitors; HVAC, etc. that are impacted by poor air quality. HR, EH&S, health care will be involved with this committee as well.

Finance and Facilities Safety Committee: no attendee present to report.

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

- Alcohol & Drug Policy: Notify your supervisor if you are taking required prescription drugs for a current condition.
- UW Workplace Violence Policy: required every two year training for every employee at the U
- Heat Related Illness: Be aware of symptoms of heat stress/heat stroke. Use cooling vests/towels, fans, pop up tents, safety sunglasses, etc. Older buildings do not have air conditioning.
- Hazard Communication: As of April 28, 2019, the Washington State Department of Ecology enacted the EPA’s Generator Improvement Rules (GIR) into law. This is the new labeling requirements for any container larger than 4L (1 gallon): the labeling has to be visible at 25 feet or in ½ inch (48pt) font and include the words “Hazardous Waste” and the primary hazard (Flammable, Corrosive, Toxic or Reactive). Refer to Chemical Waste Guide for UW Facilities

Review of March Accident Reports:

2019-03-028: Joe G. reviewed this incident with the supervisor and effected individual to not work with this tool (T-post driver) above height. Chris V. stated he had an accident with this tool at home and was in a coma for 13 days as a result of the tool hitting his head. Specific work practice has been modified for this task. The HRC is in place for general process.
2019-03-27: BSD considering requiring safety goggles or hybrid of safety glasses/goggles. Also considering disposable face shields.

2019-03-064: burned on arm. Questions about how this happened? What kind of heater, etc. Natalie will follow up.

**New Business:**

Joles asked EH&S about who to contact for temperature monitoring for parking garages (esp W8). Natalie said Brandon Kemperman bkemp@uw.edu is the contact for that.

Mike N asked if the N95 mask is the correct mask for smoke. Natalie said it is the appropriate particulate mask for smoke. Comfort is a consideration. Ellie Wade in EH&S can address more specific respiratory questions. Joe O’Connor said that Stores carries a limited amount of N95 masks so if your department needs a large amount, order ahead. More [here](https://www.lni.wa.gov/Safety/Topics/AToZ/WildlandFireFighting/PDFs/WildfireSmokeAndDustMasksAtWork.pdf) on the Voluntary Respirator Use form. Additionally, the following is a web link to an L&I fact sheet regarding the appropriate types of dust masks for use during wildfire events:

https://www.lni.wa.gov/Safety/Topics/AToZ/WildlandFireFighting/PDFs/WildfireSmokeAndDustMasksAtWork.pdf

Much discussion around OARS report 2019-03-027 about wearing safety glasses, goggles and/or face shields. Mark P will get order information from ARC employees on what particular disposable face shields they use. Rex mentioned his crew uses them and John S stated his group does as well. They are also used in the Power Plant per Chris V.

Joles made a suggestion that Stores send out an informative email to prompt Shops to start thinking about heat related equipment/PPE and possible suggestions of what to purchase before the hot temperatures arrive. Joles also requested providing guidelines for Leadership to make informed decisions around heat related protection products. Chris mentioned she would share this request with Tracey as well.

Jim encouraged Safety Team members to report the information from Safety Team meetings (minutes) to their units.

Joe O’Connor asked about training on electric hand trucks. Jim said he asks forklift trainees if they use hand trucks. Jim is willing to start providing electric hand truck training.

Shannon mentioned that people (especially, students) who are stuck in elevators are calling ‘911’ from their personal cell phones instead of pushing the emergency button that goes to FOMS Comms center. Suggestion to provide better signage/directions in the elevator.

Mark D said encourage people not to stop elevators from closing with their hands. There is a current (April) OARS report with injury from this unsafe practice.

**Action Items (report at next meeting):**

1. Jim Bushnell to initiate powered pallet truck training/practicals
2. Natalie Daranyi to follow up on OARS 2019-03-064 to determine the source of the heat that caused the burned arm.
3. All to communicate to department and estimate the potential need for N95 masks and place the order with stores.
4. Chris Pennington to follow up with Tracy Mosier on communication to shops about planning for heat.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. Next meeting May 21, 2019.

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