

Douglas County Safety Association  
Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2016

Those in attendance: Shirley Counts, Floyd Sackett, Rick Edwards, Peter Kimbrel, Terry Wolfe, Tony DiMare, Nate Webb, Brigid Kennaday, Kathy Frazer, Donald Cherry, Daja Wisby, Austin Weaver, Hayden Lent, Barry Hutchings, Nick Wecks, Tracy Powell, Ed Pratt, Mark Dvorscak.

Meeting began at 12:05 with introductions.

OSHA Occupational Safety Consultant, Lenny Reiersen, gave a presentation on the top 25 OSHA violations. The number one violation on the list is Hazardous Materials Communication. Each communication plan should consist of a written program, and emphasize employee training. Lenny encouraged organizations to have a gate keeper, who would update the list of chemicals housed on their complex, and assist in managing the program.

The third most common violation relates to safety committees: lack of a safety committee, and frequency of meetings not meeting the requirement being the most common violations. OSHA recommends forming a sub committee consisting of a member from the safety committee, a supervisor, and employee to address lock out/tag out inspection for example and take findings to the safety committee. Lock out/tag out always makes the top 25 list. Equipment should have written energy control procedures, training, and review.

Other violations that were discussed included respirators, Blood Borne Pathogen exposure plan (or lack thereof), fire extinguisher training, eyewash stations (recommend flushing weekly), falls – number two on the list but number one in penalties.

Q&A: SDS sheets can be kept electronically as long as there is backup for power outage – a battery operated laptop would be sufficient.

The PowerPoint presentation Lenny shared is available on OSHA's website, along with several training videos and other materials. The emphasis is to have plans in place, train employees, and review safety programs.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm. The next DCSA meeting will be July 13 at the courthouse. Mark Hurlleman from OSHA will be presenting on certifications.