

Douglas County Safety Association

Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2016

Those in attendance: Dean Teter, Terry Wolfe, Jim Berggreen, Tracy Powell, Rob Bullock, Lori Bullock, Lisa Gogal, Travis Pritchett, Tina Agee, Shirley Counts, Brigid Kennady, Doug Weaver, Don Cherry

Meeting began at 12:01 with introductions.

Don Cherry gave a presentation on ladder safety from a safety manager's perspective. The first question he recommends asking in any training is "Why". The old saying "It's as easy as falling off of a ladder" rings true. 43% of fatal falls involve ladders. 20% of worker injuries, 81% of construction injuries involve ladders. He suggested doing a Google search for pictures of people on ladders, there are many examples of improper use. Don recommended looking up the top 10 most frequently cited OSHA standards. If you don't have the current ladder safety regulations, be sure to look them up. OSHA's website is a good resource for training materials, both video and printed. Don also recommended www.laddersafetytraining.org, there are several different segments by ladder types, and each segment has a quiz at the end. If you do a Google search for ladder safety training, a lot of options come up and most of them are free. Oregon State University and Safe-Con both have PowerPoint presentations available.

Pete asked about any upcoming Confined Space training opportunities. Shirley is working with OSHA to arrange a training and will share the opportunity with the group. This would be a half day training for employees.

Terry gave us an update on the LEPC grant. Our proposal was approved for submission, so we have cleared the first hurdle. He shared there is a Hazmat Team conference coming up in May, and encourages the group to look at attending in May of 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm. The next DCSA meeting will be the LEPC quarterly meeting on May 11 at the courthouse.

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