

Logging/Arboriculture SEP Team

09/19/19

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Attendance:

Winston-Salem: Danielle Knowland

Charlotte: Gary Thorpe, Brian Kemppainen, Lee Peacock

ORB: Kevin Beauregard, Kevin O'Barr, Rose Gray, Mildred Rivera, Eric Smith, Cory Dunphy, Mark Rasdall

LBT: Todd Waller, Courtney Phillips, Chris Moore, Celeste Hardy, Greg Westmoreland, Scott Justice, Kaye Thibodeaux, Merville Forrester

Off-Site: Scott Mabry

Old Business:

- June minutes review presented and waived

New Business:

- OSH received notice of:
 - o One arborist fatality in October (Statesville - 10/08/18)
 - o One arborist fatality in February (Banner Elk – 02/25/19)
 - o One logging fatality in March (Lenoir 03/18/19)
 - o One arborist fatality in June (Chapel Hill 06/24/19)
 - o One arborist fatality in July (Asheboro 07/18/19)
 - As of 09/30/19, our fatality rate is positioned at .0013
- Danielle Knowland welcomed to committee as co-chair

Open Discussion:

We've conducted 41 (of 60) Compliance Inspections and 28 Consultative Visits as of 09/18/19.

Kevin B. stated that the number of Compliance inspections reported were different from the data he retrieved from OE this morning. Gary suggested restricted access to OE data may be a factor as could any delayed correction of the case file by the CSHO. Kevin B. recommended Gary contact Jackie Spangler and request dual access to Compliance and Consultative OE for data evaluation/report purposes. Follow-up to that request: Jackie denied access to Compliance OE data. After verifying the data from OE and PSIM, the number of inspections was verified to be 39 (of 60).

After a Safety, Logging and Transportation Committee (SLTC) meeting in August, Eric Smith stated that FMIC had reported serious injuries from falls from repairing machines. Slips, trips and falls guidance is applicable to the machines used in the logging industry. The machine manufacturers who installed steps, walkways and guardrails on their machines have recognized the hazards. We need to push that info out to the loggers and identify the removed/damaged steps, etc., during our inspections/visits and require an appropriate abatement. Recommend loggers contact their sales folks for retrofit kits where needed. Gary will contact FMIC to confirm they encourage their clients to evaluate and comply. Several members discussed personal experiences and suggestions for the loggers they've encountered.

Kevin B. queried resource provision for small logger contact/training where a saw mill operator was alleged to hold an annual supper for approximately 80 loggers at the mill that had been discussed during an Alliance Meeting last year. No response from the Alliance partners had been received by anyone. Gary noted that Jack Swanner, at that time associated with Carolina Loggers Association and later associated with the NC Forestry Association, informed the members at the August meeting that he was retiring. Gary confirmed in mid-Sept that Swanner had simply taken an extended vacation and returned to resume his position with NCFA.

Please continue to encourage increased inspections in the SEP. Continue to offer assistance and guidance where we can and provide referrals to Consultative or Compliance where appropriate.

Next SEP Meeting scheduled – 12 December 2019, 10:00 AM to be initiated from Charlotte Conference Room & teleconference locations.

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Logging/Arboriculture SEP Team Meeting

06/20/19

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Attendance:

Asheville: Kay Knezevich, Kristie Hall, Robin Ewart

Charlotte: Gary Thorpe, Rob Jacobson

Raleigh (ORB): Rose Gray, Judyth Niconienko, Robert O’Neal, Mildred Rivera

Old Business:

- March minutes review offered and waived
- Continuing review of arborist safety programs from Virginia, Michigan and Maryland

New Business:

- OSH received notice of:
 - One arborist fatality in October (Statesville - 10/08/18)
 - One arborist fatality in February (Banner Elk – 02/25/19)
 - One logging fatality in March (Lenoir 03/18/19)
 - One logging fatality in May (Harmony 05/01/19)
 - As of 06/10/19, our fatality rate is positioned at .0102
- Reviewed and updated the Strat Plan and forwarded to PSIM for finalization.
- Gary is reviewing OPN 88 and plan to produce review copy for committee evaluation during week of 24 June.
- Katie Perry has volunteered for Vaughn Rizzo’s alternate position on the committee
- Gary transferred to Consultative Services effective 06/17/19 and no longer has intimate access to OE reports and Rob Jacobson agreed to provide support in that capacity.

Open Discussion:

Any volunteer for the Compliance co-chair position?

We’ve conducted 33 (of 60) Compliance Inspections and 23 (of 13) Consultative Visits as of 06/10/19.

Please continue to encourage increased inspections in the SEP. Continue to offer assistance and guidance where we can and provide referrals to Consultative or Compliance where appropriate.

Next SEP Meeting scheduled – 19 September, 10:00 AM led from ORB Conference Room & teleconference locations.

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Logging/Arboriculture SEP Team Meeting Minutes

03/21/19

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

LBT Conference Room/Asheville/Charlotte/Wilmington offices

Note: LBT hosted the conference call while the ORB conference room was unavailable

Attendance:

Asheville: Gary Thorpe, Michael Greer, Robin Ewart, Denese Ballew

Charlotte: Brian Kemppainen, Robert Tipton, Laura Crawford

Raleigh/ORB: Chuck Murdock, Rose Gray, Judyth Niconienko, Kevin O'Barr, Scott Mabry, Mark Rasdall, Todd Walker, Chris Moors, Jamie Frame, Ed Hardy, Sara Imm, Katie Perry, Jeff McClaren, Chris Jasion, Scott Justice, Courtney Phillips, Jim Zepede, Melville Forrester

Wilmington: Vaughn Rizzo (*via phone*)

Old Business:

- December minutes review offered and waived
- FY 2018 closed with six reportable (arborist) fatalities resulting in a fatality rate of .0107. One was late reported to OSH in March 2019
- Chuck Murdock has communicated with VA for confirmation of Arborist program usefulness. They are enthusiastic about program and are willing to assist. In return, VA asks for our assistance in initiating SEP/Alliances/etc., which have reduced NC's negative data.
- OPN 88 evaluation will be undertaken with PSIM and associated committee members to determine an appropriate approach.
- Marcy is continuing to attempt contact with the arborist folks

New Business:

- OSH received notice of:
 - o One arborist fatality in October (Statesville - 10/08/18)
 - o One arborist fatality in February (Banner Elk – 02/25/19)
 - o One logging fatality in March (Lenoir 03/18/19)
 - o As of 03/20/19, our fatality rate is positioned at .0078
- Our legal staff provided weblinks to arborist safety programs in Michigan and Maryland for our evaluation/assessment
- OSH management met with FMIC, NCFA and CLA (alliance) partners on 03/19/19 to discuss partnership and SEP actions:
 - o Discussed SEP inclusions and reasoning

- Discussed Appropriations Act and reasoning why NC OSH cannot realistically fund and conduct exempted 10< entity inspections.
- Discussed and discarded attempt to separate disciplines.
Logging has 631 ERs & 3282 EEs and Arborists have 4484 ERs & 35272 EEs. Smaller numbers result in higher percentages which result in more OSH attention and could even place them on the SST list which would increase OSH scrutiny.
- Discussed potential for initiating “focused” inspections for logging. Appeared to be agreeable all round.
- Agreed that the majority of the fatalities over the past years were west of I-77. Most likely due to the lesser use of mechanization in the mountainous terrain.
- Discussed access to small logging companies, including sole owners/partnerships, for education and outreach activity through sawmill contacts
 - Potential for outreach inclusion at an annual “loggers’ dinner” in late August with 80+ loggers in attendance.
- ETTA provided links and information for OFIR, DART rate calculation, streaming video links and inspection history to partners
- OSH can provide data from non-reportable (triple-ought) fatality inspections
- Partners requested 10 most frequently cited standards.
- Continue to keep your eyes open this spring and summer. Lots of folks out there still clearing storm damage as well as normal business folks. Stop and talk with them. You can make a difference!

Open Discussion:

- We’ve conducted 23 inspections and 17 Consultative visits thus far.
- Robin Ewart and Michael Greer, two of our OSH drone pilots, informed us that they have capabilities to support our inspections which can provide a new perspective of the logging site. They also must have oral (recommended written) permission from the ER to survey the ER’s property/operations before they launch. They cannot be used to scout a logging site for inspection!
- Please encourage increased inspections in the SEP. Take a less experienced CSHO out for familiarization.
- Continue to offer assistance and guidance where you/we can and provide referrals to Consultative or Compliance where appropriate.
- Schedule next SEP Meeting – 20 June 2019, 10:00 AM at ORB Conference Room & teleconference locations?

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Logging/Arboriculture SEP Team Meeting Minutes

12/13/18

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

3rd Floor Conference Room (ORB)/Asheville office/WS office/others as requested

Attendance:

Asheville: Gary Thorpe, Kay Knezevich, Matt Gruber, Kristie hall, Robin Ewart, Denese Ballew

Charlotte: Paul Sullivan

Raleigh/ORB: Mildred Rivera, Robert O'Neal, Eric Smith, Chuck Murdock, Rose Gray, Judyth Niconienko, Kevin O'Barr, Kevin Beauregard, Scott Mabry

Wilmington: Howard Laurie, Vaughn Rizzo, Donald Payne, Will Matthews, Ira Griffin

Old Business:

- Sept minutes review
- FY 2018 closed with five reportable (arborist) fatalities resulting in a fatality rate of .014.
- Chuck Murdock found a Virginia OSH standard which provides specific guidance for arboriculture operations. We're continuing to evaluate this document to see if we could use their approach. Kevin B. suggested Chuck will check with VA for confirmation of program usefulness
- After the Sept meeting had adjourned, Kevin O'Barr noted that OPN 88 addressed site clearance and public sector industries whereas the Strategic Plan did not provide any support. Previous iterations of the OPN addressed those industries as well but had not been translated into the previous Strategic plans. Further discussions and evaluation will be undertaken with PSIM and associated committee members to evaluate an appropriate approach. Karen Bogner should be POC at PSIM.
- Marcy is attempting alliance action with the arborist folks

New Business:

- OSH received notice of:
 - o One arborist fatality in October (Statesville - 10/08/18).As of 12/13/18, our fatality rate is positioned at .003
- Keep your eyes open this winter season. Lots of folks out there cutting firewood as well as normal business folks. Stop and talk with them. You can make a difference!
- There are lots of storm damage still affecting NC.

- Chuck discussed the drive/revamping of the SHARP Logger program which requires either single long term sites or multiple short(er) term sites with quarterly surveys. Short term sites are not eligible.

Open Discussion:

- The Compliance Strategic Plan inspection goal remains at 60. Consultative Service's goal was reduced to 13.
 - o Seven (7) inspections were conducted in October.
 - o Two (2) in November.
- We have a good number of trained CSHOs across all districts. However, with only a couple of limited exceptions, the same CSHOs are conducting inspections today as they were before the 2017 logging camp training. Please encourage increased inspections in the SEP. Take a less experienced/confident CSHO out for familiarization.
- What can we do to increase our presence in the industries?
- Continue to offer assistance and guidance where you/we can and provide referrals to Consultative or Compliance where appropriate.

Schedule next SEP Meeting – 21st March 2019, 10:00 AM at ORB Conference Room & teleconference locations?

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