

Logging/Arboriculture SEP Team Meeting Minutes

09/17/20

10:00 AM– 12:00 PM

LBT Conference Room/Charlotte office/WS office/other tele-conference locations

Attendance: Please provide attendance via email to Gary

Gary Thorpe, Bob Tipton, Curt Hobson, Deane Mills, Eric Smith, Fleda Anderson, Hollis Yelverton, Kaye Thibodeaux, Kevin Beauregard, Mark Rasdall, Mildred Rivera, Neesia Hill, Nicole Brown, Paul Sullivan, Roseanne Gray, Scott Justice, Ted Hendrix, Wesley Herron, Lafayette Atkinson, Donald Payne, Sheldon Joseph,

Old Business:

- June minutes review
- Continuing review of arborist safety programs from Virginia

New Business:

- FY21 Strategic Plan Changes submitted by BCs to PSIM and finalized:
- Compliance goal: 30 inspections – reduced from previous 60
- Consultative goal: 13 surveys – No change

SEP Inspections/surveys from 10/1/19 - 09/16/20:

- 12 Inspections in Logging
- 14 Inspections in Arboriculture
- 20 Consultative Visits

OSH received Fatality Notices:

- One logging fatality – April (Macon 04/20/20)
- One arborist fatality - June (Wake Forest – 06/08/20)
- One arborist fatality - July (Pleasant Garden - 07/03/20)
- One arborist fatality - Sept (Raleigh – 09/05/20)

Open Discussion:

RE: VA arborist standard

- What is the difference between a “Rule” and a “Guide”?

Hollis explained the comparison and notes that a guide supports existing regulations. A rule formalizes guidance. This six(plus) month process requires initial management support, requires the Standards office to contact the Department’s “rule-making coordinator” (Jill Cramer, Legal Affairs) and initialization of a number of committees and subcommittees which will be tasked to address specific portions of the proposed rule. We/OSH would have to show/justify a “need” for a rule in NC, create a fiscal document/note to show the financial impact (primarily to the employer) as well as the State. The offer the document for a public hearing and allow for public comment. Standards would address the specific wording as influenced by any public comments and internal discussions.

Hollis envisions something like a Standards Notice for our product.

- Is there a preference among members for one over the other based on the basic requirements?

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Gary, Eric and Mark Rasdall voiced primary support for a “guide” versus a rule, yet recognized in each, a personal preference for the rule.

Kevin B. stated that we should decide what we would like to do and noted that we could elect to go both ways simultaneously - Produce a guide for near-term application and initiate a rule for future use.

Gary will forward these recommendations to committee members for discussion and recommendations.

Gary lost internet connection approximately 35 minutes into the meeting. Mark carried on with the agenda until Gary regained access approximately five minutes later.

ProLogger base courses remain on hold due to COVID. No projections.

- Module 20 classes have partially migrated to online offerings
- NCFA Annual meeting postponed to 2021
- NCFA will contact small loggers and recommend Consultative Services support

Please encourage increased inspections in the SEP.

Continue to offer technical assistance and guidance whenever possible.

Provide referrals to Consultative or Compliance where appropriate.

Any other discussion?

- Mark described the most recent arborist fatality in Raleigh that he provided assistance with.

Schedule next SEP Meeting – 17 December, 10:00 AM at various teleconference locations?

Close at: 10:44

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06/20/20

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Asheville/Charlotte/ORB/Raleigh/Wilmington/Winston Salem participants

Attendance:

Asheville:

Charlotte: Gary Thorpe (home office)

Winston Salem: Danielle Knowland (home office)

Raleigh: Nicole Brown

ORB: Kevin Beauregard, Scott Mabry, Judyth Niconienko, Robert O’Neal, Mildred Rivera

ETTA: Marcy Collyer, Wanda Lagoe, Andy Sterlin, Celeste Hardy

Old Business:

- No March minutes to review -- meeting cancelled due to COVID-19
- Review of December Meeting minutes
- Continuing review of arborist safety programs from Virginia

New Business:

- OSH received notice of:
 - o One logging fatality in April (Macon - 04/22/20) - Raleigh
 - o One arborist fatality in June (Wake Forest 06/08/20) - Raleigh
- Reviewed and submitted proposed updates to the Strat Plan - forwarded to PSIM for review.
- Compliance – 18 inspections.
- Consultative – 13 surveys.

Open Discussion:

Kevin B. - We’ve had a fairly good turnover with CSHOs. Don’t want to get in the situation where we are 20% behind on Compliance goals. Overall Compliance goals probably need to be adjusted by @ least 20%. Go back and look at the chart. Paul will be back Wed or Thurs.

Nicole B. - Expressed interest to meet with Paul Sullivan when he returns next week, along with Scott, Gary and Danielle to discuss SEP inspection goals, and training new CSHOs.

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 – 17 September, 10:00 AM led from Teleconference locations.

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Logging/Arboriculture SEP Team Meeting Agenda

03/19/20

10:00 AM– 12:00 PM

LBT Conference Room/Charlotte office/WS office/others as requested

Attendance:

Winston-Salem:

Charlotte:

ORB:

Wilmington:

Asheville:

Old Business:

- December minutes review
- Continuing review of arborist safety programs from Virginia

New Business:

The current Appropriations Act removed Logging from the exemption list.

- OSH has no reportable fatalities as of 03/18/20.
- 5 Inspections in logging
- 7 Inspections in Arboriculture

Open Discussion:

Chuck Murdock has an update from working with his VA OSH contact to coordinate, quantify & exchange some Logging and Arboriculture programs. VA apparently has an active Arboriculture program and less effective logging.

Forestry Mutual Insurance Company named Greg Plumley as their director of loss control to replace J.J. Lemire who retired last year.

Continuing reminders: Slips, trips and falls guidance is applicable to the machines used in the logging industry.

Please continue to encourage increased inspections in the SEP.

Continue to offer assistance and guidance where you/we can and provide referrals to Consultative or Compliance where appropriate.

Any other discussion?

Next scheduled SEP Meeting: 18 June 2020, 10:00 AM at ORB Conference Room & teleconference locations?

Close

Logging/Arboriculture SEP Team Meeting Minutes

12/12/19

10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Charlotte/ORB/WS/Wilmington participants

Attendance:

Winston-Salem: Danielle Knowland
Charlotte: Gary Thorpe, Paul Sullivan
ORB: Kevin Beauregard, Scott Mabry, Rose Gray, Mildred Rivera, Robert O’Neal, Eric Smith, Judyth Niconienko, Mark Rasdall
Wilmington: Ira Griffith, Idelisse Perez, William Matthews

Old Business:

- September minutes review presented and waived
- Continuing review of arborist safety programs from Virginia, Michigan and Maryland

New Business:

- OSH has no reportable fatalities as of 12/12/19.
- 0 Inspections in logging
- 2 Inspections in Arboriculture

Open Discussion:

Chuck Murdock indicated prior to the meeting that he was planning a site visit with his VA OSH contact to coordinate, quantify & exchange some Logging and Arboriculture policies/programs.

Continuing reminders: 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 visits and require an appropriate abatement.

Please continue to encourage increased inspections in the SEP.

Continue to offer assistance and guidance where you/we can and provide referrals to Consultative or Compliance where appropriate.

Next SEP Meeting scheduled – 19 March, 10:00 AM at various teleconference locations.

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