

Jennifer Haigwood - Director's Office

- OSHSPA Winter Meeting
 - Was held February 7-8 in Vancouver, Washington. All but two state plans (VI and PR) were present at the meeting.
 - The private OSHSPA meeting covered various topics of interest:
 - ACCSH (Construction) report from Scott Mabry and Heat Stress work group report from Jay Withrow
 - Update on OTI registration concerns. OSHSPA will look at creating a database of all states' internal training resources that may be open to other states.
 - Update on OSHSPA Board meeting with fed OSHA in January to discuss inconsistencies in the FAME reports among the regions.
 - The full OSHSPA / fed meeting covered various topics of interest:
 - Update on regulatory agenda (COVID 19 healthcare rule still under White House review; movement expected in the next 60 days)
 - U/T Visas – effective this week, fed OSHA is now authorized to sign off on visa certification statements for certain crime victims (more information to be shared at Supervisors meeting)
 - Program presentations from Washington (including an Ag 10-Hour course currently being offered in the public school system and an update on WA's Consultative marketing material).
- Agency Bill
 - Met with Scott, Julie, Jill and Edgar on potential changes to the OSH Act. Those changes include:
 - Repeal of Article 22 (Safety & Health Programs & Committees). The Article is outdated and does not serve a meaningful purpose toward improving safety and health.
 - Update options for service of citations, to include electronic (email) methods. Also update the statute to require that employer contestments be in writing.
 - Add definition for "successor" company in an effort to collect penalties on employers that go out of business but reappear as something substantially similar. Oregon already has this language.
 - Add language that would prevent compliance personnel from being compelled to testify in third-party litigation.
- Consultative Services / Compliance Overlap
 - At the supervisor meeting, we will clarify the procedures for handling CSB requests from employers who have an open compliance inspection file.
- Speeding in State Vehicles
 - Robert Olman is running monthly reports on the telematics system to discover instances of excessive speeding. Please remind your staff that the state vehicles are monitored and of the importance to abide by all traffic laws, especially the speed limit.

Paul Sullivan – Assistant Director's Report

- I'm finalizing the last couple changes on the new APN 16L. We'll be switching the lapse report to every two weeks – and will be adding columns to note when the supervisor met with the CSHO and BC after the 60-day mark is reached on CFR cases. The supervisor or CSHO will now be required to provide an update weekly on the status of CFR files past the 90-day point.
- The supervisor meeting is next Tuesday, February 21st from 10 am to 3 pm. I'm hoping to have a preliminary agenda out by Wednesday.
- The first (possible) HCO trainee positions close in the next week...if there are no fully qualified HCO candidates.
- Please submit any names for AIHCE in Phoenix and ASSP in San Antonio by Friday, February 24th. Once folks are selected and received an approved DOLB-8 back, they will need to book flights and pay their registration. They can get those payments immediately reimbursed, so there is no need for a travel advance.

Wanda Lagoie – Education, Training and Technical Assistance Bureau

- Instructional Designer position has been approved and the PAR has been sent to HR for posting.
- Finalizing the standards books order.
- The Fall Stand Down billboard has been submitted to Lamar for posting.
- Looking at updating APN 29 on the Spanish software to change the hour requirement to lessons completed. Will run the changes through the BCs before implanting them.
- OTI teaching the interviewing Techniques in July at the Charlotte field office.
- Based on my conversation with Paul, Marcy is checking with OTI on conducting courses July through July for the trainees that compliance expects to have.

Kevin O'Barr - Consultative Services Bureau

- CSB is working with Jackie Spangler and Jon Helberg on a change request to tighten up some report outputs and better identify the backlog.
- Last week, Commissioner Dobson presented a SHARP renewal to SANS Technical Fibers in Stoneville. Last night (2/13), he presented a SHARP renewal to the City of Mt. Holly. The number of in person SHARP ceremonies is increasing as more employers begin to host large in person gatherings again.
- CSB, compliance, and ETTA are working together to clarify deferral questions and procedures for all bureaus.
- CSB will not be sending anyone to the national ASSP this year.
- Fleda Anderson and Kaye Thibodeaux will be sent to AIHCE.

Beth Rodman- Agricultural Safety and Health Bureau

Anne Weaver – Planning Statistics and Information Management Bureau

- PSIM ran reports (as we do the same time each year) and has analyzed data for the various annual reports being complied over the next couple of months. Information for the NCDOL Annual Report will be forwarded to BC's, Paul, and Jennifer to use the updated data in each bureau's annual updates.
- Karen Padgett is retiring effective May 1, 2023.
- PSIM determined last week that the Federal OSHA Office of Statistical Data had not forwarded to us the needed Safety & Health Serious Violation Ranking data that is used as criteria for the NC OSH Division's General Targeting Schedules for safety and health. After our inquiries as to why the data had not been forwarded to us, it was determined that the person who had been responsible for calculating this data had retired. No other state had inquired about the data, so the Office of Statistical Data had decided not to produce the information. We advised that we needed this info to generate general schedule assignments, so as a favor to us, they researched and determined how to calculate the data. PSIM requested the OIS reporting information and formulas/calculations their office used to produce this data, which they provided. If the criteria for the General Schedules include this ranking data next year, PSIM will calculate.
- As agreed, to by PSIM and REDB staff, Rose has been working with Harriet and Jaleesa on redacting non-public, releasable, OSH related REDB file documents. Harriet has been trained and PSIM has given the "OK" for her to independently redact and release these type files. Harriet will continue to work with Jaleesa to help her reach the point of being able to independently process these type files.

Nicole Brown- East Compliance Bureau

- Staffing
 - Frank Castillo was released on 2/6/23 to conduct inspections. He is an SCO I in Neesia Hills district.
 - Meeting with Chris Moore to discuss Matt Fairfield. Looking to have him released by 3/1/23 if possible.
 - Admin paperwork for Wilmington position has been forwarded to HR. Due to unfavorable references had to go to the fourth candidate. If this one does not accept, I've been told it will likely be reposted.
 - Current staffing: 6 of our 16 HCO positions are filled (38%), 2 of the HCOs are in training. The HCOs in training are both in HCO trainee positions. 12 of our 21 SCO positions are filled (57%), 2 of the SCO's are in training. One of the SCOs is in a SCO trainee position.
 - SCOII position in D9 referrals rec'd interviews scheduled for Thursday, 2/16/23

- Training
 - Conducted a follow-up OE training in house with several CSHOs that had some questions following training provided during tech writing. During this training I walked through (step by step) using the OE Test mode entering in an inspection into OSHA Express. Addressed questions that they had regarding certain fields. Hopefully, this addressed the concern and alleviated any anxiety.
 - Working with CSHOs in training to ensure all OPN 64's are set up the same to allow the review to go faster.
- Fatality / CFR cases ongoing
 - Barnes Brothers Tree Service, LLC 318250842 is under BC review. It contains 2 GDC inspections and was routed to BC for review on 2/10/23. BC will do an expedited review b/c the 6-month statute of limitation is 2/20/23.; 4 Serious citations.
 - Freedom House Recovery Center 318254406; rec'd on 2/6/23, delayed review due to reviewing other inspections that were close to 6-month statute of limitation, as well as working on NCVIP interims; must issue date is 4/18/23; failure to report citation.
 - Mount Olive Pickle Company Inc. 318256393; rec'd on 2/3/23. Last of Chris Jasion's file. BC has had to continue to delay the review due other files closer to the 6-month requiring a review; must issue date is 6/1/23; 2 citations (1S and 1NS)
 - Hilliard Construction Company 318252525; rec'd on 2/13/23; event occurred on 9/14/22 and reported on same day; must issue date is 3/14/23; 5 serious citations.
- Miscellaneous
 - Completed all the interim NCVIP reviews.
 - Is anyone else having problems with getting onto OE? This is becoming an reoccurring issue and is happening more frequently, which is extremely frustrating when you have certain tasks to complete (i.e., file reviews, running reports, etc.)
 - Our key fob system needs to be updated; had a service call. This is what the service provided said regarding the current system "The current access control system installed there is no longer supported or made with keyscan, we are unable to repair the current system. We can upgrade the system to a dmp x1-8 system and correct all issues."

Lee Peacock -West Compliance Bureau

- Personnel update
 - Current Status out of **58 CSHO positions** (27 Health and 31 Safety).
 - **40 released CSHOs (69%)** – 20 Health (74%) and 19 Safety (61%)
 - **7 CSHO Trainees (12%)**
 - **11 current vacancies (18%);**
 - **3 CSHOs were fully released on 2/1**
 - **1 SCO- Possible separation due to unavailability**
 - **1 SCO- D2 (Thomas Lyons) started on 2/1**

- **SCO II (Asheville) Michael Greer**
- **New D2 Supervisor; Rob Maedje 2/10**

CURRENT FATALITIES

- **Friends Masonry**- Mast climbing scaffold collapse; CSHO interviewed employees of Friends. Interviews with scaffold owner (ONS) and manufacturer regarding change in plans/design.
- **Town of Boiling Springs**- Employee was collecting leaves with a dump truck leaf vacuum attachment when he was ran over by the truck. DO Update meeting; CSHO further researching truck Ops Manual; leaning toward no citations.
- **Jordan Enterprises**- Employee was struck by tree limb while cutting down another tree. CSHO working. DO update meeting, Potential citations.
- **Strates Shows (318254737)**- CO overexposure while sleeping in trailer; CSHO waiting on information from er. Ready to submit for review.
- **BlueSky Restoration (318253457)**- Fall through skylight (potential willful) CSHO working
- **Lintech International (318254331)**- Caught between dock and truck; CSHO working
- **Cassell Electric (318250867)**- Employee underneath house performing electrical work and electrocuted; occurred on 08/22/22. Closing conference scheduled today. 1 SW
- **WestRock Limited (318256708)**- Fire at facility on 11/20/22; EE called in to turn a section of the power off for the building. On 12/3/22, EE went to VA hospital for shortness of breath, coughing, admitted, and later deceased on 12/9/22. ME reported death may have been contributed to smoke and chemical fumes inhalation during fire.
- **Baxter Healthcare (318256781)**- EE struck in head with forklift. CSHO working
- **Parton Lumber**- Employee struck by Forklift while reversing; DO Update scheduled for next week.
- **Paragon Site Solutions**- EE operating excavator was returning to the cab when he hit a lever, knocking him down and getting caught b/w the tracks and equipment. CSHO working.

OTHER ITEMS:

- *Created Hiring Hotspots to be added to signature line and website.
- *Charlotte Office; had 3 contractors to provide quotes on electronic security access (waiting on 1 quote). Hope to
- *Received approval for camera replacement (Nikon Coolpic 950 with 83 optical zoom; vendor is working with Nikon to fulfill order.
- *Testified in SDH Homes Hearing; G.C. claiming not a controlling er and was a project construction manager; awaiting ruling
- *Hearing tomorrow with United of Carolinas- trench inspection; er doesn't disagree with citation and is arguing the serious classification.

*Thursday 2/16; will be giving OSH update to CAGC Safety Committee meeting

*Recently have provided assistance to East on a couple of drone missions; one now being planned for fatality in Elizabeth City (fall through skylight).

Judyth Forte – State Plan Coordinator

- Quarterly Meeting is February 28th
- March 21st 1.30pm ORB a meeting has been set to meet Kurt Petermeyer Region 4 Administrator and Chris Adams – Deputy Region 4 Administrator. With Kim Morton, I will let you know details when I have some.
- Kim has made some information request while she is putting the FAME together. We should get the draft by March 15th.
- SPA Notifications – Appropriations Act ,Combustible Dust & Site Specific Targeting