

Bureau Chief Meeting

5/9/23

Jennifer Haigwood - Director's Office

- Legislative Update
 - SB 542 (departmental agency bill) passed three Senate committees and a full Senate vote last week, with no questions or formal opposition. The section repealing Article 22 (Safety and Health Programs/Committees) will likely be removed from the bill due to concern from some outside groups. The bill will be taken up by the House in the coming weeks.
 - HB 117 (departmental rules) – This bill would have repealed the OSH Division's ability to adopt federal rule changes verbatim. During a committee hearing, the bill sponsor accepted a motion to move the bill to a study committee. This means that the bill is unlikely to progress during the remainder of the long session.
 - Budget – No additional action since last BC meeting. The Senate is expected to release its version in the next couple of weeks.
- OSHA NEP on preventing falls in all industries – OSHA issued the new NEP on May 1. We have 60 days to respond and six months to make any changes. Hollis's group is currently reviewing the NEP.
- SVEP / FOM Chapter 2 changes – still pending; needs review
- Eastern Carolina Safety and Health Conference – I'll be attending the conference in Greenville on Friday.
- Quarterly meeting with Kim – next Wednesday, May 17
- Compliance supervisor meeting – next Thursday, May 18 in Asheboro
- Next BC meeting on May 23 is cancelled (JH and PS out of town). Our next meeting will be June 6.

Paul Sullivan-Assistant Director's Report

- I'll be teaching at the Industrial Ventilation Conference through the end of the day on Wednesday. Three of the five attendees are in my classroom and doing well so far.
- The next supervisor meeting is Thursday, May 18th at Randolph County CC in Asheboro. If there are any particular topics for discussion, please let me know.
- OSHA 125 Course is June 5-15 in Charlotte. We'll be using PDF handouts so attendees will need to bring a laptop or tablet.
- Grant was out with Indira last week on an industrial hygiene-related inspection. He will continue doing those inspections with HCO Trainees to get them some focused IH experience. Please give your Trainees a heads-up about this part of their training program.

Wanda Lagoe – Education, Training and Technical Assistance Bureau

- Instructional Designer interview next week.
- Joseph Davis should be let out of the hospital on Wednesday.

- Fall Stand Down was last week. Went well but no final numbers. Posted the June trench stand down to the NCDOL website.
- Tim Hogan to retire July 31. Morgan should be back in June from maternity leave.
- Sent final proofs to Mancomm on the standards books – sending us a final hard copy to review this time.
- Met with SERT last week to discuss our role and clarified it to be consultative in nature. Will update the SEMP accordingly.
- Teleworker mileage audited by FS and found that some employees were receiving IRS rate instead of MFM rate when choosing to use POV.

Kevin O'Barr - Consultative Services Bureau

- Kevin O will be out of the office next week May 12-19.
- All three supervisors are available on those dates and will be the bureau POC.
- Fleda Anderson will represent the bureau at the federal quarterly monitoring meeting.
- On 5/22 Commissioner Dobson will present a 10-year SHARP plaque to Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative at the co-op's annual meeting.

Beth Rodman- Agricultural Safety and Health Bureau

- Preocc Stats: 2065 registrations; 1905 inspections conducted, 1763 certificates issued, 547 provisionals, 30 outstanding.
- ASH IT program: meetings have resumed. Brian will be using new program in field to provide feedback from inspector perspective.
- Compliance: Jameson Quinn Farms (Fatality meeting conducted on 2/13/23). CSHO is completing edits.
- Open position – conducted one interview. Position will be reposted, and previous applicant will remain under consideration.
- NC Dept of Commerce is getting audited by USDOL the week of May 15th. Drew Long and NCGA will be taking USDOL audit team to visit several farmworker housing sites in Lee County.
- Current meetings/groups - Farmworker Vaccine Plan Project Management Team Advisory Group (once per month)

Anne Weaver – Planning Statistics and Information Management Bureau

- PSIM has 376 outstanding, releasable disclosure requests, which are pending redaction. There are 594 pending disclosure requests that are currently not releasable due to the status of those files.

- Karen Padgett retired May 1st, and her position replacement has been selected. John Luckado (currently in Research & Policy) has accepted the position of Targeting System Administrator with PSIM and will begin working with PSIM on May 23rd. Mildred and I are working through duties associated with this position until John comes on board.
- The Public Sector Survey forms have been printed and will be mailed out after May 23rd.
- The ShareFile software and equipment installation will probably take place over the next two weeks. Brent Wood (IT) has briefly discussed the process with Jill Cramer in order for her to draft NCDOL policies and procedures related to the process that everyone using this software will follow.

Nicole Brown- East Compliance Bureau

- In – house Training
 - Reviewed with new CSHOs the expectations for when you accompany a lead CSHO out on an inspection; D10 Supervisor Ted Hendrix participated in the training discussion
 - Quarterly Partnership visit – CSHO Mark Rasdall took several new CSHOs out to the quarterly site visit and provided some hands-on training during the walkthrough.
 - CSHO's Lisa Rayborn and Mike Saye are taking two CSHOs in training from District 8 from
- Staffing
 - No staffing changes since last BC meeting
 - Interviews concluded for the D8 Supervisor position and a SCO I position in the district; the D8 Supervisor package has been submitted for Director's approval; I've reached out to Renathe about the SCO I position but I have not heard back from her yet.
 - D10 reposted a position.
- District 8
 - Assigned the OEDM to assist with reviewing some D8 casefiles;
- Fatality / CFR cases ongoing
 - Wolfsped, Inc. #318254109 – settlement agreement was signed; the employer accepted the citations with full penalty; only requested a non-admission clause.
 - Deidre has worked on the accident NOK letter and an accident "incapacitated" ltr that was drafted by Legal Counsel Jill Cramer. The letters have been developed and are in OE but have not been turned on yet. We are working on an email to be sent to all of OSH Compliance to inform them about the new letters. Once the email is drafted and sent the letters will be turned on in the system.

- NCDOT fatality – employee was observed by a co-worker bent over the tailgate of a truck. EMS was called and the employee was transported to Wake Med. When he was admitted a test showed internal bleeding on the brain. This was assigned to CSHO in training Tyler Smith to investigate and based on findings there is nothing conclusive that indicates the employee fell at work. The only thing that may have occurred is that he accidentally hit his head under the carriage of a raised truck he was working on, but there was no evidence to support that this had occurred other than the lens to the deceased sunglasses were found on the floor. The deceased flashlight was found in the on position in bay eight and his frames for his glasses were found later in stall eight against a waste oil drain container. The death certificate lists the cause of death as blunt force injury of head with other significant conditions contributing to death (Hypertension, Diabetes, and Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular disease). The file is under review but is currently classified as 000.

Lee Peacock -West Compliance Bureau

- Personnel update
 - Current Status out of **58 CSHO positions** (27 Health and 31 Safety).
 - **38 released CSHOs (65.5%)** – 18 Health (67%) and 20 Safety (64.5%)
 - **7 CSHO Trainees (12%)**
 - **10 current vacancies (17%); 4 (HCO1/T) 6 (SCO1/T)**
 - **D2,3,4- conducting interviews for SCO1/T on Thursday**
 - **Of the 5 SCO1/T positions; Sups are screening apps on 4 of them.**
 - **Kay- 1 SCO (Adam Knox) start date 5/30, Rob- 1HCOT (Samantha Case) start date 5/22; Jennie- Amanda Murphy 5/22, Nathaniel Cline 5/22**
 - **1 SCO- D2 (Jennifer Hartle) requested to repost.**
 - **Roberto Gonzalez- SCO 1 released May 1**

CURRENT FATALITIES

- **Egger Wood Products- March-** EE troubleshooting saw machine, pressure bar made contact and pulled ee into machine; Fat Update scheduled for 5/4.
- **Friends Masonry-** Mast climbing scaffold collapse; CSHO preparing file. Fat Findings/Citations Update conducted on 5/4.
- **Town of Boiling Springs-** Employee was collecting leaves with a dump truck leaf vacuum attachment when he was run over by the truck. In BC Q to review.
- **Jordan Enterprises-** Employee was struck by tree limb while cutting down another tree. CSHO working. Citations- BC Reviewing
- **Parton Lumber-** Employee struck by Forklift while reversing; CSHO working- Citations.

- **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; no citations
- **West Springdale**; fall from tree branch while cutting tree. Citations- AD Reviewed and CSHO working on corrections
- **Aiken-Black Tire Service**- EE struck by exploding tire during inflation. Potential Willful citation; CSHO working.
- **Ace/Avant Concrete**; Fall while cutting concrete floor. 2 ees fell; 1 killed 1 treated and released; CSHO working
- **Herc Rentals**: struck by/caught between hydraulic arm; Potential Willful citation- CSHO working
- **Biltmore House**: Employee struck by falling tree while walking to car. Fat update on 4/24- no citations.

SIGNIFICANT CASE RESOLUTION:

- **BlueSky Restoration (318253457)**- Fall through skylight with Willful Citation; citations issued-penalty \$160,000; Jennie conducted IC and working on terms of proposed settlement.
- **Duke Energy (318208642)**; 12/20 Er Referral; arc flash- close to settlement; scheduling meeting with attorney to discuss abatements.
- **Preferred Electric (318197381)**: 6/20 electrical shock/burns; contested; settlement reached.

OTHER ITEMS:

*Charlotte Office; Johnson Controls will be installing an electronic security access system.

Waiting for scheduling.

*Spanish Witness Statement forms; LAD and AGs have approved. Next step is to work with the print shop then schedule training with the staff.

*Received/distributed laminated Spanish/English word cards for staff.

*NUCA rolling out new campaign Think Inside the Box. Presenting OSH Update and Excavation 5 Survival Points to group on 5/9.

*Presenting OSH update to CAGC S&H Committee Meeting on 5/11.

Judyth Forte – State Plan Coordinator