

Fallon County Safety Team Minutes

December 9th, 2009

CONVENE:

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Safety Coordinator, Ve Abrams. Present: Ve Abrams, Deb Ranum, Joe Janz, Lisa Mitchell, Tom Barth, Dave Hall, Jessica Dinardi, Barb Lechler, and Chuck Lee.

MINUTES:

~ Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

INCIDENTS REVIEWED:

~ Law enforcement officials were exposed to contaminated blood while responding to an accident. The accident involved a car and a work over rig. Employees were wearing gloves during this response, but no eye protection was used. Each of these individuals has gone through the first round of testing for Hep C, but nothing is known at this time. **Team Recommendations:** Employees should have all PPE in their vehicles and available at all times and used as the need arises.

OLD BUSINESS:

There are still a few departments that have not turned in their checklists from the on-site inspections that were performed in September. Some of those departments have contact Ve and let her know they are working on them, others have not. These need to be turned in ASAP.

It was brought up that the Ambulance Garage has fluorescent lights throughout their building and that none of them have the necessary protectors over the bulbs. Joe will get with Lynda to see if she has any of these and get them installed as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

~ Liability issues: Deb was under the understanding that a supervisor in the county could also be sued for safety issues if an employee ever felt the need. According to the County Attorney, the County is responsible for all their supervisors and employees; therefore, it would be the county getting sued and NOT the individual.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

~ Deb had word of a Winter Safety workshop to be held in Miles City on December 16th. She asked if anyone from the team would be interested in attending. She would like to see as many of the road crew employees attend as possible and anyone else who may be interested. The training is from 8-Noon and will cover quite a few different topics needed for winter survival. If anyone is interested in going, please contact Ve so she can let them know how many will be attending. Dave will give this information to Bobby Wiedmer and get a crew together from the road department to attend.

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS:

~ The safety team discussed camera options for the Senior Bus. They currently have back-up cameras installed, but have reported that they do not work as well as they should. When backing, they vibrate and therefore, the driver cannot see through them anyway. Brenda wondered if this is because we order the low end ones. Joe is going to get with Alba and see if they can come up with a different method of installation to eliminate the vibration.

NON-ACTION ITEMS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Fallon County Christmas Potluck will be held on December 22nd from 11:30 – 1:00 in the Library Basement. Don't forget to call Ve with a head count.

NEXT MEETING:

~ Monthly Safety Meetings: Thursday, December 10th, 2009 @ 7:00am, 1:30pm, and 3:00pm.

~ Safety Team Meeting: Wednesday, January 13th, 2010 @ 4:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

s/ _____

Jessica Dinardi
Recording Secretary

s/ _____

Ve Abrams
Fallon County Safety Coordinator