

**SKAMANIA COUNTY  
SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes  
July 9, 2009**

Arnold Bell, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:38 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Arnold Bell, Annex Representative;  
Buzz Davis, Public Works Shop Representative;  
Laila Goldring, Facilities & Recreation Administrative Representative;  
Tyler Graber, Public Works Road Representative;  
Mary Frice, Senior Services Representative;  
Cindy Hull, Sheriff's Representative;  
Teri Wyckoff, Non-voting member, served as interim Secretary

**Committee Members Absent:**

Dale Manning, Facilities & Recreation Crew Representative;  
Karen Wyninger, Courthouse Representative  
Justin Bush, Noxious Weed Representative;  
Peggy Lowry, Solid Waste Representative;  
Debi Van Camp, Non-Voting member Secretary/Admin Staff to Committee

**MINUTES OF May 14, 2009**

Cindy Hull moved to approve minutes of April 9, 2009 as presented. Tyler Graber seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN'S SAFETY REPORT**

Commissioners approved all of the reports and recommendations.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

No new issues to report.

**REPORTS TABLED FROM LAST MONTH**

- 2009-05 Public Work's employee was installing a metal signpost using a post driver and injured back.  
Discussion/Comments: Item was tabled at May meeting for additional information. Department returned recommending preventable accident due to improper lifting. Dr. was seen.  
Outcome: Cindy Hull moved to agree with Department Head to recommend preventable accident due to improper lifting. Buzz Davis seconded, motion carried unanimously.
  
- 2009-07 Senior Services volunteer driver was backing up and backed into another vehicle.  
Discussion/Comments: Department Head recommends preventable accident due

too lack of awareness.

Outcome: Cindy Hull moved to agree with Department Head to recommend preventable accident due to lack of awareness. Buzz Davis seconded, motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

- 2009-08 Senior Service's employee was assisting a client walking when client lost balance and fell on right foot. No doctor was seen.  
Discussion/Comments: Committee discussed the decision of the department head to blame the client for falling. Discussed need for additional training on assisting clients that are unstable when ambulating.  
Outcome: Committee disagrees with Department Head that this is preventable incident on part of client and unpreventable on part of employee. Mary Frice moved to recommend this is a preventable incident due to distraction and inattention and recommends additional training of employee for proper techniques in assisting unstable clients. Cindy Hull seconded, motion carried.
- 2009-09 Public Work's employee was descending stairs while talking on cell phone and missed bottom step twisting right ankle. Doctor was seen.  
Discussion/Comments: Committee discussed employee's distraction and inattention when descending the stairwell.  
Outcome: Tyler Graber moved to recommend agree with Department Head this is a preventable accident due to employee being distracted and inattention due to talking on the cell phone while descending the stairwell. Buzz Davis seconded, motion carried.
- 2009-10 Sheriff's employee was traversing embankment when foot slipped in gravel. Heard a loud pop in right knee and felt lots of pain. Doctor was seen.  
Discussion/Comments: Committee discussed employee's distraction and inattention.  
Outcome: Cindy Hull moved to recommend agree with Elected Official this is a preventable accident. Mary Frice seconded, motion carried.
- 2009-11 Solid Waste's employee was climbing on back of paper bin to move a chain hanging in the way when foot slipped and he held on with left hand, which pulled a muscle in lower back. No doctor was seen.  
Discussion/Comments: Committee discussed employee's taking unsafe position and improper lifting.  
Outcome: Tyler Graber moved to recommend agree with Department Head this is a preventable accident due to employee taking unsafe position and improper lifting. Buzz Davis seconded, motion carried.
- 2009-12 Juvenile worker using fallers ax to split wood, ax got stuck in wood while attempting to remove ax used sledge hammer to hit ax missed and hit right index finger. Doctor was seen.

Discussion/Comments: Committee discussed issues of whether or not juvenile was properly trained and supervised; was there a protocol for supervisor to assign the task to a juvenile. Department Head noted that she reminded supervisor of what tools are appropriate for youth to use and which are not.

Outcome: Cindy Hull moved to recommend agree with Department Head this is a preventable accident, supervisor should be retrained in protocol. Laila Goldring seconded, motion carried.

- 2009-E-09 Sheriff's vehicle was parked in parking lot and inmate operating weed eater beside the vehicle and rock kicked up and broke driver side window. Cost \$129.87.  
Discussion/Comments: Discussed operation of weed eater techniques.  
Outcome: Laila Goldring moved to recommend agree with Department Head that this is preventable incident. Tyler Graber seconded, motion carried.
- 2009-E-10 Sheriff's employee was attempting to park boat moorage in windy conditions and tight spot. Boat whipped around and pushed into another boat already docked at moorage putting hole in side of fiberglass boat. Cost \$1,403.84.  
Discussion/Comments: Discussed operation techniques and lack of awareness.  
Outcome: Tyler Graber moved to recommend agree with Department Head that this is preventable accident due to lack of awareness. Laila Goldring seconded, motion carried.
- 2009-E-11 Sheriff's vehicle was parked in parking lot and employee noticed that the vehicle had appeared to be backed into by another vehicle damaging the rear quarter panel. Cost \$470.80.  
Discussion/Comments: Vehicle was properly parked within designated parking slot.  
Outcome: Buzz Davis moved to recommend agree with Elected Official this is an unpreventable incident. Mary Frice seconded, motion carried.
- 2009-E-12 Senior Service's employee was driving east bound on highway 14 when big rig passed going westbound and a rock hit the right side of front windshield causing a chip. No cost the chip was filled.  
Discussion/Comments: No discussion.  
Outcome: Cindy Hull moved to recommend agree with Department Head that this is unpreventable incident due to hazards of road. Laila Goldring seconded, motion carried.
- 2009-E-13 Public Work's employee was brooming gravel off the road when he hit a pile of gravel, which sprayed a bystander's vehicle. Cost to repair windshield \$340.40  
Discussion/Comments: Supervisor recommends slowing down speed of the brush around vehicles and proceeds with caution. Supervisor met with employee to discuss future prevention.  
Outcome: Tyler Graber moved to recommend agree with Department Head that this is a preventable incident. Laila Goldring seconded, motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

A concern was raised regarding the Stevenson fireworks display. A citizen felt there was not sufficient barrier for public to not be allowed too close to the igniting of the displays. This will be passed on to Board of Commissioners and Risk Management.

A concern was raised from a citizen asking about the safety for children at the fair with the construction at Rock Creek during the fair. This will be passed on to Board of Commissioners and Risk Management.

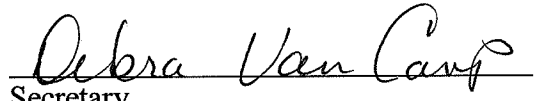
**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am.

Approved in meeting on August 13, 2009.



Chairman



Secretary