

CAS Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes

October 11, 2023, 10:30 – 12:00 pm – ZOOM (link below)

In Attendance: Boerman, Bohnert, Burkholder, Graber, Gunn, Heineman, Loschl, Storms

1. Welcome, check in, updates:
 - a. Discussion about working in smoke. We had an employee contact ELR with concerns about working in smoke. The employee felt heard and supported but was looking for other resources.
 - b. Takeaway: We must follow smoke rules but also need to track employee concerns and offer alternatives, if they exist.
2. Safety update from CAS administrators' meeting:
 - a. Presented quick reference guide for those who work with children.
 - b. Referenced new accident reporting system coming to OSU. It is behind schedule but once it is here, we should have better data presented to colleges and units.
 - c. Wildfire action plans. CAS requires wildfire action plans for those units that may be affected by wildfire. They will be collected in Box at the college-level.
 - d. Fire doors. People prop fire doors open for ventilation in the summer but this is a danger and does not meet compliance. There are solutions that can be purchased and installed. These devices auto-close these doors if an alarm sounds.
3. Review response to serious vehicle accident during fieldwork:
 - a. A fieldworker coming home was in a serious vehicle accident although no one was injured.
 - b. There was extensive damage to equipment that was owned personally by the employee. Generally, the university does not cover personnel equipment.
 - c. Because the accident was the fault of the other driver, the employee ended up being reimbursed for their equipment.
 - d. Need to educate our units on this point so that there is no confusion. Equipment should be provided and written into grants.
4. Requirements for ATV safety training:
 - a. CAS currently requires that ATV users have the Oregon ATV Safety Card and then be able to demonstrate their competence to a seasoned user.
 - b. EH&S is considering developing a module but the committee agreed that this shouldn't be enough. We should also have a demonstration requirement.
 - c. Continue with our current policy and then review the EH&S module.