

## JLMRC Safety Committee

September 17th 2009

Present: Ben Bonner, Jessica Mumme, Craig Sorseth, Raudel Perezchica

Absent: David Lane, Josh Marean, Donna Adams

Craig will be revising some policy changes in the CDL drug and alcohol policy. Craig will contact Raudel to represent AFSCME in any changes that affect union members.

There is a need for accurate documentation when gathering information on near miss accidents. The fear of being reprimanded should not be a factor since the importance of learning from the near miss accident takes priority.

Craig learned that the Atrium wants to start a safety committee. The Atrium is an important site because of the variety of city business that are housed at the Atrium. Craig will be available to help folks assemble the safety committee. Raudel will look into recruiting AFSCME members for this safety committee.

On a related subject the Parking Enforcement Officers are also wanting to hold safety meeting. Craig advised that they would not need to keep formal records of their safety minutes but should show that they addressed safety issues in their staff meeting records.

There is now a helicopter available a 2nd and Chambers for emergency medical situations. It is located in the middle of the campus surround by 911 Com Center, Logistics and Training Services Buildings. We have received complaints of excessive noise when the helicopter is landing or departing. The helicopter is a priority used for medical emergencies so it will continue to operate from the present location and we will continue to monitor noise levels.

Jessica brought to our attention the H1N1 flu virus. Discussion around the various city sites that have installed hand sanitation stations throughout the city. Craig mentioned the need to purchase masks and latex gloves for possible use by city personnel that come in contact with people that might be exposed to the H1N1 virus, such as employees working at front counters that are not protected by a glass partition. Craig mentioned that there is already a shortage of some of these items. Craig suggested to Jessica that the best place to purchase these items are either Northwest Safety or Sanderson's Safety Equipment. Allowing the use of masks will be a Management decision and will be on a voluntary basis. The Library was discussed because of the diverse clientele that use the rest rooms and hang around the building. Sanitation is a priority in order to minimize the effects of the H1N1 virus.

Ben brought to our attention the fact that shower heads after months of use grow molds and bacteria. A good way to remedy this is to buy a new shower head or disassemble the old one, clean off mold and sanitize it.

Next meeting planned for December 17th.

Reported by Raudel Perezchica