

Minutes

Thursday, Jan 26, 2023

Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee

Date:	Thursday, Jan 26, 2022	
Time:	10:00 – 12:00	
Location:	All Fallen Meeting Room at Fire HQ & Microsoft Teams	
Program:	Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee	
In Attendance:	Chris Koch Geoff Paiment Jon Mawer Marco Ficaccio Nancy Stewart (recorder) Pete Steenaerts RJ Pasloski Rob Miller Troy Hodgson Virginia Buckley	Absent: Brian McAsey
Chair:	Pete Steenaerts	
Item #	ITEM	ACTION
0	Agenda and Minutes: RJ Approved Minutes from Dec 8, 2022 Introduction of Chris Koch – new manager of Business Support	Standing
1	Dashboard: Pat Trends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 more severe incidents Increase of medical calls 7 potentially violent incidents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> this continues to increase – Concerning to all 5 RPOs for psychological exposures Sleeper car incidents 70045 Odour complaint <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battery in apparatus releasing H2S Resend safety message (ask shop to update) 70210 SABA line released during training	Standing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was issue with the way member was handling air line • Equipment is fine for use <p>2 Dog bite/control incidents</p> <p>Lots of slip injuries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jon and others trialling cleats for boots - work well • Not yet available to all members. • Virginia will follow-up on availability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ answer: this is pilot project only and no new cleats will be available this season <p>Follow-up of Safety Matters from previous JOHSC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Matters has been released on asbestos abatement • Concern over LED lights and their inability to melt ice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Safety matters is complete ◦ Likely released tomorrow <p>RPO psychological exposures (reporting purposes only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good to see crews doing this reporting • Virginia had taken to crews and will follow up with District chiefs that the increase in reporting is a good trend • Thanks to District Chiefs for taking to the members <p>Violent incidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When should a code 200 be called? This isn't clear • Maybe not using this enough • Don't want to overuse so CPS doesn't respond quickly enough • Big concern over CPS not showing up when needed • Working group committee has been established to do interoperability training and discuss more procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ How do P&P from one organization affect others? • Best way to get police to scene (not quite a code 200) is to use common language, (patient is being threatening, swinging fists, escalating) <p>70407 garbage bin lids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lid had been locked up in place but released when jarred • Pat to follow up with waste & Recycling re swapping lids out to plastic lids at the fire halls 	
2	<p>Sharps/Containers: Jon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Captains concerned that not every truck has a proper sharps container • Currently Sharps containers are single use and lid can come open 	New

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trying to use single use container for multi-use procedures • Pat taking with Chris Webber re new type of bag • Medical, Equipment & Supply • Virginia & Chief Jukes will work with Chris Webber • Pat will send SDMS to Virginia 	
3	<p>Long Duration Exposure: Virginia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virginia has talked to District Chiefs • Rehabilitation procedure has been updated and is clear • Send out again? Or monitor? • Direct to certain people instead of entire group • Implement into training... • Pat will notify Virginia • She will deal with specific officers whenever there is a long event • Close item 	On-going
4	<p>Continuity of Care Review: Patrick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have altered SDMS procedure to catch sooner • Can't have a series of blood tests for every event • New internal procedure to follow member through entire process • Wellness isn't involved in the process (contractual obligations) • Was high risk exposure so District Chief should have taken member and exposure package (in vehicles) to hospital and ER Dr determines testing and next step. Testing may be intentionally delayed as toxins wouldn't necessarily show up for a while • How often would a chief take a member to the hospital with an exposure kit? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Multiple times/year • This was a bigger issue because investigator was working alone <p>Close item</p>	On-going
5	<p>Facility Security Review and Recommendations: Pat & Pete</p> <p>Follow up on Road Rage incident – 911 sent person to Fire Hall – Pete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road rage incident – no info yet • Brian and Pete will follow-up <p>Have brought up all security issues to Corp Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to balance public's ability to access in emergency vs illegal activity • Continuing to message need for reporting 	On-going

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Corporate security report, police report ○ The sooner the report, the better, as security can check existing cameras for a limited time ○ Police report help drive risk factor to determine more cameras, security mitigation factors (lighting cameras, fencing, security) ○ Crews need to be more informed about the reporting piece to ensure reporting ● Pete and Chris will put out FD notice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Include note on on-site contractors (protocol etiquette) ● Chris will also pass on items through SDMS to Facility Management 	
6	Terms of Reference: Patrick	On hold
7	Failure of Chainsaw Blade: Amandeep <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lifecycle question ● Two new saws coming ● Chris to follow-up with Amandeep to determine if there is a gap in policy and procedures ● On-going 	On hold
8	Headsets and In-cab Communication: Virginia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working group in Feb to write up RFP ● RFP to be released by end of March 	On-going
9	FDC Thread Issues: Glenn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pete working with Glenn ● Thread measuring tools placed at 2 Station 	On hold
10	Workplace Inspections: Jon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inspections are complete ● Troy will assign for 2023 ● Pete will inspect HQ this month 	On-going
11	Hearing Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Industry doesn't make quite what we need ● Pat will investigate at Provincial H&S meeting level ● Change to on-going 	On-hold

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12	PFAS (Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video done showing that we have taken samples to lab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing not back yet Deputy Chief Bergeson has sent out training FD Notice, being reviewed by 255 and H&S 	On-going
13	JOHSC Training: Pat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required training for JOHSC members Pete needs to do training as Chair Pat will follow-up on requirements If everyone does on-line training, anyone can Chair 	On-going
14	JOHSC Recommendations Recommendation follow-up and priority identification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pete took official recommendations to FSET (see recommendation link below) to deal with member safety issues to set up a working group committee FSET agreed best for JOHSC to write recommendations to let relevant committees bring back recommendations specific <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Want to avoid possible work duplication (PPE committee should investigate protective vests) JOHSC members already on different committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not on a few other groups (Dispatch, Deployment, IMS, etc.) Pat reluctant to agree without knowing specific role of H&S <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at terms of reference to provide guidance H&S would have a strong voice in each of these committees Executive Sponsors/Deputy Chiefs/MEs need to support H&S Each group will have appropriate representatives amongst members JOHSC needs to be specific what the specific goals and the needs are when writing recommendations Working groups would report back to JOHSC but JOHSC doesn't make decision Would be for information purposes Pete, Jon & Pat will build and prioritize objectives/recommendations and bring back to next meeting 	On-going
15	JOHSC Recommendation Working Group Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 911 Disconnect PPE (Protective Vests) 	On-going

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE Sizing/Fit • Blue Emergency Lights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update: Jennifer Wyness, (Councillor Ward 2) will take to Alberta Municipalities to put together resolution to take to Intergovernmental Affairs ○ IGA will deliver to Municipal Affairs <p>2022-01 JOHSC Recommendation Member Safety Working Group</p>	
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Item #	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON
1	Battery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resend Safety Matters regarding battery in apparatus releasing H2S • Ask shop to update 	Pat
1	Psychological Exposures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virginia will follow up with District chiefs that the increase in reporting is a good trend 	Virginia
1	Garbage Bins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat to follow up with waste & Recycling re swapping lids out to plastic lids at the fire halls 	Pat
2	Sharps/Containers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virginia & Chief Jukes will work with Chris Webber • Pat will send SDMS to Virginia 	Virginia & Pat
3	Long Duration Exposure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat will notify Virginia • She will deal with specific officers whenever there is a long event • Close item 	Pat & Nancy
4	Continuity of Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close Item 	Nancy
5	Facility Security Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pete and Chris will put out FD notice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Include note on on-site contractors (protocol etiquette) • Chris will also pass on items through SDMS to Facility Management <p>Road rage incident – no info yet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian and Pete will follow-up 	Pete, Chris & Brian

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7	Failure of Chainsaw Blade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris to follow-up with Amandeep to determine if there is a gap in policy and procedures • Change back to on-going 	Chris & Nancy
11	Hearing Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat will investigate at Provincial H&S meeting level • Change to on-going 	Pat & Nancy
13	JOHSC Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat will follow-up on requirements 	Pat
14	JOHSC Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pete, Jon & Pat will build and prioritize objectives/recommendations and bring back to next meeting 	Pete, Jon & Pat

Next Meeting: Feb 23, 2023
10:00 – 12:00
All Fallen & MS Teams