

Minutes

Thursday, Apr 3, 2023

Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee

Date:	Thursday, Apr 3, 2023	
Time:	14:30 – 17:00	
Location:	All Fallen Meeting Room at Fire HQ & Microsoft Teams	
Program:	Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee	
In Attendance:	Brian McAsey Chris Koch Geoff Paiement Jon Mawer Marco Ficaccio Nancy Stewart (recorder) Pete Steenaerts RJ Pasloski Rob Miller Virginia Buckley	Absent: Guest: Gord Loewen
Chair:	Pete Steenaerts	
Item #	ITEM	ACTION
0	Agenda and Minutes: RJ/Jon Approved Minutes from Feb 23, 2023	Standing
1	Dashboard: Pat Now pulled by incident report date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Found one from a long time ago that would not have shown up by pulling by incident date Had some SDMS issues with export Trends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less psychological reports this time Increase in fitness injuries Quite a few Unclassified - unsure why 93 training issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TOs putting single incident per individual instead of per event Near miss 71378 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potentially serious incident FF outside truck, hit by vehicle mirror of passing car At Corporate now, going to Law 	

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	<p>71491 Potentially serious incident - Dept wide PFAS includes all those on Floor</p> <p>71632 – Bedbugs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process Improvement with FM underway <p>71678 – Ammunition in vehicle fire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications coming out on this <p>Shop - 71716 & 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPO but seemed to be a refusal of work • Class B Foam – MSDS sheets – another mechanic told mechanics there was risk • Had PPE and reviewed sheets <p>71910 - Patient bit FF</p> <p>Drop-in Centre - numerous exposures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive trend that these are being reported <p>71137 – is there a standard on requirements of Aquatic Team Leader?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be enough team leaders at stations but can bring in a leader from another station if required (City-wide deployment model) • Requirement of CSA to have a team lead • 3 divers plus Team Lead must all be present • Batt chiefs will put team lead at Station 6 if possible but could be at different location because of seniority (working as acting Lieutenant at other station) • Concern that team may not be able to react to incident right away, waiting for Leader • Supervisor on scene (Captain) may not have aquatic experience • Risk that members will start without the Leader being there • Should seat be alarmed? • Trying to get more Leads trained • Training scenarios need to be done in the field (Team Leader in Training). Limited to one person doing that scenario • Also issue with leaders not being able to get enough time off to train • Finding balance between how system currently works vs how seniority interacts/acting • Boat and Driver currently alarmed but may recommend for Captain and Senior FF alarmed at 6 <p>Will be discussion at Batt Chief's meeting – Virginia</p> <p>Risk associated with current practice</p> <p>Will discuss at next JOHSC</p>	
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	<p>Multiple reports of burning OSB at Training – why? Burning too hot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damaging gear, smoke is more toxic • All burning should be class A tower and Fire Dynamics or Natural gas props • H&S following up - Troy • Brian will research how OSB was used for burning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mislabelling MDF as OSB? <p>71218</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One crew complaining about another one not doing decon before getting back in rig after a fire • All decon available • Batt Chief/District Chief reminders to crews • Safety message – limited chemicals • Pat – being messaged in crew talks <p>Decon group meeting – addressing cold weather decon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inflatable tents not practical • Modify bush buggies in winter as Edmonton does • Could use ice fishing tents and heater <p>Aerial SDMS report that didn't show up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDMS did come through and was in system • Followed up with member • This first month pulling by reporting date <p>71615</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urinal has brown water coming through • Long since addressed • Crews putting reports in, so change is working <p>Responding to vehicle fire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wearing PPE • Products of combustion of hybrids even more concerning • Check box for PPE not a mandatory field 	
2	<p>Sleeper Cars: Marco</p> <p>Crews still getting dispatched and having to ask for police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arbitrary if there is police response attached to call • Unclear how the calls are classified by C911, CPS, EMS • Need to differentiate between medicals calls where someone is unconscious vs unconscious and possibly violent • If listed as medical, only Fire (and EMS) is dispatched 	New

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 calls to AHS missed as sleeper calls • Working with Ops on which calls go through with Holdback • Someone asleep in car should automatically have CPS attached • If license plate run and CPS not attached, can escalate <p>Examples of calls, send to Brian so he can follow-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virginia will bring up with Batt Chiefs and District Chiefs to send examples to Brian • Brian will email Virginia letting her know specific information needed for incidents 	
3	<p>Drop-in Centre Vestibule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area is used to smoke drugs in but is also an entry point for crews <p>Need separate, dedicated entry point for Emergency Responders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues even getting to drop-in centre, having to walk through encampments in front • Coordinated effort to clean up with CPS, Waste • Encampment has been dismantled so safe for our members to get through • Security and police maintaining • Activity from DI moving to other areas • Reports of DI changing into parking lot and building of DI • Biometrics glass entrance has open drug use • Once inside vestibule, could be people using right beside responders • Other doors also had issues • Working with AHS (CPS arm's length involvement) <p>New Process: Next to Biometrics entrance, exit door will be opened for crews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will direct crews to specific area • DI staff at scene to curtail open using of drugs and keep others back • DI staff stay outside to allow any responders in, until call terminated • Preliminary report is showing improvement • CPS now stationed at DI, working to clean up inside of DI • May cause more situations to be in open areas around the DI • DI staff working in concerning environment as N95 masks do not block out drug vapours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gord will update progress • Messaged to Stations 1,2,6 • Brian can add comment in CAD, so crews know where to go and who to meet • Medical staff at DI is LPN, cannot release without Medical Director 	New

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will put out RFP for Paramedic company who can treat and release • Will also look at arrest processing unit (ambulance for transport) 	
4	FD Getting Priority Police Response Pat – Code 200 vs code 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crew responding to patient where dog was protective of patient • Not a code 200 but need something between the two codes • Use plain language to explain need for CPS deployment • Tom Jukes & Mark Turik drafting FD Notice on how crews should communicate need for CPS to 911 • Operational Effectiveness Unit (Fire, CPS, 911, AHS) – learning opportunities from calls on how to improve 	New
5	Slash Vests: Virginia PPE Committee looking at 6–8-month pilot of vests as a concept (not to pick a specific vest) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would involve multiple stations, including Station 1 • Work with Pat to include risk analysis. Need a full threat assessment in conjunction with this proof-of-concept pilot. Rod can direct on PPE committee • Work with Strat Services to determine data points Vests would be only one line of defence What are options? What is best type (slash?) Pat, Pete to meet with Rod to discuss priorities	New
6	Boat Tow Update: Virginia Currently overweight and concerns over handling capabilities at higher speeds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing lift package and some of the equipment to make sure the weight is correct • Return to Stock tires and rims • Set speed governor to 110km/hr • Discussion with Ops to remove any unnecessary gear for immediate deployment • New tows will take in account trucks and boats to better balance • Crews not at 6 Station putting extra equipment on • Trailers used to have extra locker above hitch which has been removed • Trucks purchased when we didn't have as many divers 	New

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisit after aquatics meetings - Virginia 	
7	Sharps/Containers: Virginia Medical Coordinator has hazard mitigated and new bags should be on rigs in May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pocket in main compartment (2 bag system) will allow container to sit upright, be sealed after use, multiple uses until full • Easily accessible and can be changed with minimal exposure • Are these new containers? • Would like to have H&S involved in selection • AHS have ones with spring loaded top that closes automatically • Single use? Clips weaken over time • Can we get example of new bag at next meeting? • Brian will invite Chris Webber to next JOHSC meeting 	New
8	DORS App Close	New
9	Facility Security Review and Recommendations: Pat & Pete Met with Trish at Corporate Security so they understand why these issues are problematic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going conversations with Corp Security and Ops • Trying to update stations • 3 priority stations (2, 27, ?) to test enhanced security (cameras) and increased mobile patrols • Responsibility overlaps with facility management • Risk assessment to determine needs • May be some capital \$ if needs not met • FM & Corp Security is on-board with trying to improve • Reporting is still key Early stage of planning for new stations, security is a top priority	On-going
11	Terms of Reference: Patrick	On hold
12	Failure of Chainsaw Blade: Amandeep <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gord Loewen is working with committee for business case 	On hold
13	Headsets and In-cab Communication: Virginia RFP in final draft <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting Approval 	On-going

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14	FDC Thread Issues: Glenn	On hold
15	Workplace Inspections: Jon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not yet assigned • On-hold 	On-going
16	Hearing Protection No updates as of yet	On-hold
17	PFAS (Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) Dual certified garment testing to happen soon– Jon – ask for email update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sprayed with DWR • Integrity of moisture barrier in duty gear is paramount The amounts of PFAS in station wear sent for testing were so minute, they may have only been contaminations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thousands of times less than found in water or other fabrics • Sending out video shortly 	On-going
18	JOHSC Training: Pat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob & Marco have completed • Can do in pieces 	On-going
19	JOHSC Recommendation Working Group Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 911 Disconnect • PPE (Protective Vests) • PPE Sizing/Fit • Blue Emergency Lights 2022-01 JOHSC Recommendation Member Safety Working Group	On-going
20	Action Item Updates Garbage bin lids scheduled to be changed out with plastic lids Decon group has been reconvened <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troy & Rod for H&S and RJ • Testing of commercial type (like carpet cleaner). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One in each station with a Chief and possibly at the shop as well (or could keep at 16 and take out as necessary) ○ Chief could bring cleaner to station where needed. Crew would be responsible for the cleaning ○ Cost may be low enough to not need to go to FSET • Cold weather decon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Looking at Edmonton's model ○ Ice fishing tents with heaters, bush buggies 	

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1	Aquatic Team Lead <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should seat be alarmed? Will be discussing at Batt Chief's meeting Virginia to follow up 	Virginia
1	Burning of OSB at Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Troy will follow up for H&S 	Troy
1	Slips trips falls have increased <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New cleats have been approved and in are stock Unsure of push-out Pat to follow up with Lyndon 	Pat
2	Sleeper Cars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examples of calls, send to Brian so he can follow-up Virginia will bring up with Batt Chiefs and District Chiefs to send examples to Brian Brian will email Virginia letting her know specific information needed for incidents 	Brian & Virginia
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9	Facility Security Review and Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority Stations 2, 27 & ? 	Pete
12	Failure of Chainsaw Blade: Chris <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chris will continue to update 	Chris
18	PFAS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sending out video shortly 	Pat
17	JOHSC Training: Pat	Pete/Jon



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Next Meeting: Apr 27, 2023
10:00 – 12:00
All Fallen & MS Teams