



**BSU Joint Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
Meeting #68, October 24, 2011**

Time: 1:00 P.M.
Place: Deputy 301

In Attendance: B. Butler, Bill Crews, E. Jones, R. Marsolek, J. Sande, and J. Utley

Absent: M. Lanners, L. Sutherland, S. Theisen

Two items of old business were discussed:

Companion dogs in dorms:

Randy Ludeman provided the following response regarding a suggestion to communicate the presence of companion dogs in dorm rooms:

“Several have inquired with us about policy and companion/service animals. Our Departmental policy prohibits pets in the residence halls. All pets living in the residence halls are ADA accommodations as approved and communicated to us by Ms. Kathi Hagen, Director of Disability Services. Residential Life has not made determinations in any case to permit these pets, but rather have supported the decisions made by our ADA compliance officer.

As of now, any requests made to us by students to have a service/companion pet are referred to Ms. Hagen for review and/or approval.

I agree that there should be more clear policy. I know Ms Hagen has begun policy development. I also feel the Department of Residential Life should have policy and we will get this done as soon as possible.”

After discussion, the Committee asked that more clarification be provided about how employees and others know if a dog has been authorized to be a companion pet allowed on campus and how to communicate that and related information to the campus community. R. Marsolek will follow-up with Kathi Hagen.

Sattgast-Union Tunnel:

Items were removed this summer but have returned this fall. EHS will follow-up with Building Services and ARAMARK.

Injury Summary, 11/18/10 - 2/23/11

INJURY/ ILLNESS	BODY PART	CAUSE	SOURCE	MEDICAL	LOST DAYS	RESTRICED DUTY	OSHA	HAZARDS
Fracture	Fibula	Fall, Slipped	Sidewalk, snow & ice	Y	43	0	Y	Natural/ snow, ice
Pain	Head/neck/back	Fall, Tripped	Bleachers	Y	0	0	N	N
Concussion	Head	Struck by	Electronic Equipment	Y	16	79	N	N
Contusion	Ribs	Struck by	Tipping Urn	Y	0	9	Y	Heavy Item
Pain	Shoulder, Upper Arm /Right	Overexertion lifting	Closet Shelves	N	0	0	N	N
Pain	Shoulder, Arm /Right	Overexertion, Pulling	Pipe Wrench	Y			Y	N
Pain	Back/Ribs/Arms	Vehicle Accident	Car	Y	0	0		Undetermined
Laceration	Finger/ring/ right	Struck against	Paint scraper	Y	0	0	?	Improperly placed tool
Pain	Back/ Between shoulder blades	Overexertion lifting	Furniture	Y	2	0	Y	N
Contusion/ Strain	Shoulder, Hip, Knee/Right	Fall	Bicycle	Y	0	0	Y	N
Contusion	Thigh, Tibia/right	Fall	Step Ladder	Y	0	0	N	N
Abrasion	Eye/Cornea/Left	Abraded by	Paint chip	Y	4	0	Y	N
Contusion/ Strain/Pain	Knee/Left, Knee/ Right, Ankle/Right	Fall	Floor/raised Platform	Y	0	0	N	N
Pain	Back, Upper/Neck/ Shoulders	Overexertion, Pulling/pushing	Bodily motion/ Mixing paint	Y	0	0	Y	N
Hernia	Abdomen/lower	Overexertion lifting	Trash bin	No, Denied	0, WC denied	0, claim denied	N, denied	Inadequate help lifting
Pain	Back	Overexertion lifting	Cash bag	N	0	0	N	N
Abrasion	Eye/Cornea/Left	Struck by	Twig	Y	N	N	Y	Inherent

Ten items of new business were discussed.

Doodle Scheduling:

“Doodle” was used to select the meeting date and time. R. Marsolek asked the committee if they would like to continue using that method for scheduling future meetings. The committee supported doing so.

Heat Stress Information:

EHS forwarded heat stress safety information, to Buildings & Grounds, Heating Plant, and Public Safety staff, in July.

Arc Flash Training:

Optivation provide arc flash awareness and safety training to electricians and other BSU maintenance staff, in August. The training was based on NFPA 70E standards. There will be further follow-up including a survey to identify arc flash hazards on campus, provide hazard labeling, and provide arc flash personal protective equipment and tools.

PE Heat Issue:

Heat and humidity levels became very high in the PE Training Room area this past summer. The training room and most of the PE/Fieldhouse are not air-conditioned. At the time the problem was experienced, the air handling unit serving the area was shut down to avoid dispersing odor and vapors, from gym floor resurfacing work, around the building, therefore, no outside air was being brought in; The air handler was turned back on, bringing outside air into the building, which normally would improve the indoor air quality. However, since the ambient outside air was very hot and humid, there was little to no improvement in the indoor air quality. Compounding the problem was equipment in the area, which also generates heat when making ice for cold therapy. A portable cooling device was brought in but Bill Crews said it provided minimal benefits. Bill indicated that one of the heat generating pieces of equipment will not be used next year and that should help somewhat. Other solutions will be sought before next summer.

Cleaning & Disinfecting Athletic Facilities for MRSA (Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus):

Building Services requested information about proper cleaning and sanitizing procedures in the locker rooms following a reported case of MRSA. The CDC has information specific to cleaning & disinfecting athletic facilities for MRSA on their web site and it was forwarded to Building Services and Athletic Trainer, Bill Crews. The procedures recommended by the CDC were similar to cleaning procedures already used and no special precautions were noted, as long as good hygiene is practiced. There have been no additional cases of MRSA reported.

Grinder:

At the request of Heating Plant staff, EHS forwarded to them information about grinder safety. He also developed a grinding wheel ring test presentation on D2L.

ED-Arts Indoor Air Quality Concern:

EHS received a message that several people in Ed-Arts were complaining of sinus and allergies. A work order to have the ventilation equipment was submitted. No problems were found but all the air filters were replaced, as a precaution. EHS also advised that there is often a spike in illnesses such as colds and other infections at the beginning of the school year when people come back together in relatively close proximity to each other as they congregate in school buildings and classrooms for extended periods of

time. Proper and frequent hand washing and covering the mouth when coughing and sneezing are effective ways to prevent spreading infections.

Also, certain allergens are more prevalent in the fall and people who are sensitive to them will likely be affected even when the ventilation system is working properly. People experiencing severe or persistent symptoms are certainly encouraged to seek medical advice and care as needed.

Pager Use Discontinued:

The Physical Plant has discontinued using pagers for employee notifications. The campus wide availability of the Campus Informer system and use of two-way radios by maintenance staff has made their use unnecessary. The County will no longer be providing weather alerts via the pager system.

Closed Dispensing Site:

BSU is entering into an agreement with the County Public Nursing Service to serve as a mass-dispensing site for antibiotics and other medicines in the event of a community or region wide medical emergency, such as a terrorist attack with anthrax. The site would be operated by BSU/NTC personnel and serve only BSU/NTC students and employees. Public Safety is leading a planning group in developing a plan for setting up and operating the site.

Public Safety purchased solar powered pedestrian crossing signs with flashing LEDs that were installed this summer on Birchmont Dr. at the crossing between Birch Hall and Ed-Arts.

Crosswalk Request:

Jon Utley provided an e-mail from Health Services requesting that a cross-walk be added across Birchmont Dr. at the east entrance to Cedar/Pine Hall. Committee members supported the request and suggested that crosswalks be added at 14th and 12th street, as well.

Adjourn: 2:00 P.M.

Richard Marsolek,

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