Minutes of 5/14/2015 Health and Safety Meeting Group #2

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Introductions: Chair Paula Lukaszek welcomed attendees. The meeting started promptly at 1:30p.m.

Approval of minutes: There was a motion to approve the April 2015 corrected minutes, motion seconded and approved.

UWide Health and Safety: There were two guest speakers at the meeting. The first speaker was Scott Preston of Emergency Management who ran through water contamination emergency scenario. He emphasized the lack of funding for updating infrastructure across campus. The second guest speak was Mike Murray of Environmental Health and Safety. He would like to do a safety survey of all the machine shops across the campus.

F2 Accident reports review:
As a group, we reviewed the Summary Report of Accidents for the month: 04/01/2015 to 04/30/2015.

In regards to the individual that pinched their finger with the butterfly valve, the group agreed that is very easy to pinch yourself with this type of valve.

For the truck accident, it was noted that the SMITH system is being evaluated for use by the UW vehicle fleet. The SMITH system is a pre-package safety training method.

Regarding the custodian with back spasms, the corrective action comments don’t seem particularly helpful. Due to the low wages, many custodians do need to work two jobs.

Group Reports:
Paula – Her group viewed a movie on a safety topic and asked people if they had any concerns to talk about.

Andrea – Creative Communications discussed CPR training, all individual training has expired. They decided to have two people trained per floor for a total of six people. Five out of six people are already signed up to complete the CPR training.

Gretchen & Jeff – their group is looking into replacing the expired supplies in the personal emergency packs.
Around town:
Construction of the underground lab will be starting in a few weeks, there will be dump trucks hauling debris every 3 to 4 minutes on campus. This could possibly cause some congestion on the local roads.

Near Miss Reports – this is a way to record possible accidents, to help prevent future accidents by identifying a problem area or piece of equipment before someone gets seriously hurt.

Worker Safety – employees should work in pairs whenever possible or check in at the end of their shift to let their supervisor know that they are unhurt.

Gloves – the right type of gloves really makes a difference for worker safety. Departments should focus on making sure each employee has the correct gloves for the work they are doing.

Open House next Monday for FS Training Service Center.

Next month’s Agenda – talk about elections, who we want to contact about representing the departments. Could have people come and sit in on a meeting. One idea is to get the individuals who were runners up for the last election.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Next meeting: 6/11/15 at 1:30 at the usual location: Gerb 26

Cc: V’Ella Warren Jude Van Buren
    Charles Kennedy Ruth A. Johnston
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