

Minutes  
Workplace Safety Committee  
28 June 2011  
1:30pm County Board Office

Meeting was called to order at 1:30, a quorum being present.

The first order of business was to hear reports from supervisors on workplace injuries.

Greg (animal control) reported on dog bit injuries to volunteers. Discussion of prevention ensued, with increased training and signage as possible preventatives.

Joe Bartolomucci (Highways) reported on a rein jury (opening stitches) sustained while tossing material into a truck. Discussion on preventing similar injuries ensuring injuries were healed prior to return to work. Joe also reported on an injury sustained to an equipment operator – neck injury while operating on a steep incline. Prevention focused on wearing a seatbelt while operating.

Two corrections supervisors (Lt. Loftus, Sgt. Doetsch) discussed three injuries. 1) Ankle twist, question about how a boot caused to this injury ensued. 2) Shoulder injury from a sticking door. Discussion revolved around how to prevent the doors from sticking. A discussion of preventative maintenance with buildings and grounds was suggested. 3) A back injury from an inmate altercation was discussed. No policy violation reported. Prevention focused on alternatives for monitoring inmates and distance to staff requirements.

The meeting returned to the normal agenda.

The representative from the IPRF, Mr. William Bloch, discussed an award to Sangamon County for slip prevention (ice/snow) gear, and potential use of the gear was discussed.

A motion to adopt the minutes of the May 31 meeting was adopted.

Under new business, Paul suggested a cycle for future meetings: case review at one meeting and supervisor interviews at the next. This was accepted.

A motion to adjourn was made and adopted.