

WORKPLACE SAFETY BOARD MINUTES
August 28, 2012

Members Present: Clyde Bunch, Brad Burnett, Tim Krell, Mike Long, Gray Noll, Paul Palazzolo, Robert Salmon, Colleen Swaim

Members Absent: Mark Kinnaman, Dave Mendenhall

Others Present: Denise McCrady, Charlie Stratton, Angela Williamson

Alex Miller was present to discuss Case 28. It was learned that the employee in question was actually walking by and stopped to assist another employee and then injured himself. It was also learned that gloves are provided. It was recommended that the departments needs to raise the awareness level of these incidents, strongly urge the use of gloves, and to ask for assistance.

Dan Parrish was present to discuss Case 29. It was learned that this employee involved in this incident was a new trainee with a new dog. Parrish indicated that the use of protective gloves would not be a recommendation and would be detrimental to the handler; it could confuse the canine being trained. At the time the injury occurred, the handler was teaching the dog to climb a ladder. A hornet's nest was found after the training session and they believe the canine had been stung, causing the same canine to bite the handler. Training sessions are completed twice per month, for a total of 16 hours, along with maintenance training. There were no recommendations at this time.

Todd Guy and Terry Durr were present to discuss Case 28. Williamson did inform the committee that the treating physician did keep this employee off work longer than usual. After discussing what happened to cause this injury, the Committee recommended that the kitchen staff are to notify Building and Grounds when condensation is present, possibly purchase floor mats to place in the doorways, hang a sign to remind employees of the possible danger, require employees to wear non-slip shoes for staff. Durr indicated that he would suggest that the kitchen supervisor to look into other possible ideas for creating a safe working area; check with Building and Grounds on a floor covering/carpeting that will allow carts to roll freely on.

Durr was also present to discuss Case 32 and 34. Both of the employees injured in these cases happened the same day with the same incident. The injuries occurred when CO employees went to assists an inmate who was injured during a fight between two cell blocks ended in a hallway. After the Department reviewed the incident, a change in protocol was made. First, the officers were informed that they should have waited for additional assistance and tasers should have been used. Second, the Supervisor can now authorize another CO to use a pepperball gun, if the Supervisor is unable to.

Wm. Smith was present to discuss Case 35. The employee was injured when he fell on a wet floor in front of D Control. A trustee had mopped the floor. Recommendations included purchasing and using additional more wet floor signs, and to place them closer together. Since trustees are rotated daily, there is no training program for this type of duty.

Brian Walker did not attend the meeting to discuss Case 39. This appointment will be rescheduled for October 30.

A motion to approve the minutes from July 31, 2012 was made by Tim Krell and seconded by Brad Burnett. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tim Krell and seconded by Brad Burnett. Meeting adjourned.