

Petersburg Borough Safety Committee Notes

January 16, 2025 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Meeting Attendees – Randy Holmgrain, Tonya Carr, Jim Holder, Martin Odegaard, Ed Tagaban, Michael Bell, Aaron Marohl, Becky Regula, Kari Petersen, Sam Caulum, Shawn Blake

Absent: Justin Haley

MEETING NOTES:

- APEI provided the 5-year Workman's comp summary of the claim count by injury type. As discussed at the last safety meeting, the Safety Committee recommends some additional training for back and lifting safety for employees. Becky has contacted Cole at APEI and will let the committee and department directors know what training is available.
- OSHA update – Top 10 most frequently cited OSHA violations and upcoming OSHA regulations for 2025 information was handed out to the committee. A new PPE fit rule: One size does not fit all. Smaller sizes of PPE need to be available if needed. A proposed rule for heat-related injury and illness prevention is being considered by OSHA.
- Becky reminded everyone of the subscription available to all departments with JJ Keller for accessing Safety Data Sheets.
- Ice grippers purchased with the APEI safety grant are available to all departments. Additional large and extra-large sizes will be ordered.
- Confined Spaces training. ARWA (Alaska Rural Water Association) did not receive the grant funding to come to Petersburg to do the confined spaces training. APEI will let us know what training they may be able to provide. Becky also contacted the local government specialist with the State of Alaska to inquire about possible training options.
- Department Communications – Each member reported on activities in their departments and discussion ensued.
- The Safety Committee will meet quarterly in 2025 in April, July and October

Next meeting date: Thursday, April 17, 2025 1:00 pm