

Summary of City Safety Committee Meeting
December 7, 2011

Attendees

Harry Holder (Public Works Maintenance)
Joe Misak (Public Works Solid Waste)
Jim Petrosky (Utilities)
Ron Perisho (Police S&L)
Dan Whittaker (Police Officers)
Lee Lyons (Police Admin.)
John Reed (Fire)
Alan Bullock (ASD)
Pam Stone (Public Risk Underwriters Safety & Loss Control)

Summary

As you may recall, the last quarterly safety message announced some disappointing results for the prior three months. (Specifically, in the period June 1 - September 14, 2011, a total of 12 employee injuries reported versus quarterly averages of 6.5 and 9.0 in 2009 and 2010 respectively, and a total of 13 city vehicle-related incidents versus quarterly averages of 8.25 and 9.25 in 2009 and 2010 respectively.) By contrast, we are pleased to note a very different picture for the period September 15 - December 6, 2011. Please see below for details.

Employee injuries - recent history

Since the last City Safety Committee meeting (September 14, 2011), the city experienced a total of five employee injuries reported, none of which was considered a 'lost time' WC claim (i.e. where the injured worker lost more than seven calendar days due to the injury). This employee injury rate was lower than usual for the city for this time period. These incidents were reviewed by committee members post-occurrence and again collectively at the meeting. Where applicable, all reasonable precautionary measures to prevent repeat instances have been implemented. Please see attached for specifics of injuries (excluding employee names).

City vehicle incidents - recent history

In the same time period referenced for employee injuries above, the city experienced a total of eight city vehicle-related incidents. The number of incidents was again below average for the time period. One incident this quarter resulted in injuries, and is still pending investigation. Please see attached for specific of accidents.

Next City Safety Committee meeting: March 7, 2012, 2 p.m., Room 106.

WC Claims Reported Since Last Safety Committee Meeting (September 14, 2011)							
Claim Type	Date of Loss	Date Reported to RM	Description	Dept	Div	WC Light Duty	WC Loss Time
WC	9/14/2011	9/15/2011	While collecting yard waste, a two inch thorn became stuck in employee's hand that employee was unable to remove them self. Supervisor recommended employee keep gloves on while collecting yard waste. No significant lost time. (2011 OSHA Form 300) (Reported to Safety Committee 10/20/11)	PW	SW	Yes	No
WC	9/23/2011	9/27/2011	While walking on gravel, employee twisted ankle. Employee completed work day (9/23). Sought medical treatment on Monday, 9/26. Supervisor recommended extra care be taken when walking on uneven surfaces and evaluating the gravel surface for paving. No significant lost time. (2011 OSHA Form 300) (Reported to Safety Committee 10/20/11)	U	D	Yes	No
WC	11/19/2011	11/23/2011	While involved in a vehicle pursuit, employee collided with the suspect vehicle as it made an abrupt stop. Employee was injured during suspect's apprehension. Accident will be reviewed by the pursuit review board to determine if safety procedures were followed. After being checked by paramedic employee refused further treatment at that time and returned to work. Sought medical treatment on 11/22. Addendum to work restrictions received 11/23. No significant lost time. (2011 OSHA Form 300) (Reported to Safety Committee 12/1/11)	PD	N/A	No	No
WC	11/28/2011	11/29/2011	Employee was hooking up cable and had foot on roll-off truck because ground was slippery due to rain. Truck rolled back and foot was caught between dumpster and roll off. Supervisor indicated driver was not told what the claimant was planning on doing, however, driver should have been more aware of his surroundings while backing up. Supervisor recommended safety meeting to remind employees about proper backing procedures and notifying drivers when behind trucks. Medical treatment sought. No significant lost time. (2011 OSHA Form 300) (Reported to Safety Committee 12/1/11)	PW	SW	Yes	No
WC	11/29/2011	12/1/2011	While reaching into vehicle for phone, employee was stung or bit by unknown insect on right hand. Sought medical treatment on 12/1 due to swelling. Supervisor recommended employee to look before reaching for phone. No significant lost time. (2011 OSHA Form 300)	PW	M	No	No

Auto Incidents Reported Since Last Safety Committee Meeting (September 14, 2011)					
Claim Type	Date of Loss	Date Reported to RM	Description	Department	Division
Auto	9/7/2011	9/27/2011	When picking up a roll-off container, employee was too close to the wall and the container knocked the wall down. Supervisor indicated employee should have pulled the container forward before lifting it onto the truck. No injuries reported. (Reported to Safety Committee 10/20/11)	PW	SW
Auto	9/13/2011	9/21/2011	Employee was collecting yard waste that was stacked on a concrete culvert with claw truck (Unit 485) and knocked off a large chunk of the concrete. Supervisor indicated the driver did not see the culvert as it was hidden by the debris and recommended that employee call supervisor if location of yard waste might cause concern. (Reported to Safety Committee 10/20/11)	PW	SW
Auto	9/17/2011	9/19/2011	Unit 71 was unoccupied in the center turn lane of SR45 when a vehicle rolled off a flat bed wrecker, colliding with the driver side rear of Unit 71. Pursuing Johnson's Towing for damages. No injuries reported. (Reported to Safety Committee 10/20/11)	PD	N/A
Auto	9/22/2011	9/23/2011	Employee was trimming palm tree and wind blew cut limb into windshield of Unit 403. Supervisor recommended employee be more aware of wind strength/direction and position vehicle accordingly. (Reported to Safety Committee 10/20/11)	PW	P
Auto	9/27/2011	9/30/2011	City employee in vehicle Unit 470 ran over storm water grate in the road and heard the grate break. No damage to City vehicle. Supervisor has no recommendations as City procedures and traffic laws were followed. City denies liability but claimant is seeking cost of grate. Filed with insurance. (Reported to Safety Committee 10/20/11)	PW	SW
Auto	10/5/2011	10/5/2011	Driver was watching gate while following another vehicle through coded entrance at Waterford. When vehicle in front stopped, employee hit brakes to avoid accident and slid on wet asphalt, knocking off bumper (Unit 206). Supervisor counseled employee on the importance of paying attention to surroundings and instructed employee to stop at gate, wait until it drops, and enter code before proceeding through entrance. No injuries reported. (Reported to Safety Committee 12/1/11)	PW	M
Auto	11/19/2011	11/21/2011	Unit 81 was damaged during a vehicle pursuit. Supervisor indicated fleeing suspect abruptly stopped and attempted to turn directly in the path of police vehicle. Accident will be reviewed by the pursuit review board to determine if safety procedures were followed. Submitted to insurance. Pursue at-fault driver's insurance carrier for full subrogation. (Reported to Safety Committee 12/1/11)	PD	N/A
Auto	11/19/2011	11/21/2011	Unit 72 was damaged during a vehicle pursuit. Supervisor indicated fleeing suspect intentionally drove his car into the front bumper and will be reviewed by the pursuit review board to determine if safety procedures were followed. Submitted to insurance. Pursue at-fault driver's insurance carrier for full subrogation. (Reported to Safety Committee 12/1/11)	PD	N/A