# **FTBA Safety Committee**

Meeting Minutes September 20, 2018 Conference Call



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# **Upcoming Dates:**

- a. FTBA Safety Committee Meeting = October 18<sup>th</sup> in Orlando at 9AM-Noon (pending meeting location)
- b. FTBA Tampa Social = September 26 5PM-7PM

### **MEETING MINUTES:**

- 1. Introductions/Opening Discussion
  - A. Welcome to new members Peter Berrios (SACYR) and Mike Simmons (TRC Solutions)
  - B. Review of FTBA SC's purpose = The mission of the FTBA SC is to address the needs of the transportation building industry to further safety awareness, practices and compliance in an effort to reduce work zone accidents and injuries through providing a medium to provide training, best practices and compliance resources to

our membership. Through the delivery of these resources, the FTBA – SC's goal is to encourage adherence to safety principles, promote compliance, and communicate health and safety awareness to the transportation building industry.

## 2. Sub-Committee Updates

- A. Marketing and Membership Committee
  - i. No updates since last meeting.
  - ii. FTBA Membership flyers were distributed at the FTBA convention.
  - iii. Flyers will be emailed to all committee members for distribution.

# B. Technology Committee

- i. Peter Berrios joined the Technology Committee and spoke about FIU's virtual reality program and its implications for the construction industry. Peter provided contact information for Nipesh Pradhananga at FIU who is interested in participating in the FTBA SC (npradhan@fiu.edu, website vital.fiu.edu).
- ii. Employees at Ranger's Safety Stand Down had the opportunity to use some of Caterpillar's simulators for equipment operators. Simulators are very beneficial training devices for new operators.
- iii. Other technology that is improving safety in the construction industry includes fatigue sensors and proximity warning devices that not only alert the operator but also sound an alarm that alerts the ground worker.
- iv. FTBA's construction conference would be a good opportunity to present these technologies to members. Caterpillar may come to the next FTBA SC meeting to give a presentation about safety technology in the construction industry.

#### C. Training Committee

- i. Goal is to deliver OSHA 10- Hour course in November.
- ii. Once a date and location for the training is determined, a new survey will be emailed to SC committee members to finalize details.
- iii. Currently planning to have breakouts on the following topics at the FTBA Construction Conference on January 16, 2019: Virtual Reality Technology in Construction, Caterpillar Safety Services, Fleet Safety and Telematics (possible), Behavioral Safety Management (possible)

## D. Resource Development Committee

- i. Safety Committee's webpage on the FTBA website will basically be in a blog format.
- ii. Jamie Bertoch shared an outline of the webpage format and welcomes feedback from committee members. The specific questions that need to be answered are: 1) Which regulatory agencies do we need to link to? OSHA, EPA, FMCSA...any others? 2) What industry links / resources do we want to link to? Note that these can be links to tools we host within our own site, or links out to other websites with useful content. 3) Do we want to add a section for upcoming training?
- iii. FTBA is currently in the process of revamping their website.

- iv. Which FTBA SC member/members will be responsible for verifying content on the webpage?
- v. Resource Development Committee will have a conference call the week of October 1<sup>st</sup> with Jay and Ananth to discuss the posting process for the website, the approval process for materials, and the posting of committee member's information on the website.

#### 3. Other Discussion

- A. Jamie noted that on the SC's LinkedIn page, each member will need to adjust their notification settings if they wish to receive notifications about new activity/posts.
- B. Jamie asked the group for their feedback on how they are using telematics within their own organization?
  - i. Phillip Russel added that the use of telematics has expanded to collecting data after an accident to collect data such as whether or not the operator was wearing a seatbelt.
  - ii. Quality data gathered from telematics devices can help show trends which allows safety professionals to take action.
- C. Mark Ligon posed a question to the group regarding how their organizations are handling insurance coverage for subcontracted trucking companies and emphasized the importance this issue will have in the near future.
  - i. What insurance limits should be required for outside haulers?
  - ii. Please be informed on this topic for the next meeting.
- D. Mark reminded sub-committees to hold meetings and be prepared to provide updates.