

Safety Committee minutes: Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Attendees: T.J. McAndrew, Cheryl Dunn, Rebecca Cederberg, Betsy Howe, Christian Stephenson, Aldi Airo, Mike Livingston

1) Overview of EHS Listserv topics and the implications of drowsy driving-Betsy Howe

Betsy provided the group with an overview of the last EHS Listserv and provided a handout in the form of a quiz on drowsy driving. She indicated future Listserv articles would include the top 10 audit deficiencies.

2) Field safety: New resources from UNMC on agricultural safety.

<https://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/cscash/documents/resources/resources-bleeding-first-aid.pdf>
<https://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/cscash/resources/index.html>

Mike was provided the above links from Betsy Howe prior to the Safety Committee meeting and as a group during the meeting we reviewed the field and agricultural portions which included first aid resources and a variety of good practices to employ while afield.

3) Upcoming training in CPR/AED, situational awareness, laboratory best practices-Mike Livingston

The CPR/AED seminar was attended by approximately 25 people including individuals from Agronomy and Horticulture, Food Science, and other programs housed within the PLSH/Keim complex. Situational Awareness training is scheduled for 1/16/24 in 150 Keim. Laboratory and building safety overview seminar will be presented the first week of classes.

4) Workplace Accidents: 3rd quarter update-Mike Livingston

Mike was happy to report that in the 3rd quarter of 2023 no injuries or accidents were reported. Additional information on both employee and student injury reporting can be found at this link on the Department Safety page <https://agronomy.unl.edu/safety>

5) Biosafety laboratory in Keim and Plant Sciences- Overview

As we have another Biosafety laboratory (BSL) established in the Department a conversation was had on what constitutes a BSL, the guidelines one must adhere to, and the general records that must be kept. For additional information see this link from UNL EHS <https://ehs.unl.edu/sop/biosafety>

6) Virtual Manual <https://scsapps.unl.edu/VirtualManual/ProfileContents.aspx>

The group discussed the merits of including a virtual manual for specific laboratories and the availability of updated SOP's within the virtual manual and the suggested trainings to take.

7) Next Meeting time Wednesday March 6, 2:00 PM , 279M Plant Sciences Hall

Note: These are not verbatim minutes. They are a summary of the discussions at the Safety Committee meeting and as corrected by those participating.

