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Oregon Independent Aggregate Association Newsletter

December 2024

As the year ends, I would like to thank all the OIAA members. Your membership keeps our organization viable and gives us the ability to educate, maintain training requirements, and, when needed, lobby for the quarrying industry in Oregon. In addition, it also gives us the capability to offer scholarships to students looking for education related to our industry. If you have any suggestions on trainings or anything that we should do as an organization, please reach out to me or one of our board members. Also, if you know of a business associated with quarries or that work alongside you in the industry, please educate them about OIAA and recruit them as members.

On another note, winter is now in full swing. The Oregon weather will be bringing us, sun, rain, snow, sleet, ice, fog and whatever else you can imagine. With these differing weather patterns come a myriad of safety concerns and increased risks. These include, but are not limited to, increased driving hazards, greater chances of slips, trips, and falls, soil stability hazards, exposure hazards etc. Being aware of these increased hazards will allow you to proactively reduce the risk of an accident through caution, preparedness, and awareness. Included below is a safety alert from MSHA on winter.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you,

Erwin Hackett

**MSHA****Mine Safety and
Health Administration**

MSHA WINTER ALERT

Gear Up and Ride Safely This Winter!

Best Practices for Equipment and Vehicle Safety

- **Inspect and Winterize Equipment.** Check batteries, fuel lines, and brakes to ensure equipment is winter ready.
- **Clear Snow and Ice.** Keep windshields, mirrors, and lights free from snow and ice to improve visibility.
- **Test heaters and defrost systems.** Confirm proper functioning of equipment cab heating and defrosting systems for visibility and comfort.
- **Drive Cautiously.** Reduce speeds in icy or snowy conditions, maintain safe distances, and be vigilant of black ice on roads

Best Practices for Miner Preparedness

- **Clear walkways, ramps, and work areas regularly** to prevent slips, trips, and falls. Apply salt and sand where needed.
- **Use caution when accessing elevated work areas** in icy or wet conditions. Always maintain three points of contact when climbing ladders and equipment.
- **Wear Proper PPE for Cold Weather.** Use insulated gloves, boots, and layered clothing to protect against frostbite and hypothermia.
- **Monitor for Cold Stress.** Train miners to recognize symptoms of hypothermia, frostbite, and cold stress.
- **Provide Warm Shelter.** Create designated locations to allow miners to warm up during breaks and prevent cold weather-related injuries.

LEARN MORE

Miners and mine operators can find [safety and health information on MSHA.gov](https://www.msha.gov).

For a printable of this poster please select the link below.

[MSHA Winter - Safety Alert](#)

Congratulations Braylin one of our Scholarship recipients. Best of Luck to you

November 30th 2024

Dear Oregon, Independent Aggregate Association;

I would like to thank the Oregon Independent Aggregate Association for awarding me the \$2,500 scholarship and investing in my future. This scholarship is helping me continue my education and work toward earning my civil engineering degree. I am appreciative to have been chosen as the recipient.

I am in my second year here at Southern Oregon University, where I am also a member of the wrestling team. This summer I got the opportunity of a lifetime to go and work on a fishing boat catching salmon, I learned a lot about being tough and working hard. That job was the hardest thing I have ever done in my life mentally. Working/ living on that boat pushed me to my absolute limit, and it has made me grateful for the things that I have in life. Working this summer that job has shown me what people do for money and puts in perspective what a dollar is worth, I can't thank you enough for receiving this scholarship. This scholarship takes off a lot of stress and has / will allow me to pursue my goals in both wrestling and education. I am very grateful to have been chosen as the recipient of scholarship it takes off a lot of stress.

Your generosity has made a great difference in my life, and I am incredibly grateful for your support. Thank you for helping me take another step toward my future.

Braylin Ruchti



2025 PART 46 TRAINING



2025 Part 46 Training dates have been established. Registration in 2025 will be on a first come first served basis on both classes so remember to register early to get the location you want.

Registration forms will be available beginning in January. No pre-registrations will be taken prior to January.

Watch future newsletters for training updates.

OIAA 2025 Part 46 Refresher Training

Presented by: Adele Abrams

Albany Class – Linn County Fair & Expo – March 10, 2025

Roseburg Class – Douglas County Fairgrounds - March 11, 2025

Attention!!

We welcome and encourage all of our members to become more involved with our association. You are welcome to attend our meetings anytime. Please contact any of our board members for information on how you can become more involved, ways we can improve our association and information regarding our upcoming meetings.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.ORAGGREGATE.COM

We are always looking for information to print in the newsletter. If you have a specific article, safety information , or any other information you think will be helpful and of interest to our members, please submit them to memberreply@oraggregate.com

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No meetings are currently scheduled

Happy Holidays

