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Oregon Independent Aggregate Association Newsletter

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Chairman's Message

Greetings,

As the new chairman of the Oregon Independent Aggregate Association, I would like to thank Erick Staley for his time and efforts as chairman and briefly share about myself. I grew up in Riddle, a small mill and mining town in Southern Douglas County, Oregon. After high school, I attended Oregon State University and earned a bachelor's degree in Forest Engineering. After college, I returned to Douglas County and had a stint in millwork before I went to work as a Forest Engineer for Roseburg Forest Products (Roseburg).

My first years at Roseburg were spent laying out roads, harvest units, and surveying property lines in preparation for logging. I then had the opportunity to work on site design for mill projects, which led to quarry design as well. Currently, I am the Operations Manager for the southern half of Roseburg's Oregon tree farm, overseeing the road construction, harvest unit layout, and quarry and crushing operations.

Roseburg owns a half dozen commercial quarries and forestland-only quarries supporting the management of approximately 400,000 acres in Oregon. Up until 2011 Roseburg operated its own crushers and quarry equipment to produce the aggregate needed for our operations. In 2011 the decision was made to sell the company crushing equipment and contract out our quarry work as a result of increasing liabilities and risk, due in part to the direction MSHA was headed with its penalties and enforcement.

One of Roseburg's core values is safety. Safety is also the purpose of MSHA. "The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) works to prevent death, illness, and injury from mining and promote safe and healthful workplaces for U.S. miners." as shown on the U.S. Department of Labor website

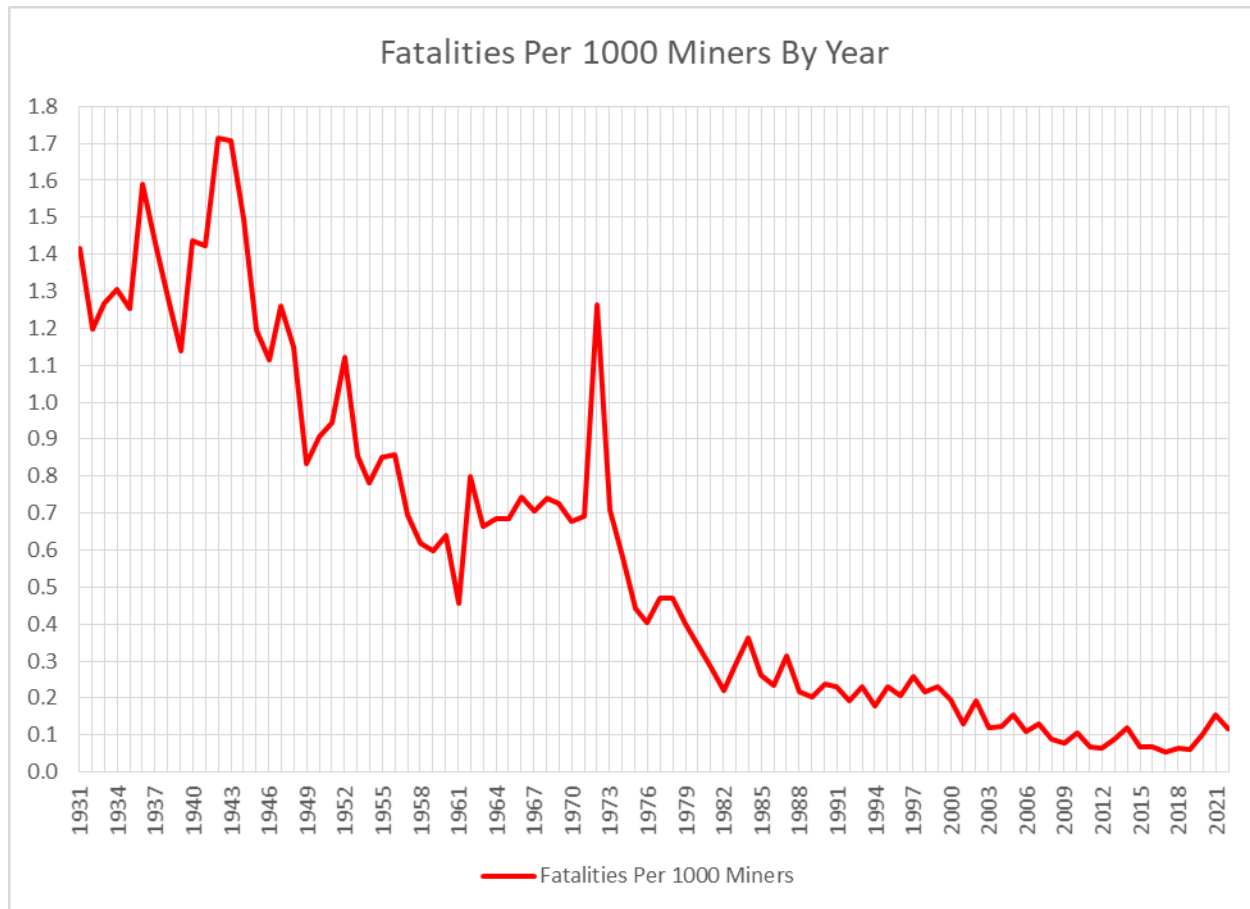
<https://www.msha.gov/about/mission#:~:text=The%20U.S.%20Department%20of%20Labor's,healthful%20workplaces%20for%20U.S.%20miners.>

As January is nearing an end, it is the time of year that OIAA begins working on MSHA Part 46 training. MSHA Part 46 regulates the training and retraining of miners as it relates to safety and health. The training applies to miners working at surface mines. See link below for the Part 46 training Reference Guide

https://www.msha.gov/sites/default/files/Training_Education/OT%2054%20-%20Part%2046%20Reference%20Guide.pdf

Why is Part 46 training important besides the fact that it is required by MSHA? There are inherent dangers in mining and we want all miners to come home from their mine as healthy as when they left their home for work. MSHA lists Metal/Nonmetal Fatalities for 1900 through 2022 at <https://arlweb.msha.gov/stats/centurystats/mnmstats.asp> I took that data and graphed the fatalities per thousand miners from 1931 to 2022 (See graph below). The data shows a slight increase in fatalities since 2017. I will not try and speculate why this is, but it does show that there are still clear and present dangers in surface mining and we all should be vigilant in our safety programs.

Please encourage miners that you know or work with to be safe, take the Part 46 training, and join OIAA!



I have passed on the secretary baton to Melissa Bronson of Roseburg Forest Products. I have enjoyed being your secretary for the past 15 years. You will still see emails from me time to time. At least for a little while. I will continue to send out the newsletters and for now I will coordinate the annual Part 46 training.

Thank you to all that have helped me during these last 15 years. You have a great Board of Directors and some fresh faces as officers. I know they will continue to do a great job for you.

Thank you
Kellie Ramar
OIAA Event Coordinator



Training registration forms have been sent out and many of you have already signed up. If you have not yet sent in your registration form please do so as soon as possible. Registration closes on March 4th, 2024.

Albany - March 12, 2024

Roseburg – March 13, 2024

\$afepro 2024 June Law Institute:

Even in the current situation MSHA is still doing inspections and writing citations. Understanding the laws and regulations that govern the mining industry are vital to managing your compliance and safety programs. \$afepro covers the 1977 Act as amended by 2006 mine act in detail along with 30 CFR and program policies which give guidance to how the laws and regulations are to be enforced. The upcoming institute in Savannah June 11-13 will give you the knowledge coupled with your mining experience that allows you to improve on your current safety program and prepare for the imminent MSHA inspection. The Institute information will help you avoid bad citations and the knowledge to comply with the law and protect your people. The Safepro Institute information will add value to attendees and to their company.

Spouses are welcome if your company allows you to bring them. Shopping in Savannah is considered excellent. Malls and quaint shoppes are within easy walking distance from the hotel. Walking and riding tours of the city can be arranged during the week you are here. If you have any questions or wish to register, just contact us at safeproinc.com. We want you to have a good time as well as a good learning experience. I look forward to seeing you Savannah Ga.

Yours in Safe Production

Best Regards,
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Attention OIAA member contacts

Please keep us updated on contact changes and email changes for your company.

Is there someone in your company that you would like to receive this newsletter? Please send information to memberreply@oregonaggregate.com

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Next Board Meeting Wednesday February 7th 2024

Our next Board meeting will be held at the offices of KPD Insurance 1111 Gateway Loop Springfield, Oregon on **February 7th at 10AM**. All members are welcome.