

Chancellor's University Safety Committee Meeting
Quarterly Meeting
October 16, 2007 • 3:00 p.m.
Osborne Athletic Complex

The meeting was convened by consensus in the absence of John Ingram.

Present: Mark Shepherd (EHS), Yoko Smith (EHS), Betsy Howe (EHS), Jeff Lamp on behalf of Jim Jackson (BSM), Larry Schmid (Custodial Services), Jeff Hohlen on behalf of Charlotte Evans (UNL PD), Emily Casper on behalf of Eileen Bergt (Landscape Services), Jane Wernhoff (Dining Services), Robin Whisman (Campus Rec), Judy Prochaska (Utilities), Greg Maguire (Housing), Dr. Roger Quiring (UHC).

Introductions: Each attendee introduced themselves.

CUSC Employee Safety Fair: Plans for training and vendor safety product show components for the October 23, 2007 CUSC Employee Safety Fair are in place. UNL Police have agreed to pick up and run the Nebraska State Patrol rollover demonstration. Betsy is working with the Athletics Department to borrow signage to be used within the City Union as an aid in directing potential attendees both to the Centennial Room itself and to specific training rooms.

2008 Meeting Dates: The committee decided to continue meeting on the third Tuesday of the month following the end of each quarter. Dates for 2008 are as follows: January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 21.

2007 INJURY/ILLNESS REPORT

Yoko Smith reported on injury incidents by department, types of accidents, and types of employees for the months of July through September 2007.

- 75% of the incidents were attributable to six categories: Struck by Moving Object, Material Handling, Struck against Fixed Object, Slips, Trips, and Falls.
- The number of injuries of student and temporary workers is usually greater in the summer due to the hiring of seasonal workers.
- There was discussion about the top five high cost injuries. The table for those five injuries included the department names, the dates of the accidents, the description of the events, and the root cause/investigation. The figures given for cost are projected or reserved cost, as these are not closed incidents.
- Incident rates are provided by calendar year because OSHA uses a calendar year.
- A review of the Accident Rate versus OSHA Recordable Accident Rate revealed that half the events are recordable and may indicate an upturn in injury severity.

The question was posed: What makes an accident reportable? A reportable injury incident is anything that requires more than 'first aid' treatment. This would include visits to a doctor or emergency room, for example.

Some departments were concerned about over-reporting because they report any injury, even minor injuries. Their expectation is that this policy would not reflect badly upon the department.

Mark Shepherd explained that departments should encourage reporting of any injury, even minor, to more accurately reflect the total injury incidence. This reporting plan also helps the department by leading to review of root causes that might help diminish overall injury rate. In addition, if a minor injury should develop into a Workmen's Comp incident that requires medical treatment, then the injury would already be documented. Some departments require a First Report of Injury even if the employee at the time does not consider the incident serious enough to report.

UPDATE ON ASSIGNED TASKS

Mark Shepherd reported on Environmental Health & Safety document revision. Policy documents related to CUSC Guidelines is online at: <http://ehs.unl.edu/policystatements/> and Injury Illness and Prevention Program at: <http://ehs.unl.edu/programdocuments/iipp.pdf>.

Mark reported he is working with Kim Espy to determine an Academic and/or Research Representative to CUSC.

OLD BUSINESS

A status update regarding a sidewalk over the bridge on East Campus, 38th Street, was requested. Landscape Services informed the committee that this item is at the top of a list of safety hazards that need remedied. There currently are no funds available and the walking trail project on Huntington/Leighton side of East Campus is separately funded.

NEW BUSINESS

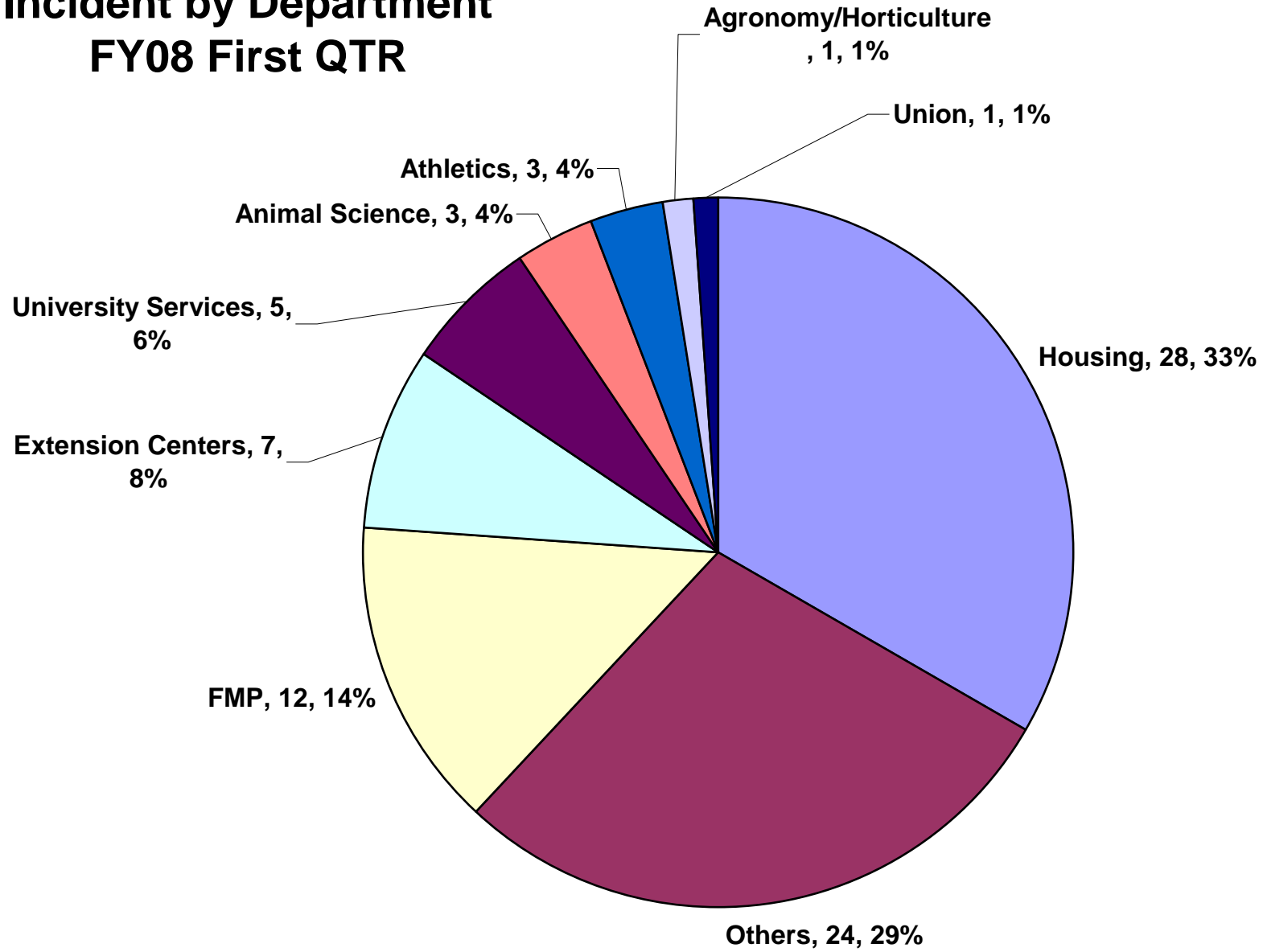
The UNL Police are working on a determination for the color of poles for emergency phones around campus. The plan is to change poles to yellow, with the word 'Emergency' in reflective printing on the side. The flashing light that flashes will remain blue. Plans are in place to add emergency phones as soon as possible at the new overpass and along Antelope Valley project. The phones currently in place are being used.

Mark Shepherd reported that the hexavalent chromium OSHA standard has been finalized. There might be some initial monitoring required for certain areas.

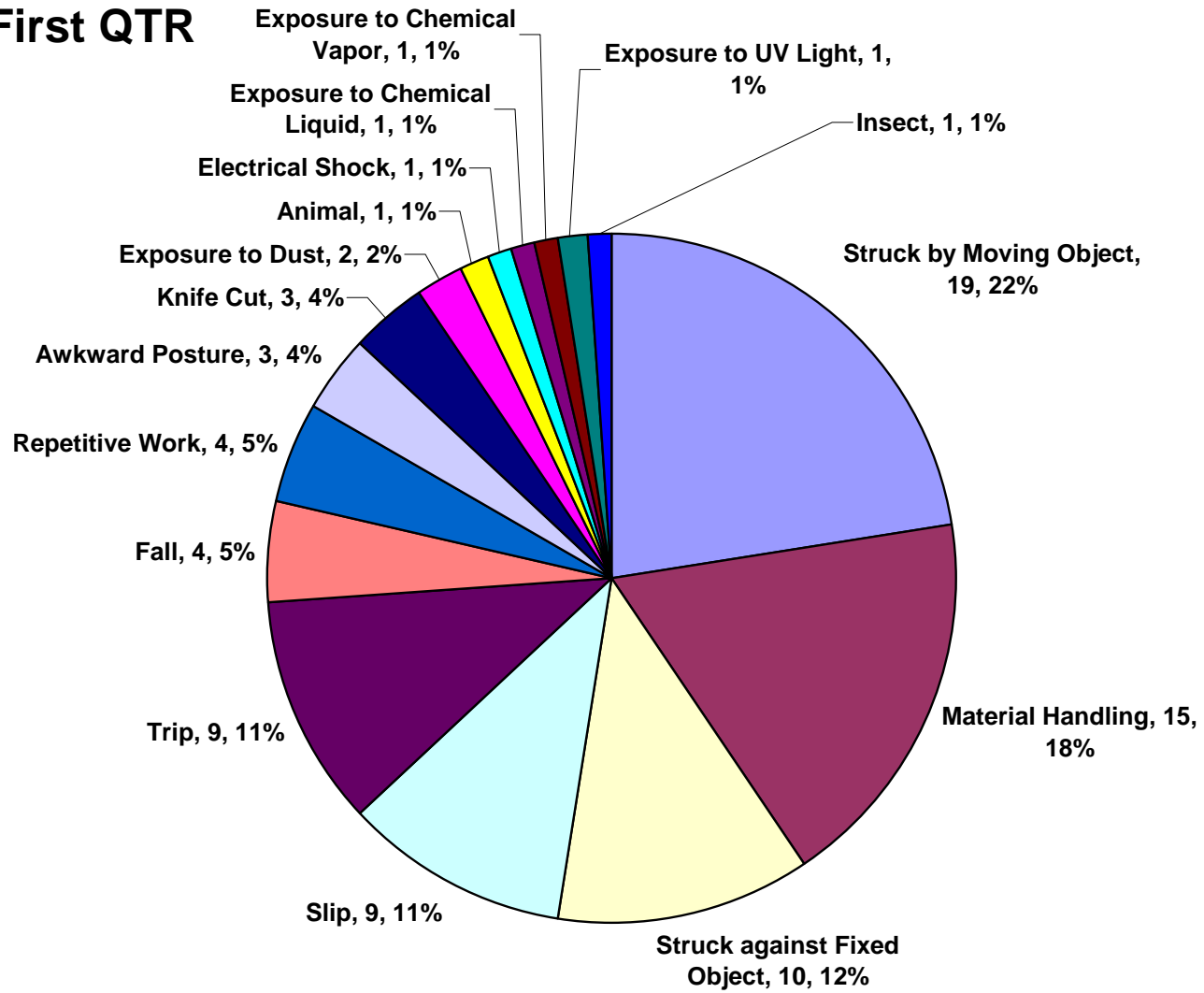
CLOSING REMARKS

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. in the Osborne Athletic fourth floor conference room. The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

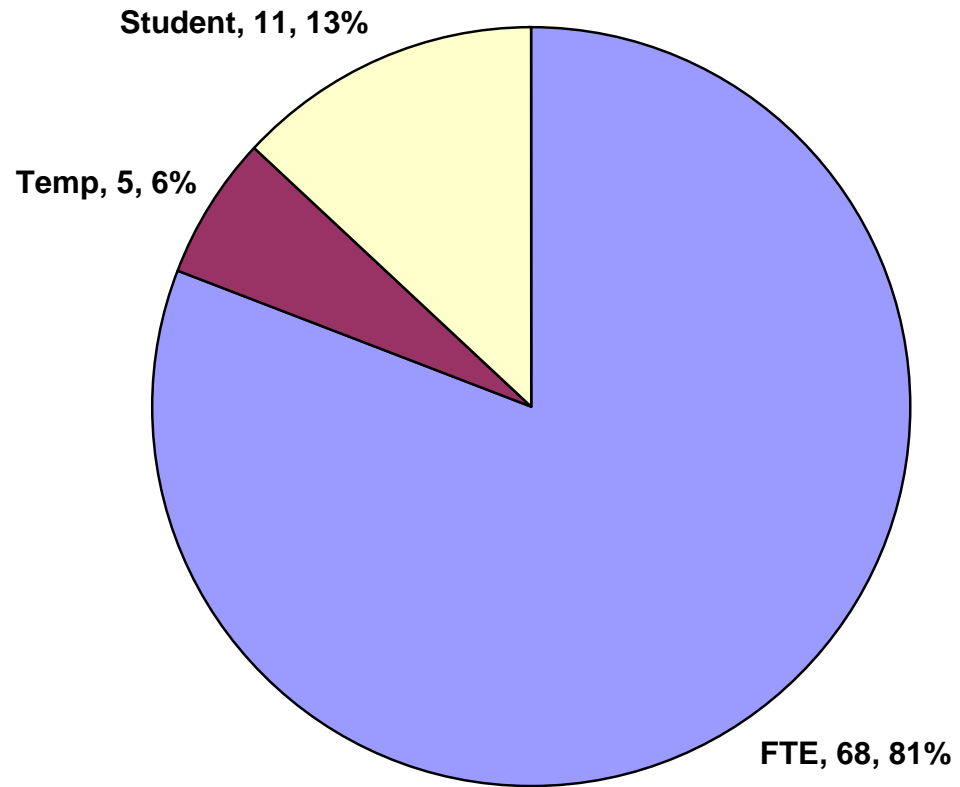
Incident by Department FY08 First QTR



Incident by Cause FY08 First QTR



Employment Type FY08 First QTR



Summary of High Cost Incidents

Department	Date of Incident	Description of Event	Investigation	Reserved Cost
Burr-Fedde	8/28/07	Employee slipped on a wet floor.	The employee was walking on wet floor that was just mopped. There was a wet floor sign out, but the employee was coming from the opposite direction and did not see the wording on the sign. The supervisor thought the employee could have walked more carefully.	\$7,611.96
Food Processing Center	9/4/07	Employee fell at the loading dock and lacerated their right shin.	The supervisor and employee were delivering ice cream at City Union. The employee stepped on a dock plate and it moved. The employee fell into the gap between the building and the dock plate, lacerating their shin. The supervisor thought it would have been easier to spot the dock plate if the plate had been painted yellow. EHS contacted the City Union facility manager and requested the dock plate be painted yellow.	\$6,731.59
Environmental Health & Safety	8/26/07	Employee twisted their right ankle at a curb while setting up a booth for Big Red Welcome. The employee sprained their right ankle severely.	The employee stated they were setting up a booth for Big Red Welcome. The table was placed very close to the curb. As (s)he walked around the table, the employee fell and twisted their right ankle. The employee was not sure what caused the fall. There was no defect with the curb. After the accident, another employee moved the table away from the curb.	\$5,400.00
Midwest Roadside Safety	8/21/07	Employee was lifting a wheeled wagon with another employee. The wheeled wagon fell on the employee's left hand and pinned fingers between the wagon and the concrete surface below	The employee was turning over a wheeled wagon with another employee. The wagon fell on the employee's hand and lacerated their hand severely. The supervisor stated the employees should have been using equipment for support so the wagon would not fall. The supervisor	\$4,995.51

			stated they would advise the workers to use available equipment.	
Custodial	8/21/07	Employee was checking on a floor project and slipped on a wet spot that the employee did not see.	The employee was supervising other employees who were stripping floors at CBA. The employee did not see the wet spot on the floor and slipped, straining their back. There were wet floor signs in the area. The employee knew the floors could be slippery. The employee stated they would be more careful.	\$2,200.00

Incident Rate YTD (Jan, Feb. Mar., Apr., May, Jun. July, Aug., Sept.)

Dept. Name	Hours Worked	# of Total Accidents	# of OSHA Recordable Accidents	# of Lost Time Accidents	Accident Rate (Includes all accidents)	OSHA Recordable Accident Rate	Lost Time Accident Rate*
Housing	888444.27	59	9	2	13.28	2.03	0.45
Facilities Management	708102.72	32	15	7	9.04	4.24	1.98
University Services	260438.04	12	6	2	9.22	4.61	1.54
Animal Science	197805.42	5	2	0	5.06	2.02	0.00
Extension Centers	889652.34	24	11	4	5.40	2.47	0.90
Student Union	163881.72	2	1	1	2.44	1.22	1.22
Agronomy/Horticulture	395865.90	3	2	0	1.52	1.01	0.00
Campus Recreation	145717.29	2	1	0	2.75	1.37	0.00
Athletics	505566.09	5	5	3	1.98	1.98	1.19
Other Units/Departments	8384479.65	61	27	6	1.46	0.64	0.14
Total Hours Worked	12539953.44	205	79	25	3.27	1.26	0.40

*Lost time accidents include lost work time accidents and accidents that caused workers to be on modified duties or to move to a different position.

Rate=(Number of incident X 200,000)/Hours worked