

## **Tier 2 Safety Meeting 12/12/24**

### ***Announcement:***

Grey Unczur to take over for Jim Mihou starting December 21st for interim.

### ***Real State:***

Past minutes:

- Malone paving project, still to be discussed.
- CEV is treated as a manhole, Tier 1 directive. Stickers to be placed on CEV if not done already.
- Address validation and phone numbers in process for CEV (for 911 as well). Phones in CEVs, no phones then buttset placed in CEV to be left there.
- Bats at Latham CO?
- Cambridge CO Parking lot, paving project? TBD.

New Business:

- Plowing and salting for Garages. Managers to put in tickets. Looking for follow up for priority dispatch. Email to Robert for problem areas. Call for priority response.
- Roof leak in Plattsburgh Garage, to be addressed soon.
- New gates in Plattsburgh.
- Operations to fix pole yard in house for Malone. Ted Trudeau to fix, Davis to follow up.

### ***Safety Equipment***

Past:

- Looking for a new manufacturer for LED Stop/Slow paddles, still ongoing.
- Emergency Contact cards for all employees.

New Business:

- LED Cone disks, email to be sent to Davis and Mihou, approval for trail awaiting.
- Attenuator state signs, where to order? Follow up coming.
- Maintenance needed signs for working on state roads in Saratoga, DOT guy stop for inspection.
- Paper copy back up for when electronic DVIR is down. Available from LM. DVIR placard to be distributed to garages for trucks.

### ***Product Selection***

Past:

- Milwaukee Threaded bolt cutters for cutting strand. Not received well from capital region. Possible video demo from Greg for next meeting. Trialing tool could come from a national budget.
- Live wire demo to start for Spring 2025
- Stud finder, Wallbot and Milwaukee tool available on tool ordering form.
- foam snow brushes.
- Night time lighted flagging wands. No PID available.

- Pad for ladders, ongoing issue.
- RF testers meter.
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#### New business:

- FVD Compass Helmet device malfunctioning. Return defective device to manager. Will be replaced. Training for employees who don't have one. No official video for training. Follow back up to come.
- Klein stud finder possible. looking into it. Phone and tablet software issues to get applications on work devices.
- Foam snow brushes, garages should have some.
- Vivov 220 RF Testers, PID 11381990.
- OTDR training, still in progress.
- 2 types of cones available in tool ordering form. Check permits for cone compliance.
- Old RDA gas meter testers come from the Boston area. Davis and Greg Unczur to link up to figure that out.
- NYS DOT telling employees on a job to not have an attenuator because of the length of the work zone. Situation handled, Rick told employees to add an extra line truck in the meantime for added protection.
- Flagging notification sensor? Issue not hearing electric cars incoming. Davis to check. Whistle available currently.

#### ***VFleet:***

- Diesel 911 issue? Different kinds for different situations? Diesel 911, and diesel medic available, Davis to clarify.

#### ***Engineering***

##### New Business:

- Basic blanket permits should be passed out in garages. Capital region specifically.

#### ***Storm meeting recap:***

- Vfleet does not repair generators. Mohawk to service.
- Stabilizer for generator, to come from Vfleet.
- Emergency response binder to come to all garages.
- PPM center issue, response issue. Duty Manager after 4:30pm, 518-649-9668 (Tim Breen region.) Call forwarding 6 selections for options when called. Davis gave permission for employees to give local connections with NYSEG, Grid etc. the number for better response from Verizon. PPM center #: internal 1-800-213-9211, outsiders 855-661-6323. Business cards with all numbers in Tim's region to pass out. Davis to ask at the 12/16/24 meeting.
- Emergency response meetings with NYSEG, Grid etc. Davis has attended in the past. No issues discussed.

#### ***Open forum for issues:***

- Foam filled pole holes, encouraged to cut and cover (done over in buffalo region) Davis to check with Tim on company policy.
- Wheel chocks. Rubber chocks for trailers only. Steele/All metal chocks for vehicles only. Phase out old wooden chocks.
- Attenuator training to come in 2025 for people who still need the training. Albany Buffalo Syracuse locations for training.
- Hands on flagging training can be requested, but more to come, going process.
- Strobe lighting, the extra cab and magnetic lights are available from Davis and Jasinski.
- Head light bulb issue. VFleet states DOT required bulbs only.
- Continued defensive driving course. Will be provided to all employees.
- Lead: squirrel guard, bagged and regular dumpster. Lead splices, bagged and put in a metal dumpster. Lead tools need to be separated and labeled from day to day tools. Or cleaned properly.
- Ladder fall: employee used customer ladder. Use verizon ladder only.
- Digging accident: Dug without 811 ticket. Employees struck underground facilities/and or gas lines. Always submit 811 tickets when digging and wait for a cleared ticket prior to digging.
- Decommissioning Copper and Lead State wide to come. New England/Boston/ Syracuse has started to phase out aerial/ manholes/ vaults. More to come. A company buying old lead and helping with the tear out process with a lead chop truck.
- 3M PAPRs (full face purified respirators) to replace half-faced respirators for man hole work only. No need to shave and get fitted per employee.
- Lead blood testing issue in Plattsburgh. Not receiving test results. Mihou and Davis working on issues with Kim Classen.
- Tier 3 safety meet notes to be passed to LM's to spread out issues and topics in huddles.

**NEXT MEETING 1/23/25 9 AM Union Hall.**