

## **CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS**

### **Notes of the Los Angeles/Long Beach JAPC**

**February 4, 2010**

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**REVIEW OF January 7, 2010 JAPC NOTES**

Delete 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph of JAPC Project. Grammatical errors corrected, Notes approved as amended.

**DISCUSSION TOPICS****ACCIDENT ANALYSIS**

The PMA representative provided the committee with a injury summary for 2009 within LA/LB.

An injury/illness analysis report was provided that detailed all 2009 injuries by occupation type. For LA/LB, the analysis showed a large increase in the IR rate for longshore and foreman work categories. The marine clerk injury rate showed improvement and decreased from the prior year.

Following the accident analysis, the longshore safety representative inquired about hearing loss claims noted on the 2009 analysis provided. The committee went on to discuss hearing loss conservation programs. The committee also discussed hearing protection that is made available to longshore workers.

**SERIOUS ACCIDENTS**

1. An incident to a steady gearman was discussed. The gearman was noted to have been driving at an excessive rate of speed, turned too fast into a corner, and drove the vehicle head-on into a parked chassis. The gearman climbed out thru the vehicle window and walked out of the terminal without notifying anyone about the incident.
2. A recent injury from Northern California was discussed. A foreman was driving down the hiline, and a marine clerk was also driving down the hiline. The two were involved in a vehicle collision resulting in internal bruising and unconsciousness to the marine clerk.

The committee discussed installing speed-governors on vehicles. A POLA container terminal operator provided details on his companies efforts to place governors on pick-up trucks and the positive benefits achieved.

**OLD BUSINESS****1. VEHICLE IDLING**

It was noted that Local 63 has started a safety link on their website and will be posting safety topics for their membership. The recent posting included details on not leaving vehicles running without an operator.

The Employers appreciate the efforts of Local 63.

## 2. CONDITION OF GANGWAYS

The union noted the need for the inspection of vessel gangways. Special focus should be placed on the use of cotter-pins or similar locking devices to ensure that the gangway remains sound.

If labor notices a problem with the gangway, it should be immediately reported to supervision for action.

In addition, the committee was provided with a recent FedOSHA publication on gangways. The *OSHA Quick Card – Gangway Safety in Marine Cargo Handling* was distributed. It was noted that the FedOSHA recommended way to properly net a gangway was in direct contradiction to that of the PCMSC.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. COMPUTER CONTINUITY IN TOP HANDLERS

The longshore representative inquired about computer power in Top Handlers. The committee discussed that computer continuity (as per the 2008 PCMSC MOU) is only required in semi tractors & pick up trucks.

### 2. MECHANIC LEADMEN

The Local 13 mechanic representative expressed that Mechanic Leadmen should have been included in the prior months JAPC discussion & notes involving Emergency Action Plans & Gangway Safety Talks.

### 3. EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS

The committee discussed from the prior month's JAPC involving hazardous material situations. The following was noted as being used in training from outside of the marine cargo handling industry.

For employees:    *Don't Touch*  
                          *Leave Area*  
                          *Notify Supervision*

For employers:    *Don't Touch*  
                          *Evacuate Area*  
                          *Notify Management*  
                          *Obtain Headcount*

In addition, the longshore representative wanted to note the following that is widely used in training on a national scale.

*S-I-N*                      *Safety*  
*Isolate & Deny Entry*  
*Notifications*

The foreman representative expressed the need for additional HazMat training along with a request for evacuation training.

4. CLERK RED-TAGGING OF PICKUP TRUCKS

The marine clerk representative noted a recent occurrence of a clerk pick up truck that had been taken to the shop for defects, but was not repaired and was placed back into service. It was noted that the problem was with the gear linkage and that the shift lever was not reading properly.

Several employer representative described their terminal procedures to deal with the repair of vehicles. It was noted that in addition to taking the vehicle to M&R, that supervision should also be notified.

It was noted that as a safety precaution, that when unattended, all vehicle shall be turned off as per PCMSC Rule 907. The committee discussed PCMSC Rule 901 requiring the pre-inspection of vehicles prior to operation.

The union recommended that the employers track red-tagged equipment.

5. MACOSH

It was noted that MACOSH has approved a traffic safety guidance document.

6. BAZOOKA LASHING

A POLA safety director provided the committee with details surrounding a vessel that recently came in with bazooka style lashing in place on the outer tiers.

The Union expressed that this type of lashing is unsafe.

The Employer noted that bazooka style lashing is not prohibited by CalOSHA, FedOSHA or the Pacific Coast Marine Safety Code.

7. LOCAL 13 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RE: IH TESTING

All three ILWU LA/LB Local representatives asked about the recent request for information concerning IH testing. The Secretary noted that a reply is being drafted.

Meeting adjourned 3:35 PM.  
MLH