

JAPC notes 4/3/2014

Review of March 06 2014 JAPC Notes

Discussion Topics

Accident analysis

No errors corrected

Serious Accidents

1. The committee was made aware of an ILA worker that was run over by a TH in Puerto Rico. The person killed was 62 year old, on foot and wearing earbuds.
2. The committee discussed an incident in which a clerk in a pickup truck working with a top handler was hit from behind by the top handler while she was in the pickup truck. Luckily the clerk felt the impact of the top handler and pressed the gas pedal to keep from being run completely over. The committee suggested that clerks traveling with the top handlers that they are working with should follow behind the top handler instead of being in front. The accident happened at a stop sign and the top handler operator said he didn't see the clerk truck in front of him
3. The committee discussed an incident in which a top handler operator was travelling with the spreader in the 40' position and clipped a stack of containers and took it down. The top handler was traveling slowly
4. The committee was made aware of an incident that happened where a crane operator picked up a UTR 3- 4 feet in the air because of a stuck cone. When the cone finally released the utr fell to the ground and the driver was injured. The paramedics were called and the injured was taken to the hospital

Old Business

1. Guards On Container Crane E-stop

The committee continued the discussion on placing ring guards around the E-Stop buttons on container gantry crane legs.

An employer representative noted the guards would have to be approved by the manufacturer as employers will not accept the liability of modifying a safety device.

To date, no manufacturer has approved installing a ring guard.

The Union also requested the E-stop signage be repainted as several are faded.

An employer representative brought in pictures of their E stops to show that they did have guards and that they were painted but he didn't know if they came like that from the factory.

2. Port Wide Safety Day

The committee was provided with a report by the sub-committee. The group decided upon a quarterly safety message for all terminals to emphasize at the same time.

The first theme was "I Can't See You."

The focus is to be on blind spot safety, driving in container rows, top handler movement and driving conditions.

Union is working on getting pictures of blind spots. They are looking to get the program rolling by May.

3. Vessel Emergency Action Plan

The committee continued the discussion over terminal emergency action plans. The foremen representative requested the recent procedures discussed in the JAPC be included in the terminal EAP's.

Union requested for each employers EAP. They said they will ask for it every year and they will ask formally in writing. Union stated that they wanted the EAP's emailed to Taylor at L13 so that it will get dispersed to all the locals.

New business

1. New Dispatch Hall

The union discussed putting safety flyers on the screens at the new dispatch hall. They wanted to put NMSA videos on the screens as well.

2. LAFD New Chief

The LAFD new chief was supposed to meet at APMT but he wasn't able to make it. His representation on did show and the event went well.

3. Foremen Wearing Fall Arrest

It was brought to the attention of the committee that foremen when they accompany LS workers aloft are usually not wearing fall protection. An employer representative had a meeting with Danny Miranda and Mike Trudeau and they agreed that the foremen should be tying off even if they are just accompanying LS that are doing work.

4. Fall Arrest Tech

Union requested to get the representative from fall arrest tech into one of the JAPC meetings. Union also wanted a practice ship rescue to be done yearly.

5. Disabling Passenger Airbags in Pickup Trucks

The committee spoke about the letter that was handed out to the committee. The union wanted the passenger airbags disabled in the pickup trucks. An employer representative said it will be discussed in the AAPC.

Meeting adjourned 3:45pm

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