

CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS

Notes of the Los Angeles/Long Beach JAPC

April 06, 2017

Location: ILWU Local 13

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REVIEW OF MARCH 2, 2017 JAPC NOTES

The Committee reviewed the notes.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

ACCIDENT ANALYSIS

The committee was provided with the LA/LB injury summary report covering 02/15/17 to 03/15/17 [pmap5060]. The report listed 22 LT and 38 NLT injuries for LA/LB. Direct employers provided additional information on 27 of the injuries. Members were reminded to review the injury report and follow-up with either the employer or the Secretary if additional information/details are requested.

SERIOUS ACCIDENTS

In addition to reviewing the monthly injury report, the following incidents were discussed:

1. Lashing data is slightly skewed since one company is unable to use the correct lashing OCC code in their payroll system.
2. The committee discussed falls from atop container rail gondolas. This type of injury often results in a serious injury to the employee. It was noted this is a current topic at MACOSH. Fall protection options are very limited atop gondolas. It was noted the current hard hat issued to labor is designed for impact protection, and not necessarily for falls from heights and perhaps a PETZL style hard hat would be more suitable. The use of Pope mobiles was discussed, but their use is to eliminate the hazards of climbing gondola ladders, and not from falls at height.

The committee suggested a safety tip flyer on rail gondola hazards.

3. The union asked about a recent incident in which two containers fell from atop the vessel onto the dock apron. The incident occurred at a POLB container terminal. No injuries were reported. The employer will gather the details and report back to the committee.
4. A longshore safety representative requested information from a stevedore employer on a possible electrical shock to lashers aboard a vessel. [Following the meeting, the employer notified the union that superintendents and labor were asked, but no incidents were reported.]

OLD BUSINESS

1. TOP HANDLER INJURY/ACCIDENT SUB-COMMITTEE

It was noted a white paper is currently being drafted.

2. EMERGENCY SIGNAGE/FIRE DEPARTMENT JAPC SUB-COMMITTEE

It was noted that POLA will begin construction on the fire boat landing locations. Construction should be completed by summer.

3. WORKING AT HEIGHTS RESCUE SUB-COMMITTEE

The first meeting was scheduled to meet on 4/18/17 at Local 13.

4. LOCAL 13 RFI re: WIND RELATED INCIDENTS

No discussion. A best-practice / guidance document will be prepared.

5. SAFETY CHAIN / DEVICE WHILE OPENING CONTAINERS

A Union safety representative asked about a safety chain device that is used by some employers when opening containers for inspection. The device prevents the container door(s) from opening quickly and striking employees.

The Employers asked for a sample, or for vendor contact information

6. Photo Sensors

The Union reviewed the document presented to the JAPC regarding "photo sensors for the detection of two twenty foot containers" dated February 02, 2017.

7. Container Crane bypass Protocol

A Local 13 crane operator safety representative noted a recent incident in which twin 20's fell during discharge operations. He noted the crane bypass was used, but visual observation of the containers did not occur prior to lifting / bypass being approved. He stated the crane operator is too far from the containers to verify if the bypass should be engaged and that someone on the vessel should visually observe prior to lifting. *For reference, ILWU letter to JAPC dated February 02, 2017.*

8. Electric Interlocks on Crane Spreader Beams

A union safety representative noted that one employer is still using MITSUI beams that have electric interlocks on their spreaders. All other spreaders use an electric and mechanical connection. The concern is that containers can disengage (and fall) by a signal from the operator or an electrical fault. *For reference, ILWU letter to JAPC dated February 02, 2017.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Container Crane Slow Down

The union informed the committee they will draft a letter to the employers requesting the distance in which the container crane over dock slow down is set on terminal cranes.

2. Mechanics & Semi Tractor Training

The union informed the committee they would draft a letter to the employers involving mechanics and semi tractor training.

3. Maintenance of Vehicles & Equipment

The union notified the employers they are investigating employers cancelling regularly scheduled maintenance.