

## CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS

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

January 05, 2012

#### JAPC UNION REPRESENTATIVES

*Gary Kelley	ILWU Local 13
*David Beeman (Chairman)	ILWU Local 13
*Donovan Russell	ILWU Local 13
*Kenny Ursich	ILWU Local 63
*Marco Geich	ILWU Local 94

#### EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVES

David Turner	APM Terminals
Rob Wolters	California United Terminals
Jeff Mineghino	SSA Marine
	Coast Maritime Services
	SSA Terminals
Mark Blackman	International Transportation Srvc.
	Cooper/T. Smith
Jeff Brown	Eagle Marine Services
Steve Nott	Long Beach Container Terminal
Ken Keane	Metro Ports
Rich Molony	National Lines Bureau
Craig Kappe	Metro Ports
Mike Outland	PCMC
Luis Jara	Total Terminals
Sean Williams	Ports America
N. Vesely	Ports America
Derik Iverson	Ports America

#### SECRETARY

Michael Hall	Pacific Maritime Association
--------------	------------------------------

**REVIEW OF DECEMBER 01, 2011 JAPC NOTES**

Minor grammatical error corrected.

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

The Committee was provided with the quarterly manhour & injury report comparing 2011 versus 2010.

The final 2011 injury rate numbers were still under review and will be made available during the next scheduled meeting.

**SERIOUS ACCIDENTS**

1. The committee discussed at length a recent injury in which a signalman was struck by a cone basket and knocked to the ground. The safety manager provided details. The signalman was leaning against the cone basket before the start of vessel operations with his back to traffic flow. A passing semi tractor clipped the cone basket that was slightly inside the traffic lane. The basket knocked the employee to the ground. The employee was sent and released from the hospital.

The committee discussed that several pictures were posted to the internet of the incident. This action was inappropriate and disrespectful to the employee and fellow longshore workers. The photo(s) gave the impression of a fatality and caused unnecessary confusion involving the incident.

2. A recent incident in which a watchman bus driver struck a stanchion at the truck out-gate was reviewed. Several longshore workers were jostled inside the bus when it came to a sudden stop. The safety manager noted the bus driver was not following the correct traffic flow.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **MARINE CLERK PICKUP TRUCK MAINTENANCE**

The marine clerk representative noted a recent problem in which he was instructed by his clerk supervisor that he needed permission to have a vehicle repaired that he felt was unsafe. The clerk representative noted that he was told that all vehicles were needed due to heavy vessel work.

The committee discussed PCMSC Rule 901:

*Shall test brakes, shifting mechanisms, accelerator mechanisms, windshield wipers, steering gear, warning safety lights, horn and, where equipped, seat belts and mechanisms for raising, lowering and tilting before starting work. Upon completion of the inspection, the vehicle operator shall immediately report any*

*defects to the foreman, walking boss or other employer representative on the job, who shall act promptly to correct the defect in the gear, vehicle, machinery or any unsafe working condition.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. APMT TRASH CANS

The Union stated they were pleased with the quantity of new trash cans at APMT. It was noted the trash cans were high-tech state of the art trash receptacles.

2. DRUG & ALCOHOL POLICY

A container terminal safety manager described a recent discussion with a longshore worker who was fired for being under the influence on the job. The longshore employee thanked the safety manager for firing her as it lead her into a recovery program. She described the experience as positive.

For reference, the Alcoholism/Drug Recovery Program benefits can be coordinated through the Southern California ADRP representative.

**Jackie Cummings, ADRP Coast Director**  
870 W. 9th Street, Suite 201, San Pedro, CA 90731  
Telephone: (310) 547-9966

3. 63rd ANNUAL SAFETY AWARDS

The 2011 Safety Awards will be held at the Long Beach Hyatt Regency on Thursday, March 01, 2012. Invitations will be mailed in January.

The March 2012 JAPC will be cancelled since it is the same day as the event.

4. JAPC PROJECT – SAFETY BANNER

Following on discussion from prior meetings, the committee discussed the wording for a JAPC safety banner to be displayed at marine terminals informing employees on the injury rate decrease in 2011 and thanking them for their contribution toward safety on the waterfront. After several drafts, the final wording was:

<p>Safety is NO Accident</p> <p>JAPC Thanks YOU for Working Safer in 2011</p> <p>LA/LB Joint Accident Prevention Committee</p>
--

Meeting adjourned 3:15 PM.  
MLH