

CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS

Notes of the Los Angeles/Long Beach JAPC

July 9, 2015

Location: ILWU – PMA Training Center

JAPC UNION REPRESENTATIVES

Jack Russo	ILWU Local 94
Kenny Ursich	ILWU Local 63
Tim Monahan	ILWU Local 13
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EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVES

Dave Turner	APM Terminals
Nick Spittle	CUT
Jeff Mineghino	SSA Marine
Vince McCullough	SSA Terminals
Jeff Brown	Eagle Marine Services
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James Heim	Ports America
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REVIEW OF JUNE 4, 2015 JAPC NOTES

The Committee reviewed the notes.

DISCUSSION TOPICS**ACCIDENT ANALYSIS**

The committee was provided with the LA/LB injury summary report covering 5/15 to 6/15/2015 [pmap5060]. The report listed 17 LT and 31 NLT injuries for LA/LB. 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

The Union requested additional information on report items: 1, 2, 3, 5, 11, 15, 22, 24, 26, 27, 35 and 37.

1. In addition to the information request, the Local 13 Business Agent provided details involving a container that free-fell 30-40 ft. The container crane operator landed the spreader hard which made contact for the autolock to engage, then bounce off the container. This gave the crane operator a false "green-light" to lift the container. Friction held the container on the spreader until half way to the vessel when the container tilted due to only being locked with two twistlocks. It was reported the autolock plunger requires 7/10 of a second to sense a lock. Local 13 noted they will request all terminals modify container crane sensors to autolock at 1.5 seconds in a LRC meeting.
2. The Local 13 Business Agent also provided details involving a near-miss with a tug boat during container crane training. Crane training is done without a vessel alongside. The crane student was trolleying out and nearly struck the passing vessel. The committee discussed a possible public service announcement to the boating community. A Local 13 member noted he will discuss the incident with POLA.
3. A POLB stevedore safety director gave details in which a container crane was boomed down by a mechanic while the vessel alongside was pulling away. The crane beam struck the vessel flood lights, sending them to the deck (near vessel crew). The container crane is out of service due to beam damage.
4. A POLA container terminal safety director informed the committee of a steady top handler operator that was driving down a traffic aisle with the beam in the 40 ft position. The beam impacted a 3-high loaded container that flew approximately 20 ft landing onto a passing semi-tractor cab. The semi-tractor driver sustained fractured ribs and is currently off work.
5. A POLB stevedore safety director provided details involving an injury in the power shop. The mechanic backed the semi-tractor over the legs of a mechanic.

6. A POLA container terminal safety director informed the committee of a recent incident in which a forklift operator was still connected to the cone-bin atop a chassis, when the semi-tractor driver pulled away.

The committee review PCMSC rule 1636.

Rule 1636. While individual cone boxes are being loaded to or unloaded from a flat rack connected to a semi-tractor, the semi-tractor operator shall set the brakes and shut off the engine.

OLD BUSINESS

1. JAPC LASHING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee was provided with a lashing sub-committee report.

2. ILWU LOCAL 13 JAPC PROPOSAL 1/15

The Union requested FA/CPR dates in August. The Secretary will contact the Training department and follow-up with Local 13.

3. TOP HANDLER INJURY/ACCIDENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The members on the Top Handler JAPC are:

Dave Turner, APMT
Vince McCullough,
SSA

Sharifa Batts, PAH
James Diamond, L13
Mark Jurisic, L13 BA

Tom Hibbison, L13
Mike Trudeau, L94
Kenny Ursich, L63

4. EMERGENCY SIGNAGE / FIRE DEPARTMENT JAPC SUB-SOMMITTEE

The members on the Emergency Gate Signage JAPC sub-committee are:

Jeff Brown, EMS
Luis Jara, TTI

Jack Russo, L94
Tim Monahan, L13

NEW BUSINESS

1. STATUS OF BAD REFRIGERANT REEFERS

The Union requested an update / status report on the bad refrigerant (Vietnam reefers) being stored on marine terminals.

An Employer representative discussed how the counterfeit refrigerant can react with the reefer metal and become explosive when exposed to air. The impacted reefers are on hold until the vessel line (owner) can determine an appropriate solution to the problem.

Meeting adjourned 3:15 PM.

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