

CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS

Notes of the Los Angeles/Long Beach JAPC

June 07, 2012

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SECRETARY

Michael Hall	Pacific Maritime Association
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REVIEW OF MAY 03, 2012, JAPC NOTES

No corrections were noted.

DISCUSSION TOPICS**ACCIDENT ANALYSIS**

Committee members were provided with the YTD quarterly manhour & injury report in comparison to 2011. The reports indicate that the lost time injury rate is trending lower from 2011.

A terminal safety director requested an analysis of lasher injuries in 2012 compared to 2011 for discussion at the next JAPC.

A longshore representative requested a listing of ILWU members reporting exhaust fume injuries. [This information was emailed to the Union following the meeting]

SERIOUS ACCIDENTS

1. A POLA container terminal safety director provided the Committee with details involving a lost time injury to a Swingman. The employee was sitting atop a K-rail, fell backward and struck her head against the concrete.
2. A stevedoring safety manager discussed an injury to a longshore worker that was struck by a locking pole.

OLD BUSINESS**1. LAFD FIREBOAT**

An Employer representative discussed a recent meeting with a LAFD Chief involving the dispatch of fire boats to speed emergency response. The Employers will provide the FD with terminal gates and numbers. The FD recommended that the terminals number their gates to aid in response. LAFD also recommended that each terminal meet one on one with their local fire station.

The Employers also provided the FD with an action item as they would like to know what information the FD would like to have when calling 911.

It was noted that LBFD will also respond with a fire boat and engine unit when required. LBFD also noted they would like to train with the terminals rescue cage in August. LBFD also requested that the POLB terminals post numbers on their gates to aid in response.

2. TERMINAL MAPS

A longshore safety representative requested that when the terminals number their gates (for the FD) that these corrections be noted on the terminal maps.

3. WATER AVAILABILITY – HEAT ILLNESS

A longshore safety representative noted that with summer (and the hot weather) approaching, now is a good time to replace water filters at the terminals, and to ensure that adequate amounts of water, and cups are available.

4. FALL RESCUE

The Committee revisited the topic of fall rescue from atop a container vessel.

The Union stated that having to wait for the Fire Department to arrive and retrieve a fall-victim will take too long and is unacceptable due to the severity of suspension trauma.

The Employers noted they have discussed the use of a SRL device with the LAFD. The Employers stated they are in agreement with the suggestions to aid the FD in faster response, but are still investigating the acquisition of SRL's, in addition to self-retrieval devices.

After a lengthy discussion, the Employers proposed to form a sub-committee on this subject.

The Secretary reminded the Committee on the purpose of the Joint Accident Prevention Committee, that this is not a "Safety LRC," and that the best that can be accomplished is best practice guidance. The Employers are not empowered to enact rules.

NEW BUSINESS

1. PCMSC RULE 628 & 629

A container terminal safety manager discussed a recent CalOSHA citation. A CalOSHA inspector called a crane operator on his personal cell phone while he was at work. Since the crane operator picked up the phone the inspector determined that the Employer was in violation of PCMSC rule 629.

For reference:

Rule 629. The use of personal electronic devices, i.e., AM/FM radios, cellular phones, portable TVs, portable tape players, and lap-top computers are prohibited on the job.

The Committee went on to discuss the use of cell phones by labor, management, and OTR truck drivers.

The Committee also discussed enforcement of safety rules against OTR truck drivers. One terminal noted they cited over 600 drivers in 2012 with 300 of those being banned until they attend a driver safety class.

2. VESSEL RESCUE

The Committee discussed the availability of rescue cages. A longshore representative stated that during a recent rescue it took 20 minutes to locate and bring the rescue cage to the vessel.

The Committee discussed who is responsible to bring the rescue cage when required. Some employers use their gearmen while others will have a semi tractor driver bring it to the scene.

3. SEATBELT COMPLAINTS

A longshore labor representative noted a large amount of [failing to wear] seatbelt complaints being issued, but no stop sign or speeding complaints. It was the Union's position to enforce all of the driving rules and not selectively enforce only the seatbelt rules.

The marine clerk representative noted several vehicles having defective seatbelts in need of repair.

4. PLACEMENT OF OBJECTS IN CRANE SAFETY LANES

A longshore representative asked the Employers on their policy regarding the placement of objects inside the container crane safety lanes.

The Employers were asked if there is an industry wide standard on placing items in the safety lane (except cone baskets) directly adjacent to the operation. This includes pick-up trucks, cone racks, containers, etc.

It was the Union position that placing objects directly adjacent to the operation creates a blind spot for the crane operator and is an obstacle for those working on the ground.

5. RAPID EMERGENCY RESPONSE PACKET

A foreman safety representative distributed a packet of emergency response and safety proposals. The packet contained suggestions for an emergency radio channel, vessel sirens, additional AEDs, fall arrest systems, terminal sirens and several other rules.

The Employers will review the packet but noted that several of these items were discussed during Coast PCMSC negotiations.

6. ITS HEALTH FAIR

International Transportation Services will host a Health Fair on June 27, 2012 from 1100 – 1400. The Bloodmobile and various health booths will be in attendance.

The location will be the main building.

Meeting adjourned 3:55 PM.

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