

CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS

Notes of the Los Angeles/Long Beach JAPC

March 02, 2017

Location: Wilmington Training Center

JAPC UNION REPRESENTATIVES

Tim Monahan	ILWU Local 13
Mark Jurisic	ILWU Local 13
Don Chambers	ILWU Local 13
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EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVES

Eddy Cabrera	APM Terminals
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Jeff Mineghino	SSA Marine / SSA Terminals
Vince McCullough	SSA Marine / SSA Terminals
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REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 02, 2017 JAPC NOTES

The Committee reviewed the notes.

DISCUSSION TOPICS**ACCIDENT ANALYSIS**

The committee was provided with the LA/LB injury summary report covering 01/15/17 to 02/15/17 [pmap5060]. The report listed 28 LT and 14 NLT injuries for LA/LB. Direct employers provided additional information on 9 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. A longshore safety representative discussed a recent injury to a vehicle driver in which he exited his running vehicle. The committee discussed the ignition kill switch that is connected to the vehicle door. The device, currently in use at several terminals, was recommended by the union at additional locations.
2. A longshore crane operator provided details on the crane slow down mode installed on container gantry cranes. It was noted that relying on the slow down mode is not advised as even a 1 in 1000 failure rate will still result in numerous injuries based upon the amount of cargo moves. Employers were reminded to periodically reset the device for proper operation. Variables such as, weight of the cargo (inertia), wind, and not being recalibrated can cause the slow down to not function properly.
3. The foreman safety representative requested a 2016 summary of foremen injuries separated by elevated foremen (OCC 138) vs. registered foremen.
4. A longshore safety representative requested an updated summary of 2016 LA/LB injury reports.
5. A recent incident was discussed by a POLA container terminal operator. A top handler driver was injured when his vehicle tipped over due to overweight cargo. Since he was wearing his seatbelt, the injury was minor. The cargo was noted to be out of gauge on height & width which could have contributed to the incident.
6. A moment of silence was observed for ILWU member Sil Vaifanua, 37761. Mr. Vaifanua recently suffered a fatal heart attack while working on the job. The JAPC meeting was held in his honor.

OLD BUSINESS1. 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 is expected to occur after the vessel drill.

4. CONT. GANTRY CRANE RESCUE EXERCISE RE: PCMSC 1448E

The stop work vessel container top fall rescue exercise is scheduled for March 02 2017 at YTI during the 2nd shift. The drill will be filmed for future training use.

5. LOCAL 13 RFI re: WIND RELATED INCIDENTS

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

6. 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

7. 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.

8. 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.*

9. 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. MACOSH

A Coast longshore safety representative noted the current OSHA MACOSH charter, and all meetings, are currently on hold pending the appointment of the SEC of Labor.

2. 6th Annual Steve Saggiani Memorial Gold Tournament

“That’s Right! Safety First” distributed flyers to the committee announcing their upcoming golf tournament for charity. Proceeds are distributed to various children’s charities, and ILWU families that have lost a member on the job. The Employers appreciated the announcement.

3. Pick-Up Truck Defroster

The marine clerk safety representative noted that with the recent foul weather, many clerks have reported problems driving vehicles with defrosters that do not work. Visibility is greatly reduced. Employers were reminded to inspect and repair non-operational vehicles.

4. Awards Banquet

The Secretary noted the awards banquet for next year is scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 15, 2018.