

CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS

Notes of the Los Angeles/Long Beach JAPC

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REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 01, 2011 JAPC NOTES

Minor grammatical error corrected.

The September notes were amended to read:

A longshore representative discussed possible causes on why the accident rate is down. It was noted that when the injury rate is down, that is a good time to use the frequency rate to our advantage and to commend employees for working safely on the job. This topic was a follow-up on the initial conversation that occurred at the beginning of the year when the injury statistics were initially released. The longshore representative inquired as what had been done with the data results since then.

A discussion followed on how this message could be best communicated to longshore workers. The idea suggested by the longshore representative was to place banners and signage to let employees know about how they have reduced the injury rate in LA/LB.

DISCUSSION TOPICS**ACCIDENT ANALYSIS**

No report provided.

SERIOUS ACCIDENTS

1. An injury to a semi-tractor driver was discussed. The vehicle turned over causing the ISO tank to flip to the ground. It was noted only 2 of the 4 twistlocks were secured. Liquid from the tank was reported, but turned out to be water condensation.
2. A non-work related injury was noted. During the morning gangway safety talk, a semi-tractor driver collapsed due to a personal medical condition and fractured her leg.

OLD BUSINESS**1. CONTAINER CRANE RESCUE DRILL**

A container crane rescue drill was conducted on September 28 at the Total Terminals facility. LB Fire, LA City Fire and San Bernardino County Fire participated.

NEW BUSINESS

1. APMT GLOBAL SAFETY DAY

The APMT Safety Director invited the committee to attend their safety day to be held at the terminal on October 12. The JAPC will have a table to answer questions from labor.

2. BOMBCART MAINTENANCE

The Union informed the Employers of on-going problems with bombcart maintenance. It was noted this problem is port wide and is not specific to one employer.

Several items were noted, but attention was focused on parking brakes not holding air and glad-hands not fitting properly or being replaced when needed.

Employers can identify bad bombcarts because they will be misaligned in the parking spot. Semi-tractor drivers try to haul the bombcart away but only get several feet as the brakes lock and will not move. The semi-tractor driver leaves to go find a working bombcart, leaving the bad bombcart misaligned in the parking spot.

The committee briefly discussed the bombcart report that was conducted back in the late-1990's. It was noted in the earlier report, and again noted during the meeting that bombcarts (as opposed to chassis) do not have a maintenance schedule.

Employers advised that the location of malfunctioning bombcarts should be noted to supervision.

Meeting adjourned 2:25 PM.

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