

# **CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS**

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

**November 01, 2012**

### JAPC UNION REPRESENTATIVES

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David Turner	APM Terminals
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### SECRETARY

Michael Hall	Pacific Maritime Association
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**REVIEW OF OCTOBER 04, 2012, JAPC NOTES**

Minor corrections and attendance roster corrected.

**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.

The Committee was also provided with the monthly *JAPC Summary Report*, listing all reported injuries within LA/LB for the month of October.

The Secretary responded to the Local 13 accident data request dated 10/04/2012. He noted the Employers are still in the process of reviewing the data request. The Employers don't have the information requested and are discussing the various options.

The Union component of the JAPC passed the Employers a written request (dated 10/20/2012 and passed on 11/01/2012) involving the collection of accident reports. A copy of the letter is attached. The Union noted that accident sharing is of benefit to the Employers and noted a recent example of a forklift mechanic that lifted, dropped and damaged equipment is an example of data that is not collected in the injury summary.

**SERIOUS ACCIDENTS**

1. The Union described a recent injury to a member. The holdman was working down in the vessel against the forklift. The load shifted, pinning the worker and crushing his legs. The fire department response time and the availability of a rescue cage were discussed. The Union requested a meeting with the employer to discuss the details.
2. A POLA container terminal safety director provided details in which they had to order a mobile crane in order to discharge damaged containers. The ILWU mobile crane operator was descending the equipment stairs to exit the crane, misjudged the last step, and fell to the dock.

**OLD BUSINESS****1. RESCUE CAGE LOCATION**

A Local 13 member inquired about the location and availability of rescue cages. He noted this should be the responsibility of the garmen and that rescue cages should be pre-staged near/on the hiline near the backreach.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of the fire department using the rescue cage as a water rescue device and that in a recent drill the rescue cage worked well for the water retrieval.

## 2. LASHING TRAINING PROGRAM REVIEW

The Union discussed the lashing testing and training program. The Union noted that while the JAPC cannot change the procedures they can make recommendations. The Employers noted that while the casual applicant lashing test remains under CLRC authority, they would be willing to review and make recommendations on the lashing training (which is provided after students pass the lashing test).

Several members of the Committee agreed to watch the lashing training on 11/13/2012.

## 3. FIRE DEPARTMENT EXERCISE

The Union requested to hold the yearly crane rescue drill with the fire department and will review the different types of exercises available and report back.

## 4. OVERLAPPING CONTAINERS

The Employers provided a response to the Unions request. The Employers noted they discussed this at great length during their monthly meeting, but decided there are too many unique situations to account for in a single protocol. The Employer safety managers concluded that if the Top Handler driver is unsure of the situation, or unsure of how to proceed, they should contact their supervisor for direction.

The safety managers noted they do not work in operations and could not develop operational procedures, and if the Union still requests such, the LRC forum would be the proper venue.

## 5. JAPC SUB-COMMITTEES

The Committee noted the JAPC sub-committee on emergency access is scheduled for Monday, 11/12/2012 at Local 13, at 12 noon.

## 6. PCMSC RULE 309 – FA/CPR CLASS

[Following the prior meeting, the PMA training department provided the Union with a FA/CPR class date].

The Secretary noted the Training Department is willing to arrange for additional training dates for those interested.

7. JAPC & UNION SAFETY MESSAGE

The Employers suggested a monthly safety theme of:

*See Something – Do Something.*

8. HAZMAT CARGO TERMINAL LOCATION

The Committee re-visited this topic as the Employers misunderstood the question from the prior meeting. The Union noted their concern was the leaking HazMat container containment area, and not general container storage locations. The Union noted that one terminal has their containment area under the Vincent Thomas bridge and another is located adjacent to a traffic lane.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. RADIO STATIC

The Foreman representative noted increasing radio static problems at a marine terminal. The employer noted that are working with the radio vendor. The Local 63 representative noted a radio problem in which not enough radio batteries are available. The employer noted that the equipment is on order.

Meeting adjourned 3:45 PM.

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