

# **CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS**

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

**January 03, 2013**

### JAPC UNION REPRESENTATIVES

Jack Russo	ILWU Local 94
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Jeff Mineghino	SSA Marine Coast Maritime Services SSA Terminals
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Greg Barker	Ports America
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Danny Inman	PCMC
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### SECRETARY

Michael Hall	Pacific Maritime Association
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## **REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 01, 2012 JAPC NOTES**

Minor corrections 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 December.

The Secretary noted that a 2012 total injury summary will be provided to each Local in January.

The Local 13 Business Agent requested a Special LRC to discuss the accident analysis data collection proposal that was distributed during the November JAPC. He noted that to prevent accidents, you have to review all accident data. The Union would like to review employer accident reporting procedures.

#### **SERIOUS ACCIDENTS**

1. The Committee discussed a recent injury to a Marine Clerk. The Clerk left her vehicle running unattended and the pick-up moved forward. The driver chased the truck, then tripped and fell. The vehicle drove over her leg.

The Committee discussed this injury, and similar past occurrences at length.

The Committee noted PCMSC Rule 907: [Vehicle operators] *Shall set brakes and shut off motor when leaving vehicle.*

2. The Committee discussed a recent injury in which a container crane operator lifted and dropped a semi-tractor multiple times. The driver sustained a lost time injury.

A longshore safety representative discussed the inconsistency among different manufacturers of chassis. The spring-loaded pins do not stick/fail as often as those without the spring-loaded pins. Employers (or chassis owners) should take the feature into mind when ordering chassis or explore the possibility of retrofitting the current chassis pool.

**OLD BUSINESS**1. **RESCUE CAGE EQUIPMENT**

The longshore business agent discussed additional equipment when using the rescue cage for person in the water retrieval during night operations. The freeboard of the vessel creates a very dark location alongside the location where the rescue cage would be lowered. It was suggested to add a flashing light, handheld or fixed, inside the cage to be used to illuminate the area and to alert rescue craft of the location.

2. **TRAINING PROGRAM REVIEW**

The Union discussed several topics of interest following their review of lashing training/testing. While changing the lashing test is the responsibility of the Coast LRC, the Union suggested adding a signaling portion to the lashing training curriculum that is provided upon completion of testing. They would also like to have multiple sets of cones and a container available to practice inserting/removing.

The Union also suggested several improvements to the semi tractor training program. It was noted that a bombcart is not used during training. It was also suggested to have a driving obstacle course part of the training to resemble terminal driving conditions, since a majority of incidents occur when drivers impact fixed objects.

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. **JAPC SUB-COMMITTEES**

A foreman safety representative stated that following the recent industry meeting with LAFD, he will soon be contacting terminals to arrange for the FD terminal visits.

**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 94 representative also noted a radio problem at a Long Beach terminal.

The Secretary stated that he will distribute an Employer Safety Manager contact list for the Union to contact the terminal to discuss individual terminal concerns.

2. **JAPC INFORMATION TO LABOR**

A longshore safety representative noted the disconnect between the accident analysis discussed during the JAPC and providing the information to the average longshore

worker. Several ideas were discussed, such as more local safety tip flyers and the increased use of videos/materials in the breakrooms.

Meeting adjourned 3:45 PM.

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