

CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS

Notes of the Los Angeles/Long Beach JAPC

November 04, 2010

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REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 02, 2010 JAPC NOTES

Added Kat Evans & Rich Molony to the attendance roster for the October 07, 2010 JAPC. Amended Old Business, item 2, medical transportation.

DISCUSSION TOPICS**ACCIDENT ANALYSIS**

The committee was provided with the quarterly manhour report for 2010 YTD and the 2009 yearly for comparison.

The Secretary also provided a monthly summary of all injuries reported during the month of October. 49 in total.

SERIOUS ACCIDENTS

1. A stevedore safety representative advised the committee that a fatal injury to an ILWU semi tractor driver occurred early in the morning. The investigation is currently under-way, but an initial report detailed that the vehicle driver was involved in a motor vehicle collision and was ejected from the semi tractor.

The driver was not wearing a seat belt.

2. Another stevedore safety manager provided the committee with details involving a semi tractor driver working against the rail. The vehicle was in the traffic lane and struck a stanchion protecting a light pole. The driver was ejected from the vehicle and struck by her vehicle. The driver suffered no broken bones, but received multiple abrasions and contusions.

The driver was not wearing a seat belt.

3. A safety manager described a recent injury involving a container gantry crane operator and a second person in the cab. The E-Stop was accidentally pressed inside the cab throwing both the container crane operator and the passenger forward. Both individuals received serious injuries and had to be removed from the container crane by a high-angle rescue from the LBFD.

The crane operator was not wearing his seat belt.

Following in the theme of this months serious accidents, the committee discussed at length the requirement to wear a seat belt. The longshore representative stated the need for vehicle operators to wear a seat belt, and reminded the committee that top & side handlers drivers often receive a separate safety talk than that of semi tractor drivers. The use of seat belts should also be included in their gangway safety talks.

4. A container terminals safety director discussed 3 recent OTR trucker accidents. The safety director described the procedure his terminal takes to enforce safety with OTR truck drivers. Following a safety infraction, OTR truckers are banned until they complete a safety class provided by the terminal. Over 800 truckers have been banned until they complete the safety class.
5. Another safety manager also provided details on a OTR trucker injury. The driver had exited his truck and was in between the pile. Walking back to his truck, the driver was standing in the truck delivery lane. A passing semi tractor struck the chassis of the OTR truck, which in turn stuck the driver.
6. The Committee was advised of an auto job accident in which the passenger van went up the wrong internal ramp. Several passengers were jostled inside the vehicle.
7. A terminal safety manager described an increase of semi tractor ankle injuries from entering & exiting the vehicle.
8. The Employers advised the Union of several recent occurrences of longshore workers failing to provide a Social Security number when reporting a work place injury. The Union was reminded that the disclose of a SSN is a required piece of information in order to claim benefits under the LHWCA.

OLD BUSINESS

1. URINE BOTTLES

The committee re-visited the problem of OTR truckers leaving urine filled bottles in the terminal yard.

The Employers stated the key point in this problem is the OTR truckers throwing the bottles onto the ground and not disposing of the trash properly.

2. MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

A POLA terminal safety director provided details following a discussion with LAFD. He stated that the LAFD requires transport of injured workers and if the injured refuses transportation they must sign a release.

A POLB safety manager stated the LBFD will deploy a city ambulance if the LB Paramedic's are unable to transport. The safety director stated that the previously noted problem of failing to transport an injured worker might have been due to the city resources being full on July 4th – the date of the injury.

3. SEMI TRACTOR SABOTAGE – WIRES CUT

The committee was made aware that the problem of semi tractor REGEN wires being cut has spread to a second terminal. The individual(s) responsible will be reported to law enforcement and the terminal will initiate legal proceedings against those found to be intentionally harming fellow workers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. VESSEL ARRIVING WITH LEAKING HAZMAT CONTAINERS

The committee was notified by a terminal safety director that they have received a report of 3 leaking hazmat container below deck on a vessel due to arrive next week. The Union and multiple governmental agencies have been notified.

[After arrival of the vessel, it was reported that condensation (water) was the cause of concern, no hazmat had leaked, and over 100 government workers got to perform a drill.]

2. CLERK OFFICE FURNITURE OUT OF DATE

The clerk representative advised the committee that an office chair was red-tagged at a container terminal.

Much to the amazement of the Employer's, it was reported that the chair had an expiration date underneath the seat.

3. SEMI TRACTOR EXHAUST

The longshore representative inquired into the status of the semi tractor exhaust complaint. It was noted that this issue is being discussed during special LRC meetings and interested members were advised to attend the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 3:45 PM.
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