

CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS

Notes of the Los Angeles/Long Beach JAPC

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REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 02, 2010 JAPC NOTES

Revised Serious Accidents #6 to reflect the injury reported was lost-time.

Added to Serious Accidents #3: It was noted by the labor representative that foremen should be instructed by Management to inform top/side operators during their gangway safety talk not to buckle the seat belt behind their back.

DISCUSSION TOPICS**ACCIDENT ANALYSIS**

The committee was provided with the quarterly manhour report for 2010 YTD and the 2009 yearly for comparison. It was noted that injury data is still being received for 2010 and a final year-end analysis will be provided during the next meeting.

It was noted that 2010 should be the lowest injury rate on record for the Ports of Los Angeles & Long Beach. The committee discussed the low injury frequency rate at length and noted several possible reasons. Several suggestions were made to inform longshore workers of their record setting year.

The Union representatives, Employers & Pacific Maritime Association would like to thank all ILWU members in LA/LB for a very successful year in helping to reduce injuries. In particular, the committee appreciates the increased use of seatbelts by operators in helping to reduce vehicle related injuries.

SERIOUS ACCIDENTS

1. A container terminal safety representative advised the committee of a swingman that slipped on a vessel ladder while ascending onto the catwalk.
2. Several injuries were reported due to a passenger van striking a vessel bulkhead, jostling several passengers inside. The committee went on to discuss placing seatbelts into vans going to/from the vessel.

OLD BUSINESS**1. 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.

NEW BUSINESS**1. STOKES BASKET REQUIREMENT**

The longshore representative reminded several employers of the requirement to maintain a proper stokes basket. Several terminal were not in compliance. Some of the baskets were not covered and exposed to the weather, while on terminal had a wire stokes basket.

The employers were reminded of the inspection requirement for stokes baskets.

2. Q1 INJURY INCREASE

An employer representative noted that Quarter 1 has traditionally seen a large increase in injuries reported. The employers would like to remind all longshore workers to re-focus their attention on safety during the start of the year.

3. SAFETY TIP FLYERS

The labor representative inquired into the status of the joint safety tip flyers. Two flyers were recently approved at the Coast Safety committee and should be distributed soon.

The labor representative noted the June 2010 safety flyers. He stated that not enough training is being conducted on workplace ergonomics and that the employers should not assume that all labor understands proper ergonomics and what lumbar support is. With soft tissues injuries being a leading cause of injuries, ergonomics training should be included in General Safety Training.

Meeting adjourned 2:55 PM.

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