

# **CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS**

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

**September 06, 2012**

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**REVIEW OF AUGUST 02, 2012, JAPC NOTES**

Minor corrections were noted.

**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.

In response to a request from the prior meeting, the Union was provided with a listing of all injuries reported by semi tractor drivers in 2012 in LA/LB.

The Committee went on to discuss near-miss data. The Secretary noted that some companies may track near-miss incidents, but this is not reported to PMA and is unavailable for inclusion in the monthly reports.

The Local 13 Business Agent provided the Employers with a description of an accident (as opposed to just injuries) reporting plan that will be proposed by the next meeting. The initial goal is to determine what incident records each Employer has available for review.

The Committee went on to discuss injuries vs. accidents, near-miss data, notice-only injury claims and the data that some Employers track, while others do not.

The Committee was also provided with the monthly JAPC summary report listing all reported injuries in LA/LB since the last meeting. The Committee reviewed several injuries involving traffic collisions by semi tractor drivers, top handler operators and marine clerks. The Union discussed several possible factors, and noted that if incidents are rising – what is the cause.

The Union LRC representative requested that Employers provide their Foremen with terminal injury/accident data which should be used during the gangway safety talks to provide real examples of terminal injury trends and problems. For example, the Union noted a recent increase of top handlers backing into clerk vehicles. Foremen should remind workers that top handlers have the ability to back-up in a 45 deg angle as well as a straight line.

### SERIOUS ACCIDENTS

1. A POLA container terminal director provided details involving a semi tractor driver that turned her vehicle over. The driver ran the stop sign and turned too quickly with a heavy load.
2. A container terminal safety director described an injury in which a semi tractor driver was connecting the air hoses. The lines became taught and the driver slipped and fell off the vehicle landing onto the ground resulting in multiple injuries.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. TERMINAL RADIOS

The Committee continued the discussion of terminal radio procedures. Currently no training program and no procedures are in place to inform those that are issued a radio on the terminal what to do in case of an emergency (besides reporting the incident to their supervisor).

#### 2. JAPC SUB-COMMITTEES

The JAPC emergency access sub-committee held an initial meeting. The sub-committee decided the next action is to meet collectively with the fire departments.

The Union noted they are still preparing for the fall arrest sub-committee, but briefly discussed suspension trauma and the rescue of container top vessel falls.

#### 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. POOR HOUSEKEEPING ON VESSEL

A foreman representative noted another vessel call with poor housekeeping problems. The Employer stated she notified the customer of their deficiencies.

**NEW BUSINESS****1. TRAINING CURRICULUM**

The Union made the request to review the training programs of several courses.

**2. CELL PHONES ON THE JOB**

The Committee discussed the problem of employees using cell phones on the job. It was noted that the Employers should implement a training and enforcement policy. The Union noted that Employers should not be calling crane operators on the cell phones while operating the container crane.

**3. OVERLAPPING CONTAINERS**

Following discussion from an LRC meeting, the JAPC Committee discussed the problems of overlapping containers in the yard.

The Union noted that a top handler driver was fired for not following the protocol on what to do with overlapping cans. The Union is requesting the employer protocol for piles with overlapping cans.

Who identifies the problems with overlapping containers and who takes the action to correct? Should the dock boss be involved?

The Union noted that if you want to have the top handler driver attempt to correct the problem of overlapping containers, then you have to take responsibility for his actions by providing a protocol to follow.

A marine clerk representative noted the blind decking of loaded containers too high which might be a problem for the next top handler operator.

**4. APMT GLOBAL SAFETY DAY**

APM Terminals will host their yearly global safety day on October 16, 2012 during lunch.

Meeting adjourned 3:55 PM.

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