

## **CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS**

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

**April 07, 2011**

#### JAPC UNION REPRESENTATIVES

*Marco Geich	ILWU Local 94
*Ken Ursich	ILWU Local 63
*Gary Kelley	ILWU Local 13
*Dave Beeman	ILWU Local 13
*Pete Favazza	ILWU Local 13

#### EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVES

Kat Evans (Chairwoman)	Eagle Marine Services
Dave Turner	APM Terminals
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Ken Keane	Metro Ports
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#### SECRETARY

Michael Hall

Pacific Maritime Association

**REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 03, 2011 JAPC NOTES**

The longshore labor representative requested the notes reflect that management should instruct their foremen to inform top/side handler drivers to not operate the vehicle with the seatbelt tied behind their back.

**DISCUSSION TOPICS****ACCIDENT ANALYSIS**

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

**SERIOUS ACCIDENTS**

1. An employer provided details involving a side handler operator that was struck by an OTR driver who ran a stop sign.
2. A terminal safety manager described an incident in which a top handler operator was driving with the spreader in the 5-high position. The driver ran a stop sign, made a turn and tipped the vehicle over resulting in massive damage to the vehicle. The driver was wearing her seatbelt.
3. A container terminal safety manager provided details in which a semi-tractor working against the rail clipped a RTG. The vehicle driver was jostled in the cab.
4. A safety manager described a recent injury in which a foreman was riding the spreader beam into the vessel. The container crane operator lowered the spreader too fast. The spreader and foreman landed hard and the employee was jostled as a result.
5. A container terminal safety manager provided details on a container that went for a swim. The crane operator lifted two containers due to stuck cones, a cone broke free resulting in the lower container to fall into the drink. No injuries (except to the cargo) were reported.
6. A container terminal safety director discussed a nuisance odor that was reported from a container. The cargo was reviewed by the FD and LA HazMat.

**OLD BUSINESS****1. SEMI TRACTOR EXHAUST**

A marine clerk representative noted that several casuals had reported to him that by the end of the shift they were covered in soot and felt ill. The committee discussed this concern and noted that it was highly unlikely that any soot or similar debris would come from semi tractor exhaust. The committee discussed several possible reasons for the soot/debris/rubber to be found on a marine terminal.

A safety manager noted that she had concerns that these casuals were not reporting their injuries to management as required under the PCMSC.

Equipment operators are reminded to report excessive smells to a foreman or supervision, or take the truck to the shop for inspection.

## 2. SWEEPERS REQUESTED IN WAREHOUSE

A longshore representative noted the need for additional sweepers in warehouse storage areas. The dirt and bird matter have become excessive.

## 3. TRAFFIC CONTROL AT IN-GATE

The marine clerk representative expressed concern over the traffic situation at the in-gate of a container terminal. The problem is on the night-side with OTR truckers and others running stop signs and driving around barricades resulting in an unsafe working condition.

## 4. AWARD BANQUET

A labor representative asked if the 2012 award banquet could be scheduled as not to conflict with their monthly union meetings. It was noted that the 2012 date has already been booked and that it must be arranged with NoCal, Oregon and the PNW.

The date for the 63<sup>rd</sup> AAPC Award Banquet is March 01, 2012.

The March 2012 JAPC will be cancelled due to the scheduling conflict.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. ILA QUARTERLY SAFETY BULLETIN

The mechanic representative distributed a copy of the ILA (East Coast Longshore Union) quarterly safety bulletin. He noted that it contained good information that could be used to customize for our Area. Special attention was drawn to the 5 bullet points. It was requested that the Employers review the document for discussion.

### 2. TSUNAMI

The marine clerk representative inquired on how the Employers gathered information involving the recent tsunami event in the Ports of LA/LB. Several Employers responded, but generally the best information was received from NOAA/NWS.

3. RADIATION CONCERNS RESULTING FROM JAPAN EARTHQUAKE

The committee discussed concerns that labor has expressed over vessels & cargo arriving from Japan.

The Secretary noted the operational procedures that USCG & CBP were conducting on vessels arriving directly from Japan.

Meeting adjourned 3:05 PM.  
MLH