

CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS

Notes of the Los Angeles/Long Beach JAPC

March 7, 2013

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REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 07, 2013 JAPC NOTES

No corrections requested.

DISCUSSION TOPICS**ACCIDENT ANALYSIS**

No accident analysis report was provided.

SERIOUS ACCIDENTS

1. A POLA container terminal safety director provided details involving an injury to a dockaloft that was working atop a gondola. The employee fell into the well sustaining multiple lost time injuries.
2. A stevedoring safety manager described a serious incident in which a semi tractor driver was involved in a MVA. The cab of the vehicle detached from the chassis and the driver had to be removed by the LBFD. At the hospital, the driver suffered an allergic reaction to his medication and was in a coma for nearly 2 weeks.

The employer noted several corrective actions: blinking stop signs, new signage, speed limit painted on ground, increased enforcement of labor, increased enforcement of OTR drivers.

3. An injury to a foreman was reviewed by the committee. The foreman exited his vehicle while it was still running. The vehicle went into motion and the employee attempted to chase the vehicle. His pelvis was fractured when he was struck by his own vehicle.

The committee reviewed the seriousness of this incident in detail. The committee was reminded of the fatality in POLA a few years ago from this same cause. The secretary was asked to ensure that PCMSC Rule 907 was being included in GST training.

PCMSC Rule 907:

[Drivers] Shall set brakes and turn off motor when leaving vehicle.

4. A container terminal safety managers provided details on 4 separate incidents in which a top handler ran over a clerk pick-up truck (3 of these occurring with a 72-hour window).

It was noted that 3 of the 4 incidents had drivers going against the flow of traffic. The role of compliancy was also noted as a possible factor.

OLD BUSINESS1. **TERMINAL YARD MAPS**

The secretary distributed the terminal yard maps that were provided by the employers.

The union provided several suggestions for inclusion on the maps:

- Physical address of the terminal
- Gate names/numbers
- Terminal security radio channel

2. **LASHER HARD HATS**

A stevedoring safety manager brought two models of hard hats for possible use by lashers. The hard hats displayed exceed the ANSI standard. The cost of each was \$130. The employer stated they have received mixed reviews so far, but will continue to research and collect feedback from employees.

The union stated they are interested in having the yearly shoe voucher money be available for the purchase of other safety items.

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. **BUNKER FUEL BARGE ALONGSIDE OPERATIONS**

The secretary passed the port-wide best practice documents [from the LA/LB harbor safety committee] involving bunker barge fueling operations during cargo operations.

The foreman representative stated that having this information passed to the ship boss is critical. Information on bunker barge operations must pass from the boss to the lashing gang for the program to be effective.

NEW BUSINESS1. **RESCUE CAGE DRILL**

California United Terminal announced that a rescue cage drill will be conducted with LAFD and LAFD fireboats on March 22, 2013 at Noon. The rescue cage will be lowered and drills conducted with the fire boat.

2. **PIW (PERSON IN WATER) FIRE DEPARTMENT DRILL**

A flyer for an upcoming PIW drill was included in the packet. The drill at STS/PAG is scheduled for March 13, 2013 during the day and night shift. Lunch is included.

3. FALL ARREST

The Union requested that a small component of the JAPC (1 employer / 1 union) attend a manufacturer safety class on the fall arrest requirements in our industry. The union is interested in the manufacturer specifications and technological advice on suspension trauma.

On the topic of suspension trauma, a stevedoring representative noted they have placed straps on their fall arrest gear to enable the fall victim to relieve the pressure of suspension trauma. The union noted the straps but stated that longshore workers will not know how to use them without training.

4. RESCUE CAGES

Pasha Stevedoring & Terminals announced they have ordered 3 rescue cages for terminal safety that can be used on winch and gantry cranes.

5. MARINE CLERKS REQUESTING SAFETY TALKS

The marine clerk representative requested that employers ask their steady yard clerks and supercargoes' to provide a safety talk to marine clerks prior to the start of work.

He stated that clerks are often focused on starting work and overlook safety talks. Safety talks should reflect new terminal hazards and a reminder to conduct a pre-op inspection on vehicles.

6. ELECTRIC RTG'S BEING TESTED

APM Terminals announced they have started testing electric RTG's at the terminal. The cranes can work on either diesel or electric.

Meeting adjourned 3:15 PM.

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