

CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS

Notes of the Los Angeles/Long Beach JAPC

September 3, 2015

Location: ILWU – PMA Training Center

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REVIEW OF AUGUST 6, 2015 JAPC NOTES

The Committee reviewed the notes and suggested minor corrections.

DISCUSSION TOPICSACCIDENT ANALYSIS

The committee was provided with the LA/LB injury summary report covering 7/16 to 8/15/2015 [pmap5060]. The report listed 17 LT and 27 NLT injuries for LA/LB. Members were reminded to review the injury report and follow-up with either the employer or the Secretary if additional information/details are requested.

SERIOUS ACCIDENTS

The Union requested additional information on report items: 6, 7, 22, 30, 8, 15, 27, 14, 16, 25, 2, 9, 10, 11, 19, and 26. The direct employer provided information.

The Union also requested during future JAPC reports for the crane number, spreader number, vehicle number, etc., be provided if known.

Following a discussion on injury response times, it was noted that Long Beach fire stations have a fixed telephone system. LBFD fire stations: 562-570-12XX with XX being the fire station number.

1. In addition to the pmap5060 report information, the committee discussed injury 22 in which a longshore worker was placing a cone into the corner casting when the semi-tractor pulled forward. Her hand was caught between the cone and the tire. The committee discussed the potential severity of this incident. The Union noted on 45' spots, the cone has to be angled into the locking mechanism while touching the tire. The committee also discussed the coordination needed between the dock signal and the semi tractor driver.

A joint safety tip flyer was proposed.

2. The Foremen representative discussed a recent incident in which a fellow foreman was nearly killed. The container crane operator did not unlock from the second high container, lifting the hatch, and toppling over a stack of containers. One of the containers struck the vessel railing, launching a piece of metal toward the foreman. The foreman was unhurt.

The committee went on to discuss this incident in detail. One suggestion was not to auto-lock the deck cones, so an inadvertent lifting of the containers would not pull up the hatch. A problem with this suggestion is upon completion of the stack, if the bottom container would not lock then the entire stack would have to be re-handled. Not auto-locking would also make it easier to knock over the stack by an inadvertent bumping.

OLD BUSINESS1. JAPC LASHING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee was provided with the status of the lashing sub-committee.

2. ILWU LOCAL 13 JAPC PROPOSAL 1/15 RE: FA/CPR CLASSES

The PMA training department has class dates available.

3. TOP HANDLER INJURY/ACCIDENT SUB-COMMITTEE

It was noted the next scheduled meeting of the top handler sub-committee might have to be postponed. Members will be notified.

4. EMERGENCY SIGNAGE / FIRE DEPARTMENT JAPC SUB-SOMMITTEE

Committee members were provided with a status report on the emergency signage sub-committee. The sub-committee held two meetings with local fire departments and agreed upon the signage wording. A representative from Local 13 & Local 94 are currently visiting terminals to discuss gate access prior to employers purchasing signs.

5. WELDING SHIELD

The Marine Clerk safety representative informed the Employers that [some] mechanics are not using the welding shield guards are required in PCMSC Rule 1123.

Rule 1123. All electric arc or gas welding operations shall be shielded so as to prevent injuries to employees working in the near vicinity, and fire protection equipment shall be provided.

6. RESCUE DRILL

ILWU Local 13 requested an update on the yearly high angle rescue drill. It was the understanding of the Employers that the committee wanted to hold-off until SSA Marine obtained their new rescue cage and that the drill would be conducted with the new cage in a breakbulk operation. This issue will be re-visited during the next meeting.

7. FUEL BARGE ALONGSIDE

A foreman safety representative discussed safety issues working alongside fuel barge operations. The LA/LB HSC bunker barge guidelines will be re-distributed to the Employers.

As reference: <http://www.mxsocal.org/HARBOR-SAFETY-AND-SECURITY/HARBOR-SAFETY/Bunker-Barge-Best-Practices.aspx>

8. WORKING AT HEIGHTS RESCUE SUB-COMMITTEE

The Union requested a status on the *fall arrest / working at heights* sub-committee. The sub-committee is currently on hold.

One employer noted they have purchased a ratcheting device that connects to the SRL. They are currently discussing the device with the LBFD. Additional information on the product will be made available.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **LUNCH & LEARN**

A Ports America safety representative invited committee members to their *Lunch & Learn* event(s) scheduled in late September.

Meeting adjourned 3:45 PM.

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