

CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS

Notes of the Los Angeles/Long Beach JAPC

January 4, 2018

Location: Wilmington Training Center

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REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 2, 2017 JAPC NOTES

The Committee reviewed the notes.

It was noted the December 2017 JAPC was a holiday social meeting. Notes were not created.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

ACCIDENT ANALYSIS

The committee was provided with the LA/LB injury summary report covering 10/16/17 to 12/18/2017 [pmap5060]. The report listed 36 LT and 77 NLT injuries for LA/LB. Direct employers provided additional information on 26 of the injuries. 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

1. A Union safety representative asked about mechanics wearing electrical safety gear while working on AMP units. An Employer representative noted that after the circuit has been determined to be without power it is safe to remove all protective electrical clothing. ILWU mechanics do not work on live circuits.
2. Committee members were made aware of a recent fatality occurring to an ILWU gearman while operating a heavy lift in a warehouse at the Port of San Diego. The cause of the fatality is currently under investigation.

OLD BUSINESS1. Top Handler SubCommittee

Committee members were provided with another month to review the final recommendations from the Top Handler subcommittee.

2. Emergency Signage / Fire Department SubCommittee

It was noted that POLA will soon start construction on the fire boat landing locations. [Held Over].

3. Working at Heights SubCommittee

The Secretary noted a draft paper will be developed and presented to the Committee. [Held Over].

4. Wind Best Practice Document

The Secretary noted a draft paper is currently being reviewed and presented to the Committee. [Held Over].

5. Bypass Keys on CY Equipment & Container Crane

The committee continued the discussion on bypass procedures on marine terminals. Two different topics were discussed based upon equipment – container gantry cranes and CY equipment.

Involving CY equipment: The Union requested that a foreman should view and approve when a bypass is to be used by a CY operator.

Involving container cranes: Previously the Employers noted that a “competent person as determined by the Employer” should engage with the container crane operator. The Union did not agree with this response and stated that a foreman and a mechanic and the operator should be involved in the bypass.

The Union requested the Employer position.

6. Fuel Barge Refueling

The Secretary noted the fuel barge refueling best practice guidelines were distributed to the Employers. The Union asked this item to remain open.

7. Overhead Work Aboard Vessels

The Union noted the hazard of mechanics and lashers going into vessel bays to lash or reefer work when lashing operations are being conducted directly overhead. The situation noted involves lashers in an elevated cage (connected to a container gantry crane) with unlocking poles tethered off to prevent falling. This item was requested to be held over by the Union as they expressed concern with PCMSC rules.

8. Radio Protocol

An Employer container terminal representative will engage with interested parties to gather information to work with PMA Training on radio usage and etiquette. Item closed.

9. Container Cranes in Slow Speed Mode

The Union noted a request to wire a switch in container gantry cranes to engage slow speed mode (as opposed to the current hand controls that must be held down to engage). An Employer representative noted that manufacturer approval would be required.

10. Catastrophic Event Training

The Union asked about supplies and contingency plans following a natural disaster situation.

The Secretary will research for Port and USCG plans.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Medication Usage

A Union safety representative asked if the Employers were aware of a “medication list” in which employees would not be allowed to work. The Employers responded they have never heard of such a listing. The Foreman representative described workplace observations and performance evaluations.

2. Radios in Equipment

A Union safety representative asked the Employers to equip all semi tractors and CY equipment in the rail and yard with radios. The Secretary noted this was a prior discussion topic during Coast bargaining.

3. Wind Procedure for Container Gantry Cranes

An ILWU container crane operator asked the Employers on their wind procedures at marine terminals. It was noted that the container cranes are rated at speed X, but the crane elevators are rated at speed Y. The operator expressed concern on having to exit the crane during high winds.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.