

## **CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS**

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

**May 3, 2012**

#### JAPC UNION REPRESENTATIVES

*David Beeman	ILWU Local 13
Pete Califano	ILWU Local 13
*Donovan Russell	ILWU Local 13
*Kenny Ursich	ILWU Local 63
Jack Russo	ILWU Local 94
Mike Trudeau	ILWU Local 94

#### EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVES

Casey Royse (Chairman)	Ports America
David Turner	APM Terminals
Jamie Otis	APM Terminals
Nick Spittle	California United Terminals
Rob Wolters	California United Terminals
Jeff Mineghino	SSA Marine
	Coast Maritime Services
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Javier Perez	SSA Marine
	Coast Maritime Services
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Tony Flores	International Transportation Srvc.
Jason Musgrave	CCMW&D
Claudia Thomas	CCMW&D
Jeff Brown	Eagle Marine Services
Hal Burkey	Long Beach Container Terminal
Greg Barker	Ports America
Sharifa Batts	Ports America
Jeffrey Carnes	Ports America
Jerry Jimenez	Ports America
Erin Pierson	Ports America
Craig Kappe	Metro Ports
Mike Outland	PCMC
Luis Jara	Total Terminals

#### SECRETARY

Elizabeth Weil

Pacific Maritime Association

**REVIEW OF APRIL 05, 2012, JAPC NOTES**

No corrections were noted.

**DISCUSSION TOPICS**

**ACCIDENT ANALYSIS**

No Accident Analysis Report was available at this meeting.

**SERIOUS ACCIDENTS**

The committee was notified of a recent incident in which a longshoremen handling tires during a breakbulk operation was injured when a stored tire fell, pinning him between two tires.

He is in very serious condition following multiple surgeries.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **LAFD FIREBOAT**

A container terminal safety director informed the committee of recent developments involving LAFD fire department response to POLA terminals. It was requested that PMA provide a list of Employers' phone numbers and berth numbers to LAFD Dispatch.

It was again noted that the LAFD will dispatch a fireboat on emergency calls to terminals in an effort to decrease response time. The LAFD traditional fire truck will enter the terminal with sirens. LAFD will make the determination when an emergency is serious enough to warrant this response, but they must be made aware of the level of the emergency.

A union representative stated that some terminals do not use their emergency gates for the Fire Department. He suggested that terminals work with the Fire Department regarding terminal entry as they are willing to help and this could potentially reduce response time.

It was noted that LBFD is also willing to work with each Long Beach terminal regarding emergency terminal entry and response time.

A union representative stated that coordination is needed in directing the fire department where to go and in communicating who will meet them at the scene. He requested current terminal maps with emergency gates be provided to the fire department. He also stated that the LA Fire Chief is willing to meet with the AAPC.

An employer representative stated that this proposal should be discussed at the next AAPC for the benefit of those members not in attendance, before any further action is taken.

## 2. COKE DUST

Per a union representative request at last month's meeting, an employer representative provided test results indicating that coke dust is nonhazardous, except as a dust hazard.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. FALL RESCUE

A union representative brought up the issue of fall retrieval when someone falls using fall arrest. He noted that many terminals rely on the Fire Department for rescue. He also mentioned that it could take 15 minutes or more for rescue, and hanging in fall arrest gear for that period of time may cause life threatening damage to a person.

The union member requested and was given permission to provide a demonstration of fall arrest and rescue equipment. An outside vendor was brought in for the demonstration. This equipment had a crank that would allow a second person to either pull up the fallen person or lower them to the ground. The outside vendor noted that the person operating the crank would require some training. The fall and rescue equipment was a stainless steel unit with a stainless steel rope that could endure the elements. The importance of reducing swing fall was discussed.

An employer representative noted that we have had no falls utilizing fall arrest in Southern California in the last 10 years. The employers requested that there be further discussion regarding the fall retrieval topic at the next AAPC Meeting.

A union representative suggested that we check with the entire Coast to see what falls using fall arrest systems, if any, have occurred and how they were handled.

A union representative requested that the AAPC get back to them with a plan as an option to Fire Department rescue within 30 days.

### 2. SAFETY AWARENESS DAY

APL/Eagle Marine Services is having their annual Safety Awareness Day on Friday, June 1, 2012. The safety manager for EMS expressed his hope that the JAPC would support them in this endeavor by manning a JAPC table. Food will be provided at the festivities.

Meeting adjourned 2:45 PM.

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