

CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS

Notes of the Los Angeles/Long Beach JAPC

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REVIEW OF OCTOBER 06, 2011 JAPC NOTES

Minor grammatical error corrected, notably the lack of a verb in the last sentence of Serious Accidents, Item 1.

DISCUSSION TOPICS**ACCIDENT ANALYSIS**

The Committee was provided with the quarterly manhour & injury report comparing 2011 versus 2010. LA/LB is trending to have an even lower lost time injury frequency rate than 2010 (which was a record year).

The Committee was provided with a research report requested by the Marine Clerk representative. The analysis listed every incident in which a ILWU member in the Ports of Los Angeles/Long Beach was struck by their own vehicle and reported an injury. If an employee was struck by their vehicle and was not injured, that information would not be included in this report.

This analysis only includes employees struck by their own vehicle due to leaving the vehicle running when not behind the wheel. Individuals or pedestrians struck by someone else's vehicle would not be included in this report.

In total, 32 ILWU members were struck by their own vehicle from 2002-2011, which includes one fatality.

SERIOUS ACCIDENTS

1. An injury to a Foreman was discussed. The injury occurred aboard the vessel when a twistlock fell, striking the employee on the hard hat and landing on his shoulder, resulting in a lost time injury

OLD BUSINESS

1. **SAFETY TIP FLYER IDEAS**

Following the discussion on the vehicle research report, the Longshore representative noted another possible topic for a Safety Tip Flyer. It was noted that many equipment operators, such as top handler drivers, do not know how to properly adjust the vehicle seat and interior equipment to align it with their body to comfortably operate the equipment and avoid injury.

The example of a 5'4" driver on the night shift not adjusting the equipment following a 6'4" driver on the day shift was noted as an example. Having the vehicle controls in the wrong position will lead to muscle strain injuries. The Committee discussed wrist and knee injuries.

The Marine Clerk representative also noted poor pick-up truck seats, with the worst examples having blocks underneath the seat for support.

NEW BUSINESS

1. LOCAL 63 – “KEEP IT CLEAN” PROGRAM

The Marine Clerk representative informed the Committee that Local 63 will implement a “keep it clean” program with the goal to improve the cleanliness of vehicle interiors.

Flyers and handout will be used to inform drivers.

Labor representative also requested that additional trashcans be made available around parking lots and other locations.

2. BREAKBULK CONFERENCE

A Longshore representative noted that the Union recently attended a break-bulk safety and equipment conference. They noted new and improved devices and equipment on the market which could possibly help reduce injuries.

The Employers welcome any ideas and/or equipment which might be of use, and the information should be passed to the break-bulk safety managers.

3. 65TH ANNUAL SAFETY AWARDS

The 2011 Safety Awards will be held at the Long Beach Hyatt Regency on Thursday, March 01, 2012.

Since the Secretary of this Committee is not omnipresent (at least not yet), the March 2012 JAPC will be cancelled since it is the same day as the event.

Meeting adjourned 2:25 PM.

MLH