

# CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS

## Notes of the Los Angeles/Long Beach JAPC

April 01, 2010

### JAPC UNION REPRESENTATIVES

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### SECRETARY

Michael Hall	Pacific Maritime Association
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**REVIEW OF February 04, 2010 JAPC NOTES**

The Committee corrected several grammatical errors.

**DISCUSSION TOPICS****ACCIDENT ANALYSIS**

The Committee was provided with a listing all of ILWU LA/LB injuries within the months of February to March 2010, 61 in total.

**SERIOUS ACCIDENTS**

1. A POLA container terminal safety manager provided details on a OTR truck driver that ran a stop sign and clipped a clerk pick-up truck. The marine clerk was jostled in the vehicle and reported a back injury.

The OTR truck driver was banned from the terminal and management followed-up with the truck dispatch company.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **RTG DRIVER**

The mechanic representative noted the outcome of a recent arbitration of a RTG driver that collided with a parked Top Handler.

2. **WIRES CUT ON SEMI TRACTORS**

The committee revisited the occurrence of several semi tractors that had wires cut that operate the vehicle REGEN system.

The mechanic representative stated that after consultation with other mechanics, the wires could have been scraped or abraded due to jostling, and not necessarily cut.

It was noted by the terminal that 4 semi tractors have now had the REGEN wires cut.

No other terminal on the west Coast has reported this situation despite numerous hours of operational driving.

The mechanic representative requested copies of the photos of the vehicle wires.

### 3. UNION SAFETY COMPLIANCE TEAM

The committee discussed the ILWU Safety Compliance Group that have visited several local marine terminals.

The Employers inquired into the nature & structure of the Safety Squad.

The Union was asked if any progress had been made by the Safety League on providing prior notification to the terminals of their visit. The Safety Posse noted that they were not required to provide prior announcement of their visit.

The Union was asked if any report of the findings of the Safety Clique was available to be presented to the Joint Accident Prevention Committee today. No report was available. The Employers felt that this was peculiar since the JAPC is the labor/management safety & health committee organized under CalOSHA T8 §3204 to address these issues.

The Union noted that the Safety Brood were checking to see if the Employers were complying with the PCMSC, such as bad seats in vehicles and uneven pavement surfaces. An employer safety manager asked if the ILWU Safety Association was focusing on any actual injuries reported, such as those noted in the accident analysis report provided.

The Secretary expressed concern regarding the liability and work comp insurance coverage that the Locals must provide to the Safety Team Trio. The Member present did not know any of the particulars of their coverage.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. VESSEL HATCH LIDS

A POLA safety manager noted two recent incidents in which vessel hatch lids were pulled by the container crane while the hatch was still dogged.

The foreman representative noted that he would discuss this item during the Foremen stop-work meeting.

### 2. REMINDER TO HAVE OSHA 300A POSTED

The longshore safety representative reminded all Employers that OSHA 300A shall be conspicuously posted from 02/01 to 04/30.

### 3. 61<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL AAPC AWARD BANQUET

The longshore representative noted the lack of a JAPC Union speaker during the 2009 AAPC Safety Banquet.

The Secretary responded that a Coast Union safety representative was asked to speak, but was unavailable due to travel.

The Secretary also noted that tickets were provided to the Officers of Locals 13, 63 and 94, but none decided to attend.

It was announced that the 2010 Award Banquet will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2011 at the Hyatt in Long Beach.

4. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN TERMINAL EQUIPMENT

The longshore safety representative asked who is to use the fire extinguishers located in Top Handlers and other terminal equipment.

A POLA terminal safety manager noted that the fire extinguishers are for use by the Fire Department.

Longshore workers should not attempt to control a vehicle fire, and should immediately notify supervision and vacate to a safe distance.

5. POOR CONDITION OF TOP HANDLER VEHICLE INTERIOR

The committee was provided with visual evidence of a Top Handlers' headliner that had deteriorated and was falling onto the driver.

The Secretary of the committee had the unfortunate task of cleaning-up the mess left on the conference table after the presentation.

6. IH RESPONSE LETTER RE: GEARMEN FUELING CONCERNS

The longshore safety representative requested clarification of the IH response letter regarding gearmen fueling operations that was mailed to all three ILWU Locals on Feb 17, 2010.

Meeting adjourned 2:45 PM.

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