

CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS

Notes of the Los Angeles/Long Beach JAPC

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REVIEW OF JANUARY 03, 2013 JAPC NOTES

No corrections requested.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

ACCIDENT ANALYSIS

Committee members were provided with the YTD quarterly *Manhour & Injury Report* for 2013 in comparison to 2012 & 2011. The reports indicate that the lost time injury rate is continuing to trend lower.

The Committee was also provided with the monthly *JAPC Summary Report*, listing all reported injuries within LA/LB for the month of January.

SERIOUS ACCIDENTS

1. A stevedoring representative discussed a recent injury in which the longshore lasher was struck on his head by a falling lashing bar. The employee lost conscious and was transported to the hospital. The employer stated they will expand their enforcement of required PPE to be worn by lashers on vessels.

The employer started a discussion on lasher hardhats. They have contacted local vendors to explore different hardhat styles that might be more comfortable for lashers to wear in the attempt to reach greater compliance. The employer will follow-up with the committee on their research.

The foremen representative asked about the fire department response time. The employer stated the fire department was on scene in 5 minutes, but the ambulance time was 15 minutes.

A longshore representative asked how the fire department is contacted. The topic of concern was if the watchmen were being provided with the emergency contact instructions and also if the watchman is a steady or casual guard.

2. The Committee discussed a recent injury in which a clerk, while sorting coils, was clipped by the forklift blades. The forklift driver changed his backing pattern and struck the employee. Luckily, the safety vest of the clerk caught the eye of the forklift driver or a more serious injury could have occurred.
3. The Committee asked about a recent semi-tractor injury in which the driver had to be extracted from the vehicle by the fire department. The employer was not in attendance, so limited information was available.

OLD BUSINESS

1. TERMINAL YARD MAPS

A foreman representative requested a copy of the terminal maps for review.

PCMSC Rule 1153:

(d) A diagram of the traffic routes, parking areas, and a list of traffic rules shall be provided to all drivers operating in the marine terminal. All marine terminal traffic rules and regulations shall be obeyed by all drivers. The terminal operator shall take measures to control traffic, including discipline of any driver who creates a safety hazard.

(e) The location of first aid kits, stokes baskets, public telephones, assembly areas, automatic external defibrillators (AEDs), together with the appropriate emergency telephone numbers and the emergency radio channel (Per Rule 362) shall be noted on the diagram as described above in Sub Section (d).

(f) The diagram as discussed in Sub Section (d) above shall be made available to all employees.

2. TRAINING PROGRAM REVIEW

The Union discussed several topics of interest following their review of lashing training/testing. While changing the lashing test is the responsibility of the Coast LRC, the Union suggested adding a signaling portion to the lashing training curriculum that is provided upon completion of testing. They would also like to have multiple sets of cones and a container available to practice inserting/removing.

The Employers requested a detailed listing or proposals in how they would like to have lashing training improved.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT EXERCISE

The Union requested to hold the yearly crane rescue drill with the fire department and will review the different types of exercises available and report back.

4. JAPC SUB-COMMITTEES

A foreman safety representative stated that following the recent industry meeting with LAFD, he will soon be contacting terminals to arrange for the FD terminal visits.

The committee also discussed past fire department response. A representative discussed the LAFD CAD (computer aided dispatch) that lists the terminal name, address and phone number. When someone calls 911, this information should be available from the CAD system.

It was noted that the security guard (or whoever calls 911) should request a land unit and a boat unit when necessary.

A POLA container terminals safety manager noted their terminal address may be incorrectly listed as their corporate address. She will follow-up with LAFD dispatch.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **FUEL BARGE ALONGSIDE LASHING OPERATIONS**

A longshore representative asked about work procedures involving having a fuel barge alongside while lashing is being performed.

The fuel barge order and placement is supposed to be coordinated between the terminal and the barge prior to commencement.

Meeting adjourned 2:45 PM.

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