

## **CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS**

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

**September 02, 2010**

#### **JAPC UNION REPRESENTATIVES**

*Marco Geich	ILWU Local 94
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#### **INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES**

Rob Wolters	California United Terminals
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Ken Keane	Metro Ports
Steve Foster	Pasha Stevedoring & Terminals
Mike Outland	PCMC
Paul Richey	TraPac
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#### **SECRETARY**

Michael Hall	Pacific Maritime Association
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**REVIEW OF AUGUST 05, 2010 JAPC NOTES**

Several grammatical errors corrected.

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

The committee was provided with the monthly injury report listing all injuries from the month of August.

The committee went on to discuss lashing injuries being reported by worker's traveling from other ports. It was also noted that some travelers were failing to bring proper PPE with them to the terminal.

The committee noted the positive drop in the IR rate from the previous year.

**SERIOUS ACCIDENTS**

1. Details were provided by a labor representative involving an ILWU member who had a fingertip severed. Details are noted in new business.
2. A marine terminal operator discussed a recent fatality that occurred to an OTR driver in the Port of Houston. The OTR driver was pinned between his chassis and another parked chassis. The committee discussed possible contributing factors.

The committee went on to discuss the lack of wheel chocks not available in some marine terminals.

PCMSC Rule 1174 was referenced:

*When bumper blocks are not present, and a crushing danger exists for employees working between bombcarts, chassis, trailers and or fixed objects, equipment shall be chocked to prevent movement of the unit being worked on and the unit behind.*

**OLD BUSINESS****1. URINE BOTTLES**

The committee re-visited the problem of OTR truckers leaving urine filled bottles in the terminal yard.

The Employers discussed the enforcement actions that are placed upon OTR truckers when caught. First offense can be 15/30 days. Truckers can be banned from terminal property for additional offenses.

The marine clerk representative stated that Employers should post additional littering signage to discourage disposing of waste-filled bottles in the terminal.

The labor representative also noted that there are not enough porta-potties where they are needed.

The committee discussed who to notify when an OTR driver is spotted dumping trash in the yard. Employees should contact their supervisor and if unavailable security for notification.

**2. TOP HANDLER WHEEL FALLING OFF**

The longshore representative inquired about the top handler wheel incident from the month prior.

It was noted that equipment operators should spot-check to ensure that all of the lug nuts are present before operating equipment. The representative stated that he had found his top handler to be missing several lug nuts on a recent inspection.

**NEW BUSINESS****1. MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION**

The Local 13 Health Benefits Officer and Local 13 Labor Relations Representative discussed a recent situation they wanted to bring to the attention of the committee.

A longshore member lacerated the tip of her finger due to an industrial injury. The City of Long Beach Paramedic's were called to the terminal by Management.

LBFD informed the injured worker (and terminal management) that the injury did not meet the requirement for transportation by ambulance, and that another form of transportation would have to be obtained.

It was noted by the Union that this seems to be an issue isolated to the Long Beach side of the Port. The ILWU Officers stated that they will be following-up with LB City officials to discuss the situation and to determine what threshold is required to be met to be transported by LB City ambulance.

Several Long Beach side Employers stated they have not had a problem before with LBFD, but requested additional information involving the LBFD.

The Employer of the injured worker was not present during the meeting, but will provide the committee with details at the next JAPC.

**2. FALL ARREST GEAR**

A container terminal safety director discussed improper fall-arrest gear procedures that are being used by some labor & other employers.

The fall block should be connected directly to the harness.

**3. JAPC DATE CHANGE**

The PMA representative surveyed the committee on the possibility of changing the date of JAPC's to the second week of the month.

[Following the meeting, it was decided to leave the date of the LB JAPC as the first Thursday of every month. No change from current schedule.]

The ILWU was also apprised that due to a scheduling conflict the December 2010 JAPC will be cancelled. Thus, committee members will have one extra day of holiday shopping this year.

Meeting adjourned 2:45 PM.  
MLH