

CURRENT SAFETY TOPICS

Notes of the Los Angeles/Long Beach JAPC

January 18, 2024

Location: PMA 1WTC

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REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 16, 2023, JAPC NOTES

The Committee reviewed the notes from the prior meeting.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

ACCIDENT ANALYSIS

The Committee was provided with LA/LB injury summary reports covering 11/04/2023 to 01/02/2024 [pmap5060].

The Union requested additional information on 11 incident reports.

The Union reminded the Employers the crane or equipment number will be requested during the monthly injury report accident review. In addition, the Union also asked for crane fault and other data following a container crane loss of power / sudden stop.

It was noted that crane operators need to notify their Foremen following crane faults, so that M&R can investigate. Crane operators should not leave their crane radio channel to contact M&R directly but remain on their radio channel to contact their Foremen.

SERIOUS INCIDENTS

1. The Committee discussed gangway safety following recent reports of longshore workers being injured while on vessel gangways. The Longshore safety representative asked who inspects gangway railings prior to vessel operations. The Employers will review.
2. A Longshore safety representative provided details on a recent injury involving a shoveler that fell while working an iron ore vessel. The personnel cage was used to remove the worker from the vessel. The issue raised was the cage being attached to the mobile crane via the clam bucket. The need for a tag line was noted as the cage swung. While this vessel is only a once a year operation, the Union requested the Employer have procedures in place for possible future vessel rescue incidents.
3. A recent incident involving a crane operator being stuck in the container crane leg elevator was reviewed. The operator was in the elevator for 60 minutes. LBFD rigged a high pulley system in harness for the operation. The Committee reviewed the situation and offered advice.
4. The Longshore safety representative noted the increased need for routine exercises with the local FD's. Night time exercises are rarely conducted and recommended planning a future drill.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Working at Heights SubCommittee

The Union requested a LB side crane drill be scheduled with LB Fire.

2. Local 13 Letter to Employers re: Incident Data Collection on Top Handlers vs Pick Up Trucks

The JAPC sub-committee continues to request the top handler incident form be completed for review. [Item requested to remain open by Union].

3. Secondary Attachment Device on Personnel Cages

The Employers have been reminded that both the PCMSC and OSHA regulations require a secondary means of attachment when secured by twistlocks. The JAPC sub-committee also recommended that a secondary locking device be installed when possible. [Item requested to remain open by Union].

4. Plate Atop Personnel Cage Requiring Bypass

The foremen representative discussed rescue equipment concerns with the Committee. It was noted that several terminals have either a gap (or large spacing in the metal covering) atop their personnel cage (used to remove injured workers from the vessel) that causes a crane fault and requires a bypass. If a small metal plate is placed below the spreader sensor this will avoid the fault and not require a bypass. [Item requested to remain open by Union].

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. JAPC Sub-Committee on Hand Injuries

The longshore safety representative requested the JAPC form a sub-committee to discuss hand injuries to longshore workers.

2. JAPC Sub-Committee on Wheel Guards

The longshore safety representative requested the JAPC form a sub-committee on RTG/Transtainer wheel guard requirements.

The Committee was reminded of PCMSC Rule 1445:

Rule 1445. All transtainers shall be guarded with wheel fenders, bumpers, or skirt guards which shield each wheel to the front and rear extended to the lowest practicable level above ground and of sufficient height to push a person out of the way of the wheel.

3. JAPC Sub-Committee on Hydrogen & Electric Equipment Safety Issues

The Hydrogen subcommittee held their first introductory meeting at the ILWU on 1/23/24. The Committee agreed to continue meetings on the second Tuesday of the month, and agreed both Ports should be invited to future meetings. In addition, the first set of guest speakers could be FD representatives to discuss permitting issues. Future guest speakers will be: government representatives, equipment manufacturers, hydrogen suppliers (private & SoCal Gas), and various hydrogen safety experts.

NEW BUSINESS

1. POLB Fire Boat Response

The Foreman safety representative noted progress with POLB / LBFD on fire boat response similar to the LA side boat response. Work is in scheduled for 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.