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“Another difference among terminals is the pace at which they are implementing labor-saving technology to speed the flow of cargo. Trans Pacific Container Service Corp. has pursued technology more aggressively than any other terminal in the harbor. TraPac today handles 15,000 container moves per day on the same 173 acres on which it used to struggle to handle 8,000 container moves before it installed new technology at its gates, in its container yard and on its cranes.”

Except article: Mixed bag
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The ILA is committed to making the work place safer and has risen the bar thru a series of joint coordinated efforts: It all begins with the basics:
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The Basics: Safety Hat, shoes and vest

- Anzi approved Hard Hat
- High Viz Anzi approved 107-1999 Class 3 safety vest
- Work gloves
- Anzi approved Z-71 steel toe or composite safety shoe
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Beyond the basics: Proactivity

- In a proactive attempt to tackle enhanced productivity Management and Labor has established:
  - Accident Review committee local
  - Blue Ribbon committee
  - Industry Resource Committee
  - Up dated our training and safety presentations
  - Enhanced PIT certification and recertification
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Accident Review Committee

• Establishes policies and procedures in the respective ports as a result of insight gained from accidents and other incidents in the port
• Monitors PIT certification and recertification
• Imposes discipline for orthodox and unorthodox situation that occur
• Forwards findings to Blue Ribbon
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• Establishes Regional policies as a result of input from the varies ARC’s
• Meet periodically to discuss problems relative to safety
• Forward findings to Industry Resource Committee
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Industry Resource Committee

• Sets National Policy relative to safety in the workplace such as:
  • No Cellphones
  • Any equipment that has seatbelt must be fasteneed
  • No radios, Ipods, headphones, etc.,
  • Random drug testing strictly enforced
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- Despite all the safety initiatives:
- Stevedores prioritize safety differently.
- The final 10% of the operation see more accidents than other times.
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Port buy-in

- Safety is a concern for not just the Union but everyone involved in the cargo chain of custody. In this age of litigation we have to raise the bar. In the Port of Jacksonville (Jaxport) has been as concerned about safety as any of the carriers and has endeavored to work with the stevedores and the ILA to develop tools to enhance the safety in the workplace; Auto Quality Video
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Auto Quality Video

• Start to finish presentation outlining the do’s and don’t of successful close quarters auto discharge and load

• Cutting edge

• Speak to the fact that safety is everyone’s concern
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Results: Improvements in productivity without sacrificing safety

• Jacksonville port crew tops 47 box moves per hour

A Port of Jacksonville container crew has set a new port record for container handling, reaching an average of 47.19 moves per hour.

Port officials said an International Longshoremen’s Association team under the direction of the stevedore S.S.A. Cooper set the record, working the Mediterranean Shipping Co. vessel MSC Malaga. The crew moved 269 containers in 5.7 hours.

The new record was set at Jacksonville port’s Talleyrand terminal managed by Hamburg Süd. To put the record in perspective, the annualized average for container moves at the terminal in 2006 was 36 per hour.

The record-setting team was anchored by crane operator Homer Wright. Operations managers Jason Hodge for Hamburg Süd, and Frank McBride, for SSA Cooper, said a number of favorable conditions led to the record. That included terminal organization, well-planned stowage aboard the ship, and an experienced cranes operator who worked the entire shift without being replaced.

“This was a team effort. We know it pays to have good plans, good stowage and good field personnel,” Hodge said. “We strive to do this kind of work on every single vessel and this shows, given the right conditions, we can do it.”

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