HORIZON RIVER VIEWS



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# BI-ANNUAL TRAINING - DANGERS OF THE WATERFRONT

On Wednesday, June 22, Sonny Pezzano of Cornerstone Safety Consulting, held bi-annual training for team members at Horizon Stevedoring, Inc. (HSI) on the "Dangers of the Waterfront". The presentation covered all potential hazards in the longshore industry while working on the wharf, in the warehouse and on the vessel.

The presentation included news footage, photos and articles of accidents, injuries and fatalities that have occurred on various waterfronts to bring home the message that safety is a number one priority. Another significant point of the training is that safety rules are generated to prevent the reoccurrence of accidents and made to protect workers from an accident/incident, which has occurred to someone else!

Other highlights of the training included:

• Be aware of your surroundings.

• Make sure you fully

understand the duties of your job.

• Make sure you have an OUT!

• Personal protective equipment is essential to your safety.

• Always plan for the "what ifs" and how you will get out if it happens.

• Never place yourself between a stationary and non -stationary object.

• Never place yourself under suspended or de-

scending gear.

- Your actions can affect others. Be alert, stay focused and follow all work procedures.
- Safe vessel brake out practices
- Safe container yard practices
- Safe procedure for opening container doors



#### Articles:



Pictured Left - (L-R): Stevedores Edwin Colon, Charles Pelzer, John Holt, Chris Schmidt and Anthony Russino Pictured Right -(L-R): Sam Gager, Stevedore; Joe Funaro, Stevedore/Shop Steward; Kyle Bagnell, Warehouse/Vessel Manager; Joann Knoetgen, Warehouse Manager; and Tina McGriff, Customer Service Representative

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## FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING

On Friday, June 24th, members of the Emergency Response Team located in the port facilities, along with employees from various companies, participated in the annual Fire Extinguisher and Fire Safety training held by Kat Matchett, Management Trainee from Cintas Corporation.

Highlights of the two training sessions were fire prevention and response techniques, types of fires and the correct extinguisher to use, fire extinguisher anatomy, maintenance, how to correctly use a fire extinguisher as well as guidelines for fighting fires.

The course also included handson fire extinguisher training utilizing a laser powered system that simulates all types of fires. Each participant practiced fighting a fire using the laser driven fire extinguisher training system with LED driven digital flames and a laser training extinguisher to replicate extinguisher discharge. The system has sensors that indicate if the trainee is aiming and sweeping correctly and if they are an effective distance from the base of the fire. The fire will only extinguish if done correctly and the extinguishment time is displayed.



Joann Knoetgen Warehouse Manager, HSI



Charles Engel Shipping Manager, HSI

### **GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM (GHS) TRAINING**

On Tuesday, August 16th, Austin Pezzano of Cornerstone Safety Consulting conducted ongoing training for "Understanding GHS Hazard Communication" for the Stevedores of Horizon Stevedoring, Inc. GHS stands for Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals and provides agreed criteria for the classification of chemical hazards. It is a standardized approach to label elements and safety data sheets.

The training sessions presented information on GHS hazard communication and showed how the adoption of this system will reduce confusion on chemical hazards in the workplace through the use of signal words, pictograms, hazard statements, and precautionary statements.



**GHS Training Class** 

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## HORIZON WELCOMES NEW TEAM STEVEDORES



Latef Cooper Hired August 2nd



Kevin O'Keefe Hired August 16th



Robert Jackson, III Hired September 6th



Deborah Fowler Hired September 20th

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Employee Birthdays

July

Xavier Bryant, Joann Knoetgen, Daniel Phillips and Jason Saring

<u>August</u>

Charles Engel, Brian Heller, Brandon Holland and Donna Petulla

<u>September</u>

Kyle Bagnell, Tim Brown, Jermaine Cooper, Sam Gager, Jr., Chris Howarth, Dorsey Lane, Page Lightner and Warren Troutman

#### COMMENTS?SUGGESTIONS?

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