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## PCMSC 2014 Memorandum of Understanding Terminal Rescue Procedures

### INFORMATION

The 2014 revision of the Pacific Coast Marine Safety Code requires container terminals with a ship-to-shore gantry crane have available a personal cage to assist in removing injured employees from vessels. These personnel cages are required to conform to PCMSC rule 345. In addition, container and breakbulk marine terminals must have procedures in place to assist emergency responders in the removal of an injured person from a vessel.

**The deadline for Employer compliance with the MOU requirement is March 03, 2017.**

### BEST PRACTICE

The location of the personnel cage, and the terminal procedures to assist emergency responders, should be provided to Union supervision prior to the start of operations. Terminal security should have knowledge of gate locations for emergency personnel entry.

Employers are encouraged to periodically inspect their personnel cages to make sure the locking mechanisms work properly and that the secondary locking device is secured.

Employers are encouraged to notify their local emergency responders of any rescue devices available to best incorporate those devices into the first responders' protocols.

### ***PCMSC 2014 Memorandum of Understanding - RESCUE PROCEDURE***

*During the course of the 2014 PCMSC contract negotiations the parties agreed that container terminals equipped with STS gantry cranes shall have a personnel cage that can be used to assist in the removal of an injured person from a vessel. During periods of repairs or certification of the personnel cage, container terminals shall implement alternate removal procedures. Personnel cages utilized for rescuing injured persons shall conform to rules 345 and 1516.*

*Container and breakbulk terminals shall have a procedure to assist emergency responders in the removal of an injured person from a vessel. These procedures shall be made available to the union upon request.*

*The parties agreed that at non-container terminals where personnel cages are currently utilized, that practice shall remain undisturbed absent a safer practice.*

*Employers shall be in compliance within 24 months of the signing of the PCL&CA.*