

# ASPA's Monthly Safety Update

November 2009

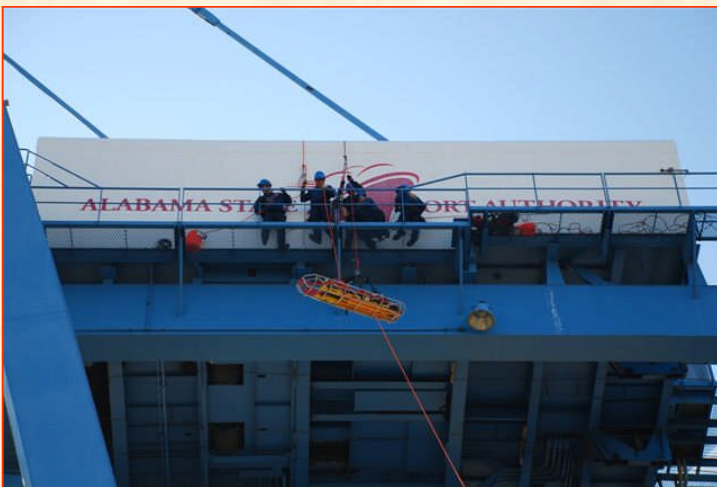
## High Angle Rescue Drill Performed At Pier 2

To date, ASPA employee safety program for confined spaces has focused on evaluating and identifying confined spaces as well as employee training for work in confined spaces. Training has also included proper operation of the RKI Model GX-2003 air monitors (used to check the air quality inside confined spaces for dangerous gases and lack of oxygen). As part of confined space training, ASPA combined forces with Mobile Fire Rescue to address High Angle/Confined Space Rescues. Mobile Fire Rescue and ASPA employees recently participated in a High Angle/Confined Space Practice Drill on Pier 2. The drill was attended by ASPA-ILA union safety representatives and ASPA employees and supervisors from different divisions around the Port. The question asked: "What would we do in the event of a rescue from a crane involving a non-ambulatory employee?"

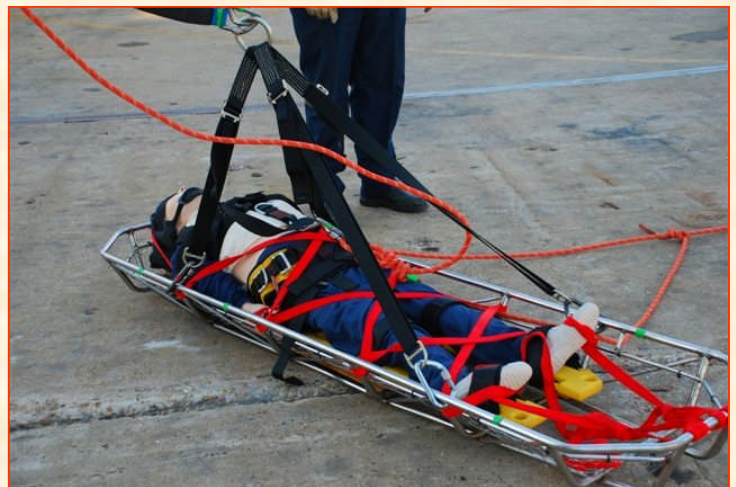
The drill clearly answered that question. The drill demonstrated the importance of clear, concise and timely information between ASPA and Mobile Fire Rescue. Information and communication is key to any emergency response situation. For this High Angle / Confined Space drill, no prior notice was provided to our employees. That lack of advanced notice provided our folks with real time experience as the drill unfolded. Port Police responded to the drill quickly, with Officer Mark Janowski and Chief Flanagan directing Mobile Fire Rescue to Crane # 400 at Pier 2. Communication was also important in the prompt and accurate relay of important details to the Rescue Chief on the drill's subject employee's medical condition and that employee's location. This information allows Mobile Fire Rescue to identify the correct equipment and medical supplies needed for the rescue. The drill also trained our folks on getting the proper litter or stokes basket, complete with securing straps and sling, in place for use in the high angle / rough terrain. Also discussed during the drill were Best Practices for High Angle / Confined Space response.

Everyone attending the drill gained an appreciation for Mobile Fire Rescue's extensive selection of equipment, the professional level of expertise as well as fast, accurate response. The entire drill was a huge success in part to the great teamwork and communication flow between the Port and Mobile Fire Rescue Department.

Many thanks to Mr. Gary Gamble Mobile Safety Manager, Chief Doug Cooper & Inspector Gary Smith CERT Coordinator, Jeff Crocker Gulf Coast Maritime Safety Association, American Society of Safety Engineers, Mr. Bob Bennett, CIH, CSP, Assistant Area Director OSHA, John Mickler, Richard Johnson, the Housekeeping Staff, Port Police, and everyone else that assisting in making this happen. **GREAT JOB TO ALL**



Mobile Fire Rescue atop ASPA's Crane 400  
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Drill test dummy is successfully lowered to ground