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DISTRACTED DRIVING KILLS!

Routine visits to Container and Ro-Ro marine terminals by members of the ILA~USMX Joint Safety Committee (JSC) continue to reveal an uncomfortably high number of vehicle operators (inclusive of management & labor terminal staff and over-the-road commercial truck drivers) who persist in engaging in distracted driving behaviors.

Strictly and exclusively from the perspective of wanting to ensure that all of us have the opportunity to return home at the end of our work shifts to the ones we care for most, the JSC implores all persons who operate vehicles within our marine terminals to soberly consider the serious life and death dangers associated with distracted driving.

If, in a pinch, you must use an electronic communication device during a work shift, pull over to a safe location first.

Terminal operators should make plain (through signage and other means) their prohibition of distracted driving and should strictly and evenly enforce those prohibitions throughout the entirety of their operations.



Got an OSH-related question? Write to the JSC at: blueoceana@optonline.net

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