On Being Complacent

Ever hear a fellow worker say: “I've been doing this job so long, I could do it in my sleep”? That’s the hallmark of someone whose probably lost their respect for the (sometimes fatal) accident potentials that are often present within the marine cargo handling workplace.

If a longshore worker acquires a comfort level when standing under suspended loads, for instance, simply because he/she has never had the experience of one falling on them (or a fellow worker).... There’s something very wrong with that picture.

The ILA~USMX Joint Safety Committee implores its labor and management constituency to always keep their eyes on the prize in achieving what we regard as “Goal number one”, which is: Everybody gets to go home in the same good shape they got to work in. Being complacent doesn’t fit within that goal...

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