



ILA-USMX JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Acknowledging Our Heroes



In these days of the Covid-19 “crisis”, the ILA~USMX Joint Safety Committee has made a practice of clearing our heads every now and then from the work we’re doing and reflect upon the manner and method that our industry has been handling the occupational health and safety-related issues that have naturally accompanied this pandemic. In sum, we’re impressed.....

Impressed, that our ILA colleagues have affirmatively met the responsibilities that accompany the term “**essential workers**” and have shown that they have the skill, grit and fortitude necessary to keep our country’s ocean commerce moving without missing a beat;

Impressed, that labor and management have made remarkable progress in building upon the strengths that they possess individually... and unifying their approach in meeting the extraordinary challenges that confront them within the tempest of a global pandemic;

From our perspective, the manner in which ILA and USMX (and their respective memberships) have generally acted together as advocates of each other’s needs and interests during this critical period of time has set a new standard to follow. We also believe that their unified approach will serve as a progressive guiding light in moving forward together and in buttressing their relationship well after all the smoke has cleared. That can only mean good things for the industry that sustains us all.

And while we grieve the loss of industry colleagues who fell victim to the pandemic and those that continue to be afflicted, a casual assessment of our Maine-to-Texas safety performance over the last month and a half is reflective of an industry that still has its eye on the ball. In our eyes, you’re all heroes!

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