



Dock worker killed in accident during third shift

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The fatal event occurred early Thursday morning at the DP World San Antonio terminal, where Daniel Gutiérrez Abarca lost his life, leaving a second worker injured.

The unfortunate event that occurred in the local port occurred while the 40-year-old fatality was operating the Santos Express ship, at which time, due to circumstances that are being investigated, he was run over by a truck that was in the port area.

The death of Daniel Gutiérrez Abarca, who was a beloved port worker and resident of the Lolleo sector and father of a five-year-old girl, has generated great regret.

Accident

The Port Authority of San Antonio referred to what happened during the early hours of this Thursday, noting that a summary-administrative investigation was ordered to determine the causes and responsibilities of the fatal accident at DP World San Antonio.

“In the early hours of today, Thursday, March 30, the Service Officer received a call, indicating that an accident had occurred inside the DP WORLD San Antonio port terminal, leaving two injured of different severity. Once the situation was known, the Captain of the Port together with the Maritime Prosecutor and professionals from Risk Prevention and the Maritime Police Patrol went to the place, verifying the facts and carrying out the first steps, paralyzing the tasks and reporting the events to the Prosecutor of the Public Ministry. on duty”, reports the statement from the Captain of the Port, Miguel Ángel Bravo.

Around 08:00 in the morning, the Claudio Vicuña Hospital reported that the injured worker had died as a result of the injuries; while the second person involved in the accident was taken from the local hospital to his home, where he has minor injuries.

“The Maritime Authority ordered the immediate opening of a summary – administrative investigation, to determine the causes and responsibilities. In parallel, the Public Ministry arranged for LABOCAR to help rebuild the scene and carry out a planimetric survey. Likewise, the authority instructed the verification of injuries and breathalyzer to the driver of the truck that was the protagonist of the accident”, adds the Harbor Master's Office.

The institution also mourned the death of the port worker, extending its condolences to the family and co-workers.

Shows of affection

Since the unfortunate death of Daniel Gutiérrez was known, shows of affection have not stopped coming from different sectors; Among them is the Port Union, which expressed its affection and regret towards the family and co-workers, as well as the San Antonio Municipal Council, which during an extraordinary session this Thursday held a minute of silence in memory of the deceased from San Antonio .

For its part, the San Antonio Port Company also expressed its condolences for the death of the DP World San Antonio porter, indicating the general manager of Puerto San Antonio, Luis Knaak, that "we express our deep condolences to the family of Daniel Gutiérrez and also to his colleagues from DP World. Today is a sad day for the entire port of San Antonio and we must accompany those who are suffering from the death of this stevedore."

In addition, the executive said that Puerto San Antonio has coordinated with the DP World terminal all the actions tending to deliver the information that will allow, promptly, the causes of this accident to be established.

For its part, DP World San Antonio, the terminal where the victim worked, also expressed its regret for this accident, which they hope to clarify its causes.

It was his general manager Luis Alberto Arancibia, who expressed that, "this news fills us with sadness and we accompany Daniel's family and friends in these painful moments. We are supporting the family and we are going to collaborate to clarify the conditions of this unfortunate situation, in addition to working to reinforce security measures to avoid accidents in the future. I reiterate our heartfelt condolences to the family of our colleague Daniel, which I extend to his friends and the entire family of DP World Chile".