

BeRailSafe E-911 Training Handout



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BeRailSafe:

- A NCDOT safety outreach program created to prevent rail-related deaths and injuries in North Carolina.

NC DOT Responsibilities:

- Authorize Amtrak to operate the *Piedmont* rail service between Raleigh and Charlotte.

1. Rail Pre-Planning

- Types of Rail Emergencies:
- Pre-planning: Do you have a plan?
 - Prepare for the worst case situation
 - Emergency response
 - Direction and control, Assignments and responsibility, Communication
 - Unified command
 - Fire, Police, EMS, Emergency Management, Red Cross, Public Works, Rail Carrier, NTSB, FRA
 - Further Considerations:
- Chain of Command:
 - Incident Commander:
 - Rail Company:
- GIS Capabilities:

2. Rail Nomenclature

- Key Terms – People
 - Conductor-

 - Engineer-

- Train Operation Roles
 - The conductor is in charge of:

 - The engineer operates the train, but:

- Key Terms – Tracks
 - Right-of-Way-

 - Gauge-

 - Fouling the Track/Fouling the Gauge/On the Foul-

- Key Terms – Equipment
 - Grade Crossing-

 - (Crossing) Gate-

 - Emergency Notification Sign (ENS)-

 - Crossing ID (6 letters & 1 alpha)-

 - Signal Mast-

 - Crossbuck-

- Crossing Equipment Responsibility:

3. Rail Incident Response

- Emergency Dispatcher Training Video:

4. Crossing ID & Train Movement

- Emergency Notification System
 - Every grade crossing has a sign that displays the railroad telephone number, the location and mile post, and the U.S. DOT (crossing identification) number.
 - Notes:
- U.S. DOT (Crossing Identification) Number
 - 6 numbers followed by an alphabetic letter
Example: 628815P

- Unique identifier, located at every crossing that doesn't exist anywhere else in the country
- Alternate names: DOT Number, Crossing Number, ID Number, Crossing ID Number, Number, #
- Notes:

- Mile Posts:

- Train Movement
 - Know which railroads control the tracks in your community and how to contact them in emergency situations.
 - Notes:

- Hazards on, along, and under the tracks:

- If Communication Fails:

5. Rail Mechanics

- Grade Crossing Equipment
 - How it works:

- Rail Signal Equipment

- Couplers:

- Drawbar (Coupler Shank):

- Starting & Stopping:

6. Train Physics

- Train Stopping Distance
 - Comparison:
 - From a speed of 55 miles per hour it takes a train one mile or more to stop.
Equivalent to 18 football fields

- Train Weight
 - Average passenger train = 1,270,000 pounds or 635 tons
Equivalent to 20 tractor trailers
 - Average freight car (100 cars of coal) = 22,000,000 pounds or 11,000 tons
Equivalent to 275 tractor trailers

- Passenger Train vs. Freight Train:

Additional Resources

- National Emergency Number Association: *Railroad & PSAP Interaction OID*
 - <http://www.nena.org/>
- Emergency Contact Numbers
 - CSX 1-800-232-0144
 - Norfolk Southern 1-800-946-4744
 - NC Shortlines <http://www.ncrailways.org/railroads>
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