



# ***Heavy Rail Emergencies***

## **Checklist for Flagging Unit**

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**Objectives:** Assess scene, Control hazards, Rescue victim(s), Evacuate victims from scene.

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- Units dispatched as train lookouts must:
  - Respond to the dispatched location, at least 2 miles from the incident scene
  - Ensure apparatus are positioned no closer than 30 feet from the track bed
  - Ensure personnel are equipped with three, 30min flares and the proper minimum PPE
  - Ensure personnel position in a location easily visible to an oncoming train, but no closer than 30ft from the track bed
  - Ensure personnel can quickly and safely clear the area in the event of an oncoming, uncontrolled train
  - Ensure personnel do not cross or enter common corridors to flag (METRO or MTA: Purple Line may not be aware units are operating for a Heavy Rail Emergency and may continue to operate)
  
- Be vigilant in maintaining a watch for oncoming trains. If an oncoming train is spotted, personnel should:
  - Continue maintaining a safe distance from the roadway
  - Begin flagging by lighting a flare and waving it horizontally across the body in a slow, steady motion.
  - Continue flagging until the train engineer acknowledges the stop request with two short blast of the train horn and begins to stop.
  - If the train passes without acknowledgement or slowing down, immediately alert command
  - Remain at the lookout position until released by command