



Heavy Rail Emergencies

Checklist for Initial Unit Officer

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

Assess:

ENROUTE

- Determine the best initial access points for other responding units
- Ensure CSX has been notified with dispatched location
- Ensure Flagging units have been dispatched
- Ensure water supply has been identified

INITIAL ON SCENE REPORT

- Initial Scope of the Incident
- Initial presence of immediate life hazards
- Initial Status of any passengers
- Initial of hazardous materials

Control: Prior to entering the ROADWAY: Begin to control the emergency via management of hazards and victims

Status Update Report

- Location.** Update and or confirm the location of the incident and the primary and secondary entry
- Conditions.** Nature of incident, types of train(s) involved, status of and passengers and presence of any known hazardous materials-If so, consider creating isolation zones
- Actions.** What actions you have already taken, and those which you intend to take
- Needs.** Announcement and/or request for resources that will be required to begin mitigation efforts
 - **If entering roadway confirm all traffic stopped**
 - **Assign a unit to operate as a look out**
 - **Confirm flaggers operating at proper locations**
 - **Establish Tactical or Stationary Command**

Rescue: Determine the need to remove passengers or shelter them in place

- While operating on incidents personnel should always**
 - Remain at least 20 feet away from ends of train
 - Do not cross between train cars
 - Avoid operating on top of cars
 - Confirm Hand brakes are engaged
 - Avoid activating the fuel cut-off switches or shutting down passenger locomotives unless there is a locomotive fire
- In the event of locomotive fire, firefighting operations must be coordinated with railroad personnel.
 - Assess integrity of fuel tanks and amount of fuel
 - Personnel should not enter the engine room of a locomotive at any time without the permission of the incident commander after consultation with railroad personnel
 - Personnel must not direct hose streams down the exhaust stack of a locomotive
 - Personnel should activate the fuel cut-off switch, if safe to do so

Evacuate: Remove the victims to a predetermined area of safety and begin a process of triage, treatment and transport

- Utilize Triage system to categorize patients**
- Assign units to
 - Triage Group
 - Treatment Group
 - Transport Group
 - Litter Carrier Group