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Rail Operations

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submitted:

A special thank you to David Vestal and Louis Difazio this week for their endless efforts to get the Dispatch ready room Com-board installed and functioning. It has been a long road but the outcome looks great! We all look forward to seeing it in action moving forward.

Equity and Social Justice:

If you wish to know what justice is, let injustice pursue you.

Eugenio Maria de Hostas
(Puerto Rican patriot, 1839-1903)

KCM and ST Partnership Principles Defining Equity and Priority Populations

We define equity as a system of fairness, providing full and equal access to opportunities, power, and resources and leading with racial justice, because historical and racial inequities continue to affect all of us, and our region's ability to thrive. We identify priority populations as including Black, Indigenous, and people of color, linguistically diverse, immigrants and refugees, low-income, and people with disabilities.

Pedestrian Incursion Awareness

Rail has compiled recent operational statistics we believe indicate a need for heightened awareness when proceeding through at-grade intersections, elevated track sections, and tunnel operating areas. Please pay particular attention to your surroundings when traveling through tunnel bores and curves along elevated track-ways. These areas offer minimal clearances and are considered extremely hazardous for unauthorized persons to occupy. As always, keep your eyes moving and stay safe.

Summer Shake-Up Begins Saturday, June 12th

All operators are reminded that the summer shake-up begins Saturday, June 12th. Make sure you are familiar with your new work, new sign-in times, whether it is a pull out or road relief and your new RDO's. Early preparation will help ensure a smooth start to the summer shake-up. Please speak with the Dispatcher if you have questions about information on your run card.

Reporting Train Defects

Defect cards need to be filled out completely each day. Remember to include the operator name, LRV number, and car section. If an in-service train has no defects, the operator will note "No Defect" for the Day on the defect card. Even if the operator has contacted LCC, the operator must complete the defect card.

High Temperatures

You may have noticed that though summer has not officially started we have had exceptionally warm days. Please make sure to keep yourself hydrated. When not operating in the south end LRV, make sure the window shades are drawn down to help keep the cab cooler.

Inappropriate Language and Conduct are Prohibited

Operator's conduct with customers, coworkers and others must be always respectful and civil. Profane, inappropriate, and/or sarcastic language is not permitted. Any verbal, written statements, or actions that are personally designed to offend others are strictly prohibited. Acts of harassment including, but not limited to, the use of slurs or derogatory statements involving race, color, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, religion, ancestry, national origin, veteran status, or disability will not be tolerated. Operators are also prohibited from making derogatory comments concerning Metro and Sound Transit equipment and/or policy while on duty or when in uniform.

Inattentive and Complacent Operations

The more time you spend in a comfortable environment without experiencing uncomfortable outcomes, the more relaxed you can become in that environment; and this is when you can let your guard down. This can put you at risk of bypassing a signal, becoming unaware of your location, or causing you to get into a preventable accident. Complacency, coupled with inattentiveness can be a dangerous combination. They cause you to miss what's happening around you. You can take steps to prevent inattentive and/or complacent operations such as always be on guard, being alert, keeping your mind open to how conditions might change suddenly to your detriment, and being committed to being aware of your surroundings. Taking a proactive approach on reducing inattentive and complacent operations will improve situational awareness and reduce the potential for harmful and/or unexpected conditions that can sneak up on you.

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