

SAFETY ALERT



Engineering

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Safely Operating On-Track Equipment

The moment when you get that eerie feeling in your stomach that something is not right. The sound of a steel wheel sliding uncontrollably on the rail. The second when realization sets in and you have lost control of your OTE or Hi-rail. You are bracing yourself for an impact with a machine or train.

This example is all too real. Many of our coworkers in engineering have experienced at least one if not all of the above examples this year. The engineering department has experienced far too many on-track collisions. Zero collisions is the expectation because the result of these type of incidents could be life-changing.

Injuries range from serious to minor but all could have been catastrophic given the circumstances. **Twelve** on-track collisions have occurred YTD 2018. Taking a look back to the prior years, (7 in 2017 & 5 in 2016), we have not performed well and incidents have risen. At present rate, we are on pace to have 18 on-track collisions when compared to the 1st and 2nd quarters performance. We need to take action NOW.

Supervisor Points of Emphasis

Recognize, approach, and act when rules and procedures are not being followed. Every person under the sound of this alert have been trained on on-track operating rules and procedures. Lack of knowledge or skill set of the rules did not play any part of the outcome of these preventable incidents. Non-compliance and lack of respect for your fellow co-workers safety and well-being determined the outcome.

Take a few moments and have every employee access his or her own copy of the CSX issued Employee Operating Manual along with the 2018 3rd Quarter System Bulletin 001 effective 0001 hours July 1st, 2018. Discuss the 712.17 speed chart and encourage feedback.

In addition, review with all team members the following rule sets orally as a group: **712.15, 712.16, 712.21, and 712.38.**

We must utilize this opportunity for a moment of growth and realization of not just the discussed rules but all rules we are governed under.



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