



**San Diego County Sheriff**

**TRAINING BULLETIN**

**William D. Gore, Sheriff**

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### **TRANSIT ENFORCEMENT UNIT**

North County Transit District contracts with the San Diego Sheriff's Department to provide a specialized unit to patrol transit centers and adjacent rail property. The unit also provides response to any instances which effect rail operations. These instances included but are not limited to:

- Train vs. Trespasser
- Train vs. Vehicle or Pedestrian
- Train vs. Train
- Train derailments-sabotage or mechanical/infrastructure
- Any significant incident on the Railroad Property (ROW) that may impact rail operations

If any of the above situations occur we ask the following from you:

- Secure the scene
- Ensure dispatch has contacted the Transit Enforcement Unit to respond
- Identify witnesses (train passengers are not witnesses)
- Cooperate with all Rail Personnel
- Provide any investigative information regarding the incident to the Transit Enforcement Deputy
- **Do not interview train operating personnel such as Engineer, Train Operator or Conductor**
- **Do not authorize the release or movement of the train**

The Transit Enforcement Unit will assume the investigative responsibility as well as:

- Interview train personnel, witnesses and train passengers, obtain necessary investigative photos, data and related information
- Approve release of the train and train personnel
- Work with Medical Examiner staff (if required) to complete investigative work
- Make any specific notifications necessary to homicide, the media and the communication center lieutenant.

If you have an emergency in which train traffic needs to be immediately restricted, a Signal House is located at every Rail Grade Crossing. The direct phone number to the Railroad Dispatcher is located on each signal house. Example:

- 1-888 243-5247 - Coaster territory
- 1-866 502-6673 - Sprinter territory

If you have any questions, please contact the Transit Enforcement Unit.

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