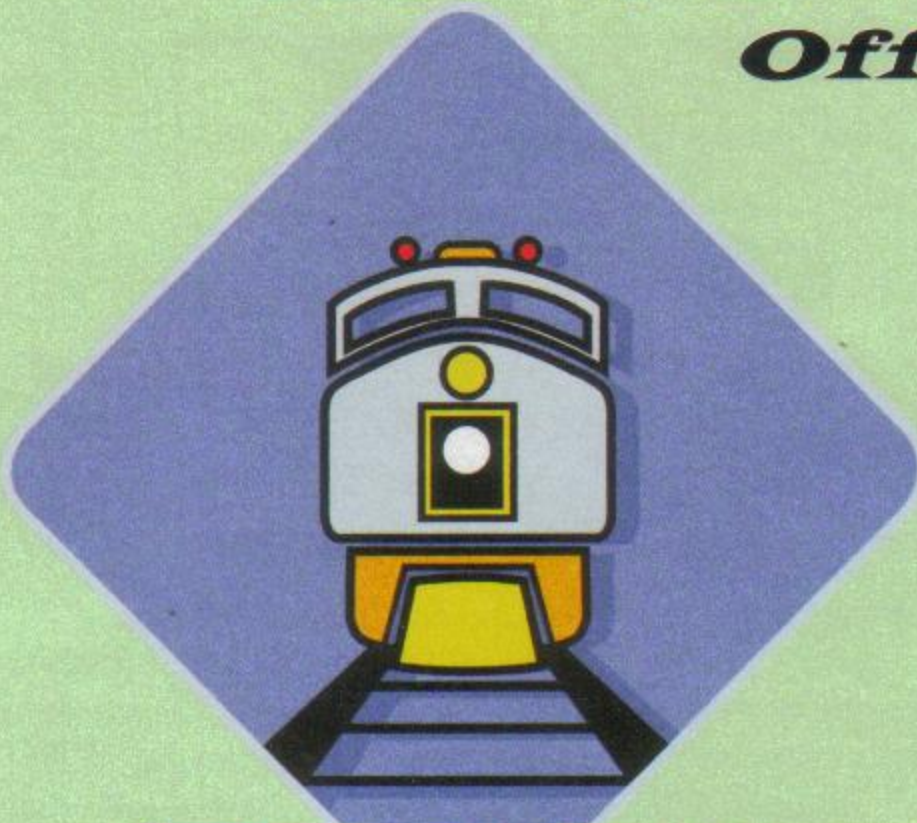
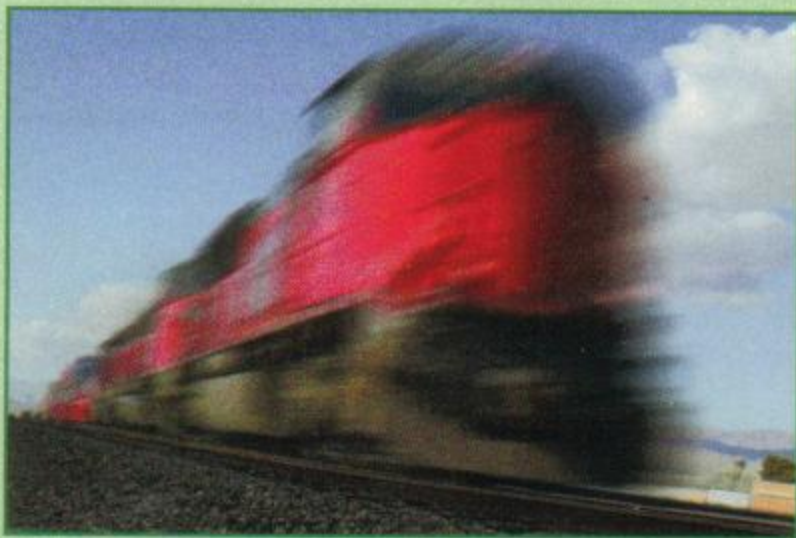


Railroad Resources *for Public Safety* *Officers*



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Trains can't stop quickly



A 100-car freight train, traveling 55 mph will take one-mile to stop!

A typical locomotive weighs approximately 400,000 pounds or 200 tons. When 100 railcars are added to the locomotive, the train can weigh approximately 6,000 tons. **The weight ratio of an automobile to a train is proportional to a soda can and an automobile.**

Always Expect A Train . . .

As North Carolina's urban and rural populations escalate, they crowd existing rail corridors. Trains and people meet with increasing frequency. Additionally, Office of Homeland Security has recognized transportation corridors, such as railroads, as possible targets for acts of terror. This compilation of information about safety and security procedures is prepared to

help identify risks and vulnerabilities and minimize safety hazards along North Carolina's rail corridors. It provides general safety procedures and contact information to assist public safety officers with railroad-related incidents.



CSX train traveling through the Chatham Street crossing, Cary, NC

Look, Listen, and Live

Rail corridors are private property. Anyone walking, riding bikes, jogging, or operating any vehicles within the corridor is trespassing. Trains in North Carolina can operate at speeds up to 79 mph and can take more than one mile to stop. They



operate at varied hours around the clock. People trespassing on railroad bridges can get trapped by an oncoming train and have no route to escape. The danger to pedestrians and vehicles is obvious, so the more officers watching the corridor, the safer it will be.

Safety Guidelines

★ Request anyone walking on railroad tracks or in the corridor to move. They can be cited for trespassing. (Stat. § 14-280.1 in the N.C. criminal and Vehicle Handbook states: “(a) *Offense. A person commits the offense of trespassing on railroad right-of-way if the person enters and remains on the railroad right-of-way without the consent of the railroad company or the person operating the railroad or without authority granted pursuant to State or federal law.*”)

★ Remind pedestrians to look both ways before crossing a track and to never cross if the gates are down.

★ Tracks should only be crossed at designated locations.

★ Motorists should always stop when crossing gates are down and/or lights are flashing. If a crossing is not signalized, stop, look, and listen before proceeding through the crossing.

★ Report any vehicle stopped or stalled on the tracks to your department and use emergency notification numbers located on the track signaling equipment.

★ In train stations, passengers should remain back from the platform edge, never lean on or hold onto the train, and use caution when boarding. Report any problems to the conductor.



Express-Times photo, Phillipsburg, PA

Freight Service

Two Class I railroads, Norfolk Southern and CSX, operate in North Carolina, as well as a number of short line services.

Norfolk Southern and CSX each have a police force trained in security awareness and corridor protection. They are the “eyes and ears” of the freight railroad and welcome inquiries from local officers on rail matters.



The freight railroad police conduct random checks at some Amtrak stations, creating visible, high profile appearance, especially in larger population areas.

The railroads’ security divisions and management have added safety to meeting agendas and welcome input from public safety and law enforcement officers.



Passenger Service



Amtrak also has a police department and security measures aimed at improving passenger rail safety. Like Norfolk Southern and CSX, Amtrak has uniformed police officers, mobile security teams, and K-9 units. Amtrak uses checked baggage screening, random passenger and carry-on baggage screening, on-board security checks, and identification checks to

provide security for their passengers and the communities they travel through. **Amtrak encourages everyone to report any suspicious behavior or unattended luggage to Amtrak police or personnel.**

Amtrak stations are located in the following North Carolina cities:

Burlington	Cary	Charlotte	Durham
Fayetteville	Gastonia	Greensboro	Hamlet
High Point	Kannapolis	Raleigh	Rocky Mount
Salisbury	Selma	Southern Pines	Wilson



Railroad Emergency Numbers

For Health or Safety Emergencies Call 911 First

Amtrak Police Department 1-800-331-0008

919-833-7574



CSX 1-800-232-0144

Norfolk Southern 1-800-453-2530

NC Emergency Management 919-733-3825



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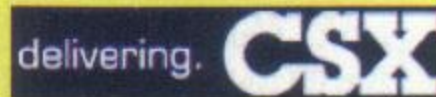
NC State Bureau of Investigation 1-800-334-3000

877-833-0187



FBI Infragard Coordinator/Charlotte 704-331-4622

North Carolina Railroad Company 919-954-7601

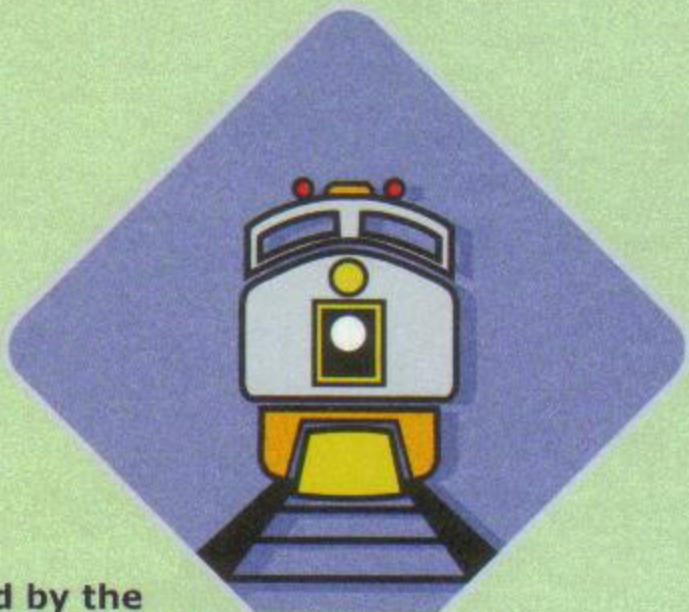


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