

Safety Highlights

As part of Caltrain's newly established efforts for emergency preparedness, Caltrain scheduled Emergency Responder training in all three counties that Caltrain services. Training was conducted for the San Francisco Fire Department at the 4th and King Caltrain yard in September. Two training sessions were conducted – each consisted of classroom training and familiarization with Caltrain train locomotives and railcars.



Locomotive basic safety precautions overview



San Francisco Station classroom training

Safety practices and precautions in responding to an emergency on the Caltrain corridor were discussed. Familiarization on train rail cars included controls, equipment, and potential hazards. This included electrical current, fuel, fire hazards, on board emergency equipment, egress locations, passenger capacity, locomotive shut off, emergency preparedness training of train crews, and communication protocols.



Cab Car access and egress basics

Establishing and maintaining sound rapport with Emergency Responders is a precautionary measure in the event of an extraordinary emergency incident. Caltrain stations and right of way special characteristics are different in each county and access points are also a key factor for emergency response.

At Caltrain, safety, and security are always priority in maintaining reliable and dependable service.



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Education

Rail Safety Presentations/Activities	City	Attendees
Rail Safety Outreach – Broadway Crossing	Burlingame	40
Rail Safety Fair	Palo Alto	450
Los Altos Train Days	Los Altos	1677
PCEP Fire Life Safety Committee	San Mateo	10

Enforcement

Event	SEP 2017	YTD 2017
Felony and Misdemeanor Arrests (all)	9	124
Parking Citations	141	3002
Traffic Citations	40	413
All Other Infraction Citations (including trespassing)	46	642
Ejections/Contacts: Train, Station, Right of Way	32	279
Proof-of-Payment Citations	0	73
Crisis Interventions w/ Emergency Commitments	6	32
Total Calls For Police Service	814	7560

Significant Events

Sept. 1 – Sept. 30: During this period, the Transit Police conducted monthly High-Intensity Strategic Enforcement Program (HISEP) initiatives targeting education and enforcement in locations where persons may engage in unsafe behavior.

- The Transit Police responded to one report of a person trespassing on the Caltrain right of way. The person was cited and released.
- The Transit Police cited 42 persons for safety violations as part of the HISEP effort.

Sept. 1 – Sept. 30: The Transit Police conducted several enforcement measures in association with Caltrain’s special baseball service:

- Extra security details were assigned to the 4th and King Station in San Francisco.
- One person was cited for ‘minor in possession of alcohol’ and released.
- One person was arrested for ‘public intoxication of alcohol’ and was booked into county jail.



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Transit Police would like to remind Caltrain patrons to drink responsibly. Please remember that drinking alcoholic beverages is prohibited after 9:00 PM on all southbound trains leaving the San Francisco Caltrain Station after special events.

Sept. 1 – Sept. 30: The Transit Police conducted routine security checks at various Caltrain stations. As a result, five persons were arrested on outstanding misdemeanor warrants and one person was arrested on an outstanding felony warrant. In each instance, the person was booked into county jail.

Sept. 1 – Sept. 30: Transit Police received -

- five reports of vehicle burglaries at various Caltrain Stations
- two reports of vehicle vandalisms at the Mountain View Caltrain Station and Palo Alto Caltrain Station
- three reports of stolen vehicles at various Caltrain Stations

The Transit Police would like to remind Caltrain patrons to keep your vehicle doors locked and not leave anything of value visible inside the vehicle.

Sept. 3: The Transit Police responded to the Palo Alto Caltrain Station on a report of an adult male who appeared to be a danger to himself. The person was located, taken into protective custody, and transported to emergency psychiatric care.

Sept. 5: The Transit Police responded to a report of a vehicle that was in the grade crossing and struck by a northbound Caltrain train at Buckingham Avenue and Westmoreland Avenue in Redwood City. An adult male was located in the vehicle and was fatally injured. The incident is under investigation by the Transit Police.

Sept. 12: The Transit Police responded to the San Jose Diridon Caltrain Station on a report of an adult male who appeared to be a danger to himself. The person was located, taken into protective custody, and transported to emergency psychiatric care.

Sept. 22: The Transit Police responded to the Menlo Park Caltrain Station on a report of an adult male who was acting erratically and possibly contemplating suicide. The person was located, taken into protective custody, and transported to emergency psychiatric care.

Sept. 26: The Transit Police responded to a report of a juvenile female trespassing on the Caltrain right of way that was struck by a southbound Caltrain train at the Whipple Avenue grade crossing in Redwood City. Preliminary information suggests the person may have intentionally placed herself in the path of the oncoming train. The incident is under investigation by the Transit Police.



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Sept. 26: The Transit Police responded to the Palo Alto Caltrain Station on a report of an adult female who was acting erratically and possibly contemplating suicide. The person was located, taken into protective custody, and transported to emergency psychiatric care.

Sept. 30: The Transit Police responded to the San Jose Diridon Caltrain Station on a report of an adult female who was acting erratically and possibly contemplating suicide. The person was located, taken into protective custody, and transported to emergency psychiatric care.

Bike Thefts:

Sept. 1 – Sept. 30: The Transit Patrol Bureau received nine reports of bicycle thefts from various Caltrain stations.