

Safety Highlights

Caltrain Maintenance of Way (MOW) employees attended a quarterly safety meeting to emphasize safe practices, prevention of injury, and prevention of damage to equipment. The MOW Department is responsible for Caltrain maintenance of tracks, signals, and facilities. MOW workers also provide on track safety protection along the Caltrain right of way for Caltrain managed construction projects.



MOW Meeting Room – left side view



Deputy General Manager MOW initiates meeting

Quarterly meetings provide a forum for all workers to convene and discuss safety concerns. The goal is to develop and/or promote preventative measures. Best safety management practices are based on continuous improvement and consistency of practice by all workers.



MOW Meeting Room – right side view

The October 2017 meetings focused on year to date safety data, mental fatigue management, ongoing construction projects, and question and answer session as part of their ongoing development.

At Caltrain, safety continues to be priority in maintaining reliable and dependable service.



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Education

Rail Safety Presentations/Activities	City	Attendees
San Mateo County Suicide Prevention Committee	San Mateo	20
Project Safety Net	Palo Alto	25
NorCal Rail Safety Team Meeting	Stockton- ACE Rail	15
PCEP Fire Life Safety Committee	San Mateo	11

Enforcement

Event	SEP 2017	YTD 2017
Felony and Misdemeanor Arrests (all)	13	137
Parking Citations	220	3222
Traffic Citations	12	425
All Other Infraction Citations (including trespassing)	98	740
Ejections/Contacts: Train, Station, Right of Way	13	292
Proof-of-Payment Citations	42	115
Crisis Interventions w/ Emergency Commitments	2	34
Total Calls For Police Service	766	8326

Significant Events

Oct. 1 – Oct. 31: 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 four reports of persons trespassing on the Caltrain right of way. In each instance, the person was cited and released
- The Transit Police cited 94 persons for safety violations as part of the HISEP effort.

Oct. 1 – Oct. 31: The Transit Police conducted routine security checks at various Caltrain stations. As a result, four 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.



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Oct. 1 – Oct. 31: Transit Police received:

- Two reports of vehicle burglaries at the San Jose Diridon Caltrain Station.
- Two reports of vehicle vandalisms at the Millbrae Caltrain Station and Blossom Hill Caltrain Station in San Jose.

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.

Oct. 12: The Transit PD responded to the right of way in Santa Clara on a report of an adult male trespasser who had been struck by a northbound Caltrain train. Preliminary information suggests the subject may have intentionally placed himself in the path of the oncoming train. The incident is under investigation by Transit PD.

Oct. 19: The Transit PD responded to the 16th Street Grade Crossing in San Francisco on a report of an adult male trespasser who had been struck by a northbound Caltrain train. Preliminary information suggests the subject may have intentionally placed himself in the path of the oncoming train. The incident is under investigation by Transit PD.

Oct. 23: The Transit Police responded to the Redwood City 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.

Oct. 26: The Transit Police responded to the San Carlos 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:

Oct. 1 – Oct. 31: The Transit PD received 12 reports of bicycle thefts from various Caltrain stations.

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.

Engineering

Maintenance of Way

- Surfaced 26,663 lineal feet of mainline track
- Surfaced 6 turnouts, performed maintenance grinding and welding on 46 turnouts on the mainline and installed 11 new 9-foot wood ties and 62 switch ties along the main track
- Completed vegetation removal and tree trimming adjacent to 9th Ave in San Mateo



Before



After

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- Cleared and inspected tracks after two vehicle strikes at grade crossings:
 - Palo Alto - Charleston Avenue Main Track 1 on 10/05/17 at 12:26 a.m.
 - San Mateo - 25th Avenue Main Track 1 on 10/16/17 at 09:04 a.m.
- One vehicle was removed from Redwood City Whipple Avenue Main Track 1 prior to potential strike
- Cleaned up illegal dumping along the right of way adjacent to Highway 87 bike path and Almaden Expressway.



Before



After

- Installed new switch ties and ergonomic switch stand at Gilroy yard



Before



During

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During



After

Stations

- Free daily indoor and secured bike valet is now available at 311 Townsend Street next to the San Francisco 4th and King Station



NOTE: The bike lockers south of the Bicycle Parking facility were removed due to repetitive vandalism

