



EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION PROTOCOL METRA BOMB EMERGENCY

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The following procedure has been developed and approved by the METRA Transit Police, the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will, MABAS, ILEAS, and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

Following the occurrence of an explosion of a hazardous device, or the confirmed detection of a device on a METRA train, the following procedure will occur:

The Engineer will:

- Proceed to the nearest designated safe stopping location, stop the train and debark all passengers moving them a safe distance from the train,
- Notify the METRA dispatch center that an explosion has occurred, or that a device has been located

The METRA dispatch center will:

- Initiate an EMnet message, shown below, to the IL.910 group indicating the METRA Emergency Plan has been activated. METRA will also indicate what time the "Train Stop Order" was given.
- Upon receipt of information concerning the discovery or detonation of an explosive device on any METRA train, Pace bus, CTA train or bus, or any Amtrak train within the Chicago metropolitan area immediate notification will be made, using the following message:

"A BOMB HAS BEEN (DETONATED) (DISCOVERED) ON A MASS TRANSIT TRAIN OR BUS IN THE CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AREA (AT LOCATION). ACCORDINGLY, ALL METRA TRAINS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO STOP AND DE-BOARD PASSENGERS, REGARDLESS OF LOCATION, THROUGHOUT COOK, DUPAGE, KANE, LAKE, MCHENRY, AND WILL COUNTIES. METRA IS REQUESTING ALL AGENCIES IN THE SIX COUNTY AREA TO CHECK RAIL LINES IN YOUR TOWN FOR ANY TRAINS THAT MAY BE STOPPED TO ASSIST IN DEBOARDING THE PASSENGERS AND RELOCATING THEM TO A

SAFE AREA AWAY FROM THE TRAIN. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.”

- Upon receipt of information concerning an attack on another commuter rail system, in the country, and based on intelligence from appropriate federal agencies, METRA senior management personnel will order the immediate evacuation of all trains at the next train station, using the following message:

“ALL METRA TRAINS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO STOP AND DEBOARD PASSENGERS AT THE NEXT TRAIN STATION THROUGHOUT COOK, DUPAGE, DUPAGE, KANE, LAKE, MCHENRY, AND WILL COUNTIES. METRA IS REQUESTING ALL AGENCIES WITHIN THE SIX COUNTY AREA TO CHECK RAIL LINES IN YOUR TOWN FOR ANY TRAINS THAT MAY BE STOPPED TO ASSIST IN DEBOARDING FOR PASSENGERS AND RELOCATING THEM TO A SAFE AREA AWAY FROM THE TRAIN AND THE STATION. AN EVENT HAS OCCURRED ON A COMMUTER LINE IN ANOTHER STATE. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.”

- If an electronic receipt, indicating that the message has been received and read by the State EOC in Springfield, is not received within three (3) minutes, contact the State EOC via commercial phone at (800) 782-7860.

The State EOC Dispatcher will:

- Immediately re-transmit the above EMnet message, simultaneously to the following groups:
 - IL.910
 - All counties in Northeast Illinois (IEMA Region 3 and 4 Offices, City of Chicago, Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Will Counties, MABAS Red Center, MABAS Orland Center, State Police District 2, Chicago, 5, and 15, State Police Command Center and IDOT Station 1, and ILEAS)
 - IL.930
 - IOHNO and all POD Hospitals

State Police District Chicago will:

- Immediately dispatch an ISPERN message, using one of the two messages above, indicating that the “METRA Emergency Plan” has been activated.
- State District 2, 5, and Lake County Sheriff will repeat the dispatch via ISPERN in their respective districts.

The MABAS Red Center will:

- Immediately notify affected MABAS Division dispatch centers via phone.

Each County will:

- Immediately initiate notification of municipal dispatch centers and municipal emergency response agencies, via established communications channels that the “METRA Emergency Plan” has been activated. Municipal governments will dispatch resources, as identified in local plans to the location where the train has been stopped to provide assistance as warranted by the unfolding situation.
- ***DuPage County will:***
 - ***Immediately re-transmit the METRA notification message via EMnet Group DP.910 (all DuPage County municipal governments and fire protection districts).***
 - ***Transmit a DCERN message to all local stations advising that the METRA plan has been activated, and directing all stations to read the message on their EMnet terminal for further details.***

POD Hospitals in the Chicago metropolitan area will:

- Notify resource and participating hospitals that the “METRA Emergency Plan” has been activated and to increase staffing as appropriate in anticipation of the arrival of patients.

The ILEAS dispatch center will:

- Stand by for requests from municipal law enforcement agencies to provide additional law enforcement mutual aid, should the situation warrant.

After the METRA GPS center has determined the actual location of all trains in the Chicago metro region, the GPS center will forward that data to the METRA police communications center. The METRA police communications center will send an EMnet message to the IL.910 Group (all stations in the Chicago metro region and the State EOC). Each county will be responsible for forwarding the GPS data to each of their municipalities.

Response to the detection or detonation of an explosive device, or a request for EMS assistance due to an injury resulting from the de-boarding process, will be managed in accordance to procedures outlined in municipal and county emergency management plans.

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