

FIRST RESPONDER SAFETY TIPS



Look Both Ways

Trains run in both directions, so always expect a train! After a train passes, look both ways before proceeding even if a train gate is raised.



Keep all Vehicles Clear of Grade Crossings

Trains and railcars overhang the tracks by at least 4 feet, so it is important to keep all vehicles clear of the track and at a distance of 25 feet when stopped at a grade crossing.



Call to Report the Emergency

Call the Central Florida Rail Corridor (CFRC) at 877-235-7245. Provide the railroad milepost number (if available) and other pertinent location information.



Make Others Aware

Place lighted red flares (or fuses) between rails at least 1½ miles from an incident, using caution to avoid a fire hazard.



Stay Alert Near Train Tracks

Ensure your safety, as well as the safety of others!



Enforce Trespassing Laws

Train tracks are private property. Keep vehicles and pedestrians clear of the tracks by 25 feet. Patrol areas around the stations, parking lots and the tracks.



TRAINS CAN'T STOP QUICKLY, BUT YOU CAN.

While Central Florida has hosted passenger and freight trains for decades, SunRail will completely change the way the rail corridor operates with new signalization, double train tracks and more trains operating at greater frequency.



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FIRST RESPONDER SAFETY TIPS FOR INCIDENT RESPONSE

Officer safety while responding to and investigating train-related incidents depends on a basic familiarity with railroad equipment and operations.

STOPPING A TRAIN

The following actions should be taken in the event of an incident involving potential fatalities, injuries or property losses.

1

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Place lighted red fuseses between the rails at least 1½ miles from the incident. Ensure fusees are placed safely to prevent fires. Trains can't stop quickly. The average freight train traveling at 55 mph will require a mile or more to stop.

3

Position yourself well away from the rails. Swing a fuse or white light back and forth (left to right) at knee to hip height. This universal "STOP" signal is understood by all train crew members. The engineer will acknowledge the signal and bring the train to a stop.

