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## Crew Training Presentation



Working Safely and Efficiently

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# We Function as a Team

- Everyone on the team is important
- Safety is everyone's number one responsibility
- Show courtesy and respect at all times
  - To the public
  - To the other crew members
  - To yourself



# Our Crew

- Typical Crewmember Progression -
  - Brakeman
  - Conductor
  - Engine Service
    - Fireman
    - Hostler
    - Yard Engineer
    - RAL Instructor
    - Passenger Engineer
- Requirements for each position are defined in Entrance and Service Requirements book (more later...)
- You should not feel pressured to progress further or faster than you want. Many crewmembers remain as Brakemen or Conductors for their career with us and are valuable members of our team.



# Volunteering Beyond Being on Crew

- Everyone is welcomed to participate in other areas at the museum:
  - Mechanical Department
  - Steam Department
  - Restoration Department
  - Track work
  - Archive/Historical Department
  - Museum Store
  - Facilities
  - More...



# Vocabulary

- Glossary of terms

We use several terms in the operation of the trains within the museum

- Railroad vocabulary can mean different things to many people:

- Handout sheet for the glossary is available.
- Glossary is also available on the Training Materials web page on the Operating Dept web page.

# Revision History

- 2014-07-16 Paul & Kenneth Finnegan – updated
  - Slide 1: Removed 2014
  - Many Slide: Reformatted list consistency and clarity
  - Slide 7:
    - Retailed “TARINING” to “TRAIN OPERATOPMS”
    - Deleted “Hours of Operation (Operating weekends, Museum hours)”
    - Deleted “Paul Finnegan Crew Caller”
  - Slide 9 – Added “Personal Work Report”
  - Slide 11 – Added “Yard”
  - Slide 18 & 19: Corrected times
- 2015-0322 Paul Finnegan
  - Updated Superintendent of Operations to be Rick Gruninger
- 2015-06-02 Paul Finnegan
  - Redrew the Op Dept. Org Chart in Excel and imported to improve clarity.
  - On Museum hours slide – added RR Days some years and reference to web page
- 11-27/28-2015 Kerry Cochran
  - Added Slide # 7 “What is Expected of You, Slide # 8 & 9 Safety 1st
  - Slide # 10 Change Crew Call time to 10:00 AM
  - Several Slides removed, combined with other slides
- 12-8-2015 Kerry Cochran
  - Several Slides removed, combined with other slides Text changed
  - Slide 17 & 18 still need work
  - Slide 1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 19, 20 and 21
- 12-9-2015 Paul Finnegan
  - Converted to new standard crew training PowerPoint style.
  - Cleaned up a few graphics, on Agenda slide (3) removed Supervisors line.
  - Combined title slide and welcome slide. (Shifts slide numbers down by 1.)

# Revision History

- 12-24-2015 Kerry Cochran
  - Slide # 2
  - Added General Code of Operating Rules Changes (go to new Power Point Presentation)
  - Slide # 4
  - Added Blue Signal Protection
  - Slide # 5
  - Added How to Sign Up to Work on the Train Crew (go to new Power Point Presentation)
  - Slide # 9
  - Added Safety Procedures for Train Operations (go to new Power Point Presentation)
  - Slide # 11
  - Added to Qualification Card Audit (All Operating Department Members)
  - Added Bulletin Procedures-Description
  - Slide # 13
  - Added to "Tour of Museum" For all New Members and Returning Members too
  - Slide # 17
  - Change the See Attached sheet for the glossary.
  - Removed and changed to "Handout is Available"
  - Added Slide # 24 Revision History
- 1-2-2016 Kerry Cochran
  - Revised per Paul's comments 12-27-2015
  - Added new slide between # 6 and 7
- 1-31-2016 Kerry Cochran
  - Complete revision
- 2-1-2016 Paul Finnegan
  - General Cleanup
  - New Introduction slides
- 2-2-2016 – Paul Finnegan
  - Fixed punctuation: (missing period, missing closed quotation.)
- 2-3-2016 – Paul Finnegan
  - Added example org chart
- 2-7-2016 Paul Finnegan
  - Added Train Sheet Editor and Boy Scout Merit Badge committee head to org chart
- 1-7-2017 Paul Finnegan
  - Removed General Code of Operating Rules Changes
  - Removed Hours of Operations from section 300
- 9/27/17 Paul Finnegan
  - Major rewrite, much of the material moved to Welcome to Crew Training Presentation
  - Removed excess material
  - Added We Function as a Team
  - Our Crew
  - Added Volunteering Beyond Being on Crew
- 1/16/23 Paul Finnegan
  - Replaced photo on cover slide
- 1/5/24 Paul Finnegan
  - Added Hostler to Engine Service