



Monthly Safety and Security Report November 2015

Safety Highlights

Caltrain safety is always a priority - day or night, rain or shine. November has proven to be a little more challenging when it comes to Construction work with the onset of precipitation and work being performed overnight. Overnight work is necessary at times to shut down one or both tracks when needed to provide safety for the construction workers performing work near the tracks. This also reduces disruption to passenger service.



All work commences with a job briefing for the workers with an emphasis on safety regarding the modified work conditions and wearing the proper safety gear – hard hat, safety glasses, reflective vest, and safety toe shoes. So when it rains, it’s important to have the proper rain gear with reflective material, especially for night work.

The ground and work equipment tend to be more slippery when wet and workers are cautioned to be aware of wet conditions. At Caltrain, it’s all about the work getting done safely.

Education

Rail Safety Presentations/Activities	City	Attendees
Santa Clara County Suicide Prevention Work Group	San Jose	7
Project Safety Net	Palo Alto	30



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Enforcement

Event	NOV 2015	YTD 2015	NOV 2014	YTD 2014
Felony and Misdemeanor Arrests (all)	25	169	8	177
Parking Citations	376	3136	168	3204
Traffic Citations	37	466	34	280
All Other Infraction Citations (including trespassing)	76	878	61	564
Ejections/Contacts: Train, Station, Right of Way	22	418	25	690
Proof-of-Payment Citations	102	1449	80	1466
Crisis Interventions w/ Emergency Commitments	1	35	3	34
Total Calls For Police Service	840	10715	834	9019

Significant Events

Nov. 11: Transit Police responded to the San Bruno Caltrain Station on a report of a suicidal adult female. The individual was located, taken into protective custody, and transported to emergency psychiatric care.

Nov. 14: Transit Police responded to the right of way in Sunnyvale after a decomposed body was reported by Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety. The remains seemed to have been there for at least a year. This case is under investigation by Transit Police.

Nov. 16: Transit Police responded to the right of way in Santa Clara on a report of a male who had been struck and killed by a northbound Caltrain. Preliminary information suggests the male may have intentionally placed himself in the path of the oncoming train. The incident is under investigation by Transit Police.

Nov. 1 – Nov. 30: Transit Police responded to three reports of intoxicated persons and one minor in possession at various Caltrain Stations. In each instance, the person was either cited or arrested and booked into county jail.

Nov. 1 – Nov. 30: Transit Police responded to 17 reports of persons trespassing on the Caltrain right of way. In each instance, the person was cited and released.

Nov. 1 – Nov. 30: Transit Police conducted routine security checks at various Caltrain stations. As a result, one person was arrested on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant and was booked into county jail.

Nov. 1 – Nov. 30: Transit Police received two reports of vandalisms at various Caltrain stations. These cases are under investigation by Transit Police.

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Bike Thefts:

- Nov. 1 – Nov. 30: Transit Police received 16 reports of bicycle thefts from various Caltrain stations. The largest number of thefts (five) occurred at the Palo Alto University Avenue Caltrain Station.

Engineering

TASI MOW forces have completed over 470 days of injury free work!!!

Maintenance of Way

- Installed 700 tons of ballast on the main line
- Surfaced 19,653 lineal feet of track
- Installed 438 new Pandrol tie plates with elastic fasteners to help keep rail in place along track segments on curves
- Reconstructed over 600 lineal feet of track in South San Francisco MT1 (northbound) throughout the station platform
- CPUC made two visits during the month along with one visit from FRA, no exceptions taken
- In a “pilot project” to bring additional attention to motorist and pedestrian traffic at railroad grade crossings, new thermoplastic striping and “Keep Clear” markings were added to the pavement adjacent to crossings at Broadway Avenue and Bayswater Avenue in Burlingame



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Stations

- Relocated Spot Cab signs at San Martin Station to increase visibility
- Replaced glass at Belmont and Palo Alto stations after vandals broke glass in elevator and TVM shelter



- Provided watchman support for painting of San Mateo Station (west side city owned), east side planned for painting in 2016 (JPB owned)