



## Monthly Safety and Security Report September 2015

### Safety Highlights

Rail safety in our communities is a Caltrain core value. On September 30<sup>th</sup> Caltrain and California Operation LifeSaver joined local law enforcement in Santa Clara County to promote this subject. The combined team included Caltrain staff, Santa Clara Sherriff's Office, Palo Alto Police and community volunteers; the group



participated in a "Rail Safety Blitz" by going out to local businesses in the vicinity of the Caltrain right of way distributing flyers promoting rail safety and focusing on awareness.

### Education

Rail Safety Presentations/Activities	City	Attendees
Los Altos Train Days	Los Altos	100
Operation Lifesaver Rail Safety Blitz	San Jose	100
San Mateo County Suicide Prevention Forum	San Mateo	100



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### Enforcement

Event	SEPT 2015	YTD 2015	SEPT 2014	YTD 2014
Felony and Misdemeanor Arrests (all)	28	113	15	147
Parking Citations	243	2506	228	2779
Traffic Citations	50	349	5	236
All Other Infraction Citations (including trespassing)	108	680	32	479
Ejections/Contacts: Train, Station, Right of Way	64	345	59	627
Proof-of-Payment Citations	267	1306	186	1284
Crisis Interventions w/ Emergency Commitments	3	28	2	28
Total Calls For Police Service	1061	8844	804	7288

### **Significant Events**

Sept. 10: Transit Police responded to the right of way in San Jose on a report of an adult male who stepped into the path of Caltrain #288 intending to end his life. Trains had been slowed in the area prior and a fatality was avoided. The subject was located, taken into protective custody, and transported to emergency psychiatric care.

Sept. 24: Transit Police responded to the San Carlos Caltrain Station on a report of a suicidal adult male who wanted to commit suicide by jumping in front of a train. The subject was located, taken into protective custody, and transported to emergency psychiatric care.

Sept. 22: Transit Police responded to the East 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue grade crossing in San Mateo on a report of train versus vehicle collision. The vehicle sustained major damage and the driver was transported to Stanford Hospital for evaluation. This case is under investigation by Transit Police.

Sept. 22: Transit Police conducted a routine station check at the San Bruno Caltrain Station. An adult female was contacted at the station and it was determined she was unable to care for herself. The subject was taken into protective custody, and transported to emergency psychiatric care.

Sept. 23: Transit Police responded to the San Antonio Caltrain Station in Mountain View on a report of a train versus pedestrian. Upon arrival, it was determined that an adult male was struck and severely injured. The subject was transported to Stanford Hospital for treatment. Preliminary information suggests the male may have intentionally placed himself in the path of the oncoming train. This case is under investigation by Transit Police.



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Sept. 25: Transit Police responded to the Broadway Avenue grade crossing in Burlingame on a report of a train versus vehicle collision. Two vehicles were stopped in the grade crossing as Caltrain #371 was approaching. One driver exited the vehicle before impact and reported no injuries. The second driver's vehicle sustained major damage. She refused medical attention at the scene. This case is under investigation by Transit Police.

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30: During this period Transit Police continued several enforcement measures in association with Caltrain's special baseball service.

- Extra security details were assigned to the 4<sup>th</sup> and King Station in San Francisco. One arrest was made for minor in possession of alcohol.

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30: Transit Police responded to two reports of intoxicated persons at various Caltrain Stations. In each instance, the person was arrested and booked into county jail.

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30: Transit Police responded to 15 reports of persons trespassing on the Caltrain right of way. In each instance, the person was cited and released.

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30: Transit Police conducted routine security checks at various Caltrain stations. As a result, five persons were arrested on outstanding misdemeanor and felony warrants and were booked into county jail.

### **Bike Thefts:**

- Sept. 1 - Sept. 30: Transit Police received 12 reports of bicycle thefts from various Caltrain stations. The largest number of thefts (five) occurred at the Palo Alto University Avenue Caltrain Station.

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30: Transit Police received one report of a stolen vehicle, five reports of vehicle vandalisms, and seven reports of auto burglaries from various Caltrain stations. The largest number of thefts (nine) occurred at the South San Francisco Caltrain Station. These cases are under investigation by Transit Police.

## Engineering

### Arborwell

Started trimming vegetation in Palo Alto between Alma Avenue and the JPB property line adjacent to Main Track 1 (Northbound) to support the new fence installation



### Central Fence

Installed 2,600 lineal feet of nine-foot six-inch-tall welded wire fencing with three strand wire between Alma Avenue and Homer Avenue in Palo Alto\*



\*A special type of fencing is being used in Palo Alto due to special requests from the city. It has an 18-inch winglet at a 45 degree angle at the top of the fence holding three strands of wire. Palo Alto is paying for this fencing.

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### Maintenance of Way

#### **TASI MOW forces have completed over 400 days of injury free work!!!**

- Surfaced 24,273 lineal feet of track
- Completed 11 thermite welds along the main line
- Installed 89 nine-foot wooden cross ties
- Completed one week of required annual rules training
- Trimmed trees at 11 locations including at the location shown below along Executive Drive in South San Francisco



Before



After

- Constructed a new ballast unloading pit south of Bayshore Station near the Visitacion lead set out track





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- Quint Street Cleanup to support street closure and Berm replacement



Before



After

### Stations

- Replaced Pedestrian Swing Gate at Broadway Grade Crossing in Burlingame



- Repainted several monument signs including Lawrence Station

