

FTA Safety & Security Reporting: Assaults on Transit Workers

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NTD Safety & Security Reporting Updates

**New requirements from
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)**

**S&S-40
(major events)**

**S&S-50
(non-major events)**

**S&S-60
(annual reporting)**

**New resources
forthcoming**



New NTD S&S Reporting Requirements (BIL)

- New requirements: reporting assaults on transit workers and fatalities resulting from impact with a bus
- Expanded requirements were implemented in NTD RY2023
- Transit agencies now report the **Who**, **What** and **Where** of an assault event



Who, What, and Where



Who the assault happened to:

- A transit operator (bus or rail operator)
- Other Transit Worker (transit police, station agent, etc.)



What type of assault occurred:

- Physical (kicking, biting, spitting, etc.)
- Non-Physical (threats, intimidation, harassment, etc.)



Where the event occurred:

- In the Transit Vehicle
- In a Revenue Facility
- In a Non-Revenue Facility or Other

S&S-40: Major Events

Criteria (one of the following)

- The worker requires immediate transport for medical attention.
- The assault results in a major event such as a derailment or collision.
- Rail modes: The assault results in a serious injury for which immediate transport from the scene may not occur but that results in hospitalization, fracture, burns, and/or nerve/internal organ damage (see Safety & Security Manual p. 21-22 for details)

Assault on a transit worker major event reportable examples

- A transit rider strikes a station agent with a metal bar. The station agent is transported away from the scene for medical attention.
- A bus operator requests a passenger pay the fare. The passenger refuses and becomes unruly which interferes with the operator. Operator is transported to medical center for high blood pressure resulting from the event.

S&S-50: Non-Major Events

Criterion

The assault on a transit worker does not meet the major event criteria. The transit worker is not immediately transported for medical attention; the assault does not result in a major event such as a derailment or collision; and the assault does not meet the serious injury criteria noted above for rail modes.

S&S-50 Form News

FTA recently modified the S&S-50 form to make it easier to report non-major events to the NTD.

Assault on a transit worker non-major event reportable examples

- A bus operator requests a passenger pay the fare. The passenger refuses and intentionally spits on the operator, who denies transport for medical attention and resumes service.
- A station agent requests a passenger pay the fare. The passenger refuses and verbally threatens the agent.

S&S-60: Reduced Reporters - Annual Reporting

Overview

- Similar to S&S-40 and S&S-50 forms
- Major and non-major event distinctions
- Annual reporters will report the event type, worker type (who), assault type (what), and location (where).

Assault on a transit worker: annual reporting example

- **Description:** A transit operator is physically assaulted on a bus, then is transported for medical attention following the event.
- **Event type:** Major, Worker: Operator, Assault type: Physical, Location: In transit vehicle
- **What would be reported:**
 - 1 Physical Assault in Transit Vehicle as a Major Safety and Security Event
 - 1 Operator Injury in Transit Vehicle

On-time Reporting for Safety and Security Data

National Transit Database Reporting Requirements

Full reporters

Report major events via form S&S-40 within 30 days of the event.
Report non-major events via form S&S-50 monthly.

Reduced reporters

Report major and non-major events via form S&S-60 annually, four months after the reporter's fiscal year expires.

- ➔ FTA relies on timely and accurate safety and security data.
 - ➔ Delinquent reporting inhibits ability to proactively mitigate safety risks.

Resources

Available Now



FTA Annual Webinars

NTD Reporting Requirements and Changes, as Applicable

NTD Safety Reporting for Rail

NTD Safety Reporting for Non-rail

Coming Soon



Quick Reporting Guides

Overview of Reporting on Assaults on Transit Workers

Guide for Full Reporters

Guide for Reduced Reporters

Thank You

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