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FTA Two-Hour Notification Guidance

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Overview

- Two-Hour Accident Notification Guidance
 - Accident Notification Thresholds and Process
 - Accident Notification Areas of Clarification
 - Accident Notification Oversight Responsibilities
- Q&A

Two-Hour Accident Notification

- RTA must provide the Two-Hour Accident Notifications required under 49 C.F.R. Part 674 to the FTA via the DOT's Crisis Management Center
- SSO Program Standards should include requirements ensuring and enforcing RTA provide Two-Hour Accident Notifications per FTA Guidance

Areas of Clarification

- I. Rail Transit Vehicle (RTV) Collisions (Accident)
 - I. Notification is required for any collision between an RTV and another RTV, regardless of injury or damage
 - II. RTV collisions that do not involve another RTV only require notification when there is a fatality, serious injury or substantial property damage as defined in the Two-Hour Accident Notification Guide and National Transit Database (NTD)
 - III. For Two-Hour Accident Notifications, the substantial damage threshold only applies to collisions involving an RTV

Areas of Clarification

2. Serious Injury

- I. Use facts, observations and best judgment to determine if there is a serious injury
- II. Some serious injuries such as severe burns, broken bones, or severe bleeding can readily be identified by observation or statements made by persons involved
- III. NTD Major Accident Reporting is required because of a serious injury, this includes a full investigation, SSO Review and Approval Process
- IV. When the extent of the injury has not been determined and no other notification threshold has been reached, Two-Hour Accident Notification can be made at the time a fatality or serious injury is confirmed

Areas of Clarification

3. Evacuation (Life Safety Reason)
 - I. Report Two-Hour Accident Notifications for evacuations that are made for a “Life Safety Reason” as defined in the Two-Hour Accident Notification Guide and NTD
 - II. Evacuations or off loading of passengers made for other than life safety reasons such as mechanical breakdowns or system failures are incidents and reported in NTD

Annual Reporting to FTA

674.39(a)(3) State Safety Oversight Agency annual reporting to FTA

A publicly available report that summarizes its oversight activities for the preceding twelve months, describes the causal factors of accidents identified through investigation, and identifies the status of corrective actions, changes to Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans, and the level of effort by the SSOA in carrying out its oversight activities

SSOA Oversight Responsibilities

674.35 Investigations

(a) An SSOA must investigate or require an investigation of any accident and is ultimately responsible for the sufficiency and thoroughness of all investigations, whether conducted by the SSOA or RTA.

Questions

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