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Overview

- 2-Hour Accident Notification (Part 659 vs. Part 674)
 - Accident Definition
 - Notification Requirements
- FTA Accident Investigation Process

Accident Definition

§ 659.5

No definition of accident

§ 674.7

Accident means an event involving:

- a loss of life;
- a report of a serious injury to a person;
- a collision involving a rail transit vehicle;
- a runaway train;
- an evacuation for life safety reasons; or
- any derailment of a rail transit vehicle, at any location, at any time, whatever the cause.

Accident Notifications

§ 659.33

(a) The oversight agency must require the rail transit agency to notify the oversight agency within two hours of any incident involving a rail transit vehicle or taking place on rail transit-controlled property where one or more of the following occurs:

- (1) A fatality at the scene; or where an individual is confirmed dead within thirty (30) days of a rail transit-related incident;
- (2) Injuries requiring immediate medical attention away from the scene for two or more individuals;
- (3) Property damage to rail transit vehicles, non-rail transit vehicles, other rail transit property or facilities and non-transit property that equals or exceeds \$25,000;
- (4) An evacuation due to life safety reasons;
- (5) A collision at a grade crossing;
- (6) A main-line derailment;
- (7) A collision with an individual on a rail right of way;
or
- (8) A collision between a rail transit vehicle and a second rail transit vehicle, or a rail transit non-revenue vehicle.

§ 674.33

(a) **Two-hour notification.**

In addition to the requirements for accident notification set forth in an SSO program standard, **an RTA must notify both the SSOA and FTA** within two hours of any accident occurring on a rail fixed guideway public transportation system. The criteria and thresholds for accident notification and reporting are defined in a reporting manual developed for the electronic reporting system specified by FTA as required in § 674.39(b), and in Appendix A

FTA Accident Investigation Process

Notification

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Review

Investigation

Questions?

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