**North American Railroad Industry** 

## **Security Plan, Implementation, and Priorities**

September 2019



## **Overview**

North American Railroad Industry Snapshot

#### Unified Commitment:

- From CEOs to frontline employees
- Unified industry security plan
- Industry-wide coordination through dedicated committees.

#### Sustained Preparedness:

- Assessment of security risk, physical and cyber
- Training of employees
- Exercises
- Application of lessons learned

#### Continuous Improvement:

- Focus on innovation in plans, practices, and capabilities
- Emphasis on enhancing effectiveness of interaction with government organizations

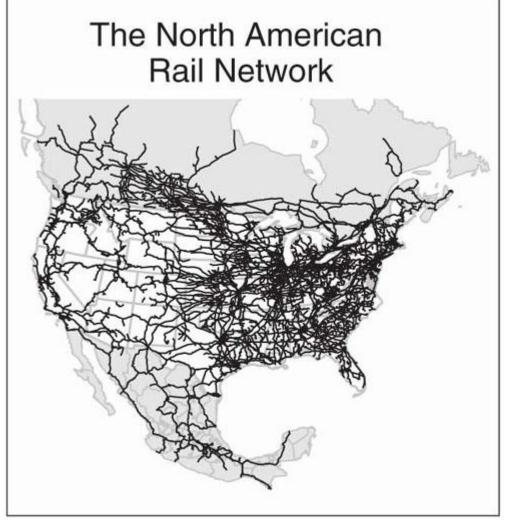
#### Informed Vigilance:

- Attentiveness to potential security concerns
- Monitoring of reports across the industry
- Industry-defined priorities for intelligence analysis and security information
- Opportunities Intelligence



# **Industry Snapshot**

- Diverse Carriers
- Expansive Network
- Efficient and Clean Transport
- Exceptional Safety Record
- Wide Range of Commodities, Materials, and Products
- Essential to the Vitality of the Economies of 3 Nations
- Rail Security Commitment,
  Innovation, Effectiveness





#### Unified Commitment:

- Unified Industry Security Plan
- Adapted by railroads to their operations and infrastructure
- Four Alert Levels geared to threat analyses, reporting, incidents
- Common procedures and measures
- Reviewed and approved by TSA
- Cross-border harmonization
- Innovation for continuous improvement

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Security Management Plan





Reviewed and Updated by the Railroad Security Working Committee and Rail Information Security Committee

Ratified by the Association of American Railroads Board of Directors

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### Sustained Preparedness:

- Continuous coordination through dedicated industry committees
  - Rail Security Working Committee (Physical)
  - Rail Information Security Committee (Cyber)
  - Railroad Police Chiefs Group
- Executive oversight and engagement
  - Safety & Operations Management Committee
    - Comprised of Chief Operating Officers and designees
  - AAR Board of Directors
    - CEOs of Class I railroads and Amtrak
- Understanding and support of defined priorities
- Sustained unity of effort assures progress







### Continuous Improvement:

- Training and awareness of employees
  - Security training programs maintained by railroads
  - Supplemented by recurring advisories disseminated via the RAN
  - Emphasis on sustained vigilance and timely, effective reporting
  - Training initiatives with first responders TTCI and railroads
- Railroad security exercises
  - Annual industry-wide security exercise
    - Realistic scenarios on threats and physical and cyber attacks
    - Demanding conditions
    - Thorough preparation enables annual review and test of specific elements of industry Security Plan, procedures, and capabilities
    - Government agencies invited to participate
  - Railroads conduct exercises periodically with local law enforcement and emergency responders
  - TTCI Security and Emergency Response Training Center
- Application of lessons learned exercises and experience



#### Informed Vigilance:

- Annual physical and cyber risk assessments
  - Conducted by the two industry Security Committees
  - To assure sustained effectiveness of industry Security Plan
- Continuous engagement with government on intelligence and security information
  - TSA, DHS, DOT, FBI, US NORTHCOM, US TRANSCOM (SDDC)
  - Transport Canada, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)
- Priorities for intelligence analysis:
  - Defined by the two industry Security Committees
  - Concept of Opportunities Intelligence thoroughly analyze and apply available information to create opportunities for security
  - Physical: Focus on attacks, failed attempts, disrupted plots to understand tactics, preparations, and observable indicators
  - Cyber: Focus on tactics most commonly used, vulnerabilities most often exploited, protective measures most often lacking

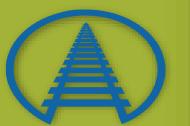




#### Informed Vigilance:

- Railway Alert Network (RAN) industry security information center
- Reporting and monitoring of threats and security-related incidents
  - Common Operating Environment (COE)
  - Secure portal used by freight and passenger railroads
  - Immediate notification across industry of reported incidents
  - Evaluated for trends, patterns, indicators of concern
- Security information sharing
  - Frequent awareness advisories disseminated to railroads, freight and passenger, in the United States and Canada
  - Recurring classified threat briefings physical and cyber security
  - Integration of State fusion center, local law enforcement, and Federal intelligence and security agencies
    - Rail Security Information Portal for Law Enforcement
  - Cross-sector sharing via private sector and government coordinating councils
  - Cross-border sharing major success in achieving access for Canadian clearance holders at CN and CP to US government agencies' classified briefings, assessments, and analyses; no other sector has attained such access for homeland security





### **Railroad Security – Common Operating Environment (COE)**



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# **Railroad Security - COE**

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# United States: Recent Shunting Incidents Similar to Instructions on Activists' Video









Review of the industry Common Operating Environment (COE) highlights three track shunting incidents reported by Class I railroads during a 5-week period that are significant for their similarity to instructions and depictions presented in a video posted on Facebook by activist groups. The video advocates use of motor vehicle booster or jumper cables to connect rails and cause an erroneous signal indication of the presence of a train. The desired effect: cause a halt in train traffic on the line while the disruption is investigated. AAR has acted to report the video to Facebook and request its removal for advocacy of criminal activity and danger posed to train crews and public safety.

February 5, 2017: Crew of a Canadian Pacific train noted signals activated at a road crossing. Upon inspection, they found a set of "automotive booster cables" that had been positioned in order to activate the signals. The crew removed the cable. The incident is under investigation.

January 7-8, 2017: BNSF Railway reported disruptive track shunting with use of motor vehicle jumper cable to connect track and cause an erroneous signal indication in the

Bismarck, North Dakota, area. On Saturday, January 7, at approximately 4:00 pm local time, the Jamestown Subdivision dispatcher received an indication that the signal at mile post (MP) 196, Control Point 1967, was red and would not clear. A signal maintainer responded and checked the signal, but did find any malfunction. On Sunday, January 8, at 2:15 am local time, the same type of incident occurred at the same location. Once again, a signal maintainer responded, checked the signal, and did not identify a malfunction. Further inspection revealed the jumper cables, painted white for enhanced concealment and buried in the snow between the tracks.

December 30, 2016: Union Pacific, through its Signals Department, reported a chain had been positioned on the tracks between main line one and main line two, causing an electrical short in the signal at Mile Post 199.8 of the Fresno Subdivision in Fresno, CA. A Signal Maintainer removed the chain.

#### **Roll Call Briefs** (1) new document or drag files here Name 20160722 Rail Situational Awareness Advisory Pokemon GO Safety Risks 20160402 Rail Security Roll Call Brief **Brussels Attacks Indicators** 20160402 Rail Security Roll Call Brief pdf **Brussels Attacks Indicators Suspects** 20160205 Rail Security Brief -**Disruption of Passenger Rail Attack** Plot - VIA Rail, Toronto, Canada 20160201 Rail Security Brief -**Observable Indicators of Preparations** for Suicide Bombings on London **Public Transport** 20160201 Rail Security Brief - Rail Line

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### **Demonstrated Value – "See Something, Say Something" Campaign**



During the period of September 17-19, 2016, in New Jersey and New York City, the "See Something, Say Something" campaign proved its worth four times in just over 48 hours.

1) On the morning of Saturday, September 17, in Seaside Park, New Jersey, the report of an unattended bag near the starting line for a 5-K charity race delayed the planned start. As a result, no runners were present when an explosive device planted along the race course detonated. The timer had been set to trigger the blast in expectation of a large passing crowd of runners.

2) That evening, in New York City, a pedestrian saw what looked like a pressure cooker with wires protruding. Her timely report prompted an emergency response by police that prevented a second lethal blast in close proximity on the same night. Some 5 blocks away, detonation of a similar device had wounded more than 30 people.

3) On the night of Sunday, September 18, two men picked up a backpack outside of a bar and restaurant in Elizabeth, New Jersey. After carrying the bag a few blocks, its weight prompted them to check its contents. Seeing suspicious items, they left the item under a railroad trestle and called police. Responding authorities prevented this explosive from causing harm.

4) Finally, on Monday morning, September 19, in Linden, New Jersey, which adjoins Elizabeth, the report by a business owner of a man passed out in a doorway to a bar prompted a police response. The first officer on scene roused the man and noted the similarity of his appearance to images of the suspect in the weekend bombings. After an exchange of gunfire and random shots by the suspect, Linden police officers shot, subdued, and arrested Ahmad Khan Rahimi.









### **Conclusion:** Prevention is Attainable

- Unified Commitment
- Sustained Preparedness
- **Continuous Improvement**
- Informed Vigilance

## Questions?

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