TAKE 5 FOR SAFETY

5-MINUTE SAFETY DRILL

DRIVING: Trains Can't Stop But We Must!

Date:_____

Student:_____

Dept:_____

Station:_____

Training Code:_____

NOTES:

CHALLENGE

We are rushing to respond to an emergency and our thoughts are to get there as quickly as possible. We know we should always stop as we approach the train tracks and follow our protocols. However, too often we take chances in our haste to provide help. Remember, a train with 100 cars requires at least one mile to stop. The risks in this situation definitely are not worth the rewards we gain from a few minutes saved by violating safe procedures! ***We can't help if we don't get here!***

DISCUSSION

- Do you always stop before attempting to cross railroad tracks, how far away do you stop?
- Have you been tempted to cross when there are no signs of the train?
- Have you had or witnessed a near miss involving a railroad crossing?
- How often does the department discuss issues involving departmental protocols?
- Have you read about near misses involving trains and apparatus?
- What can be done to eliminate this type of accident?
- Do you believe collisions with trains are one of those high severity, low frequency situations that need continuous reinforcement?

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