

TriMet Board
Safety Monthly Report
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SAFETY

Current Activities Status

- Safety Management System (SMS) Update
 - Training
 - Development of Phase 2 of the Safety Management System training for all TriMet staff is underway.
 - Work continued on the development of an employee injury trend analysis dashboard. Rollout of the dashboard is expected in September 2015.
 - Orange Line
 - On Sunday August 2, 2015, the last of six emergency preparedness drills and exercises was held. The full-scale exercise was designed to orient emergency responders to the complexities involving an incident on the Tilikum Crossing Bridge. Participants included TriMet, TriMet Transit Police, Portland Streetcar, Portland Police Bureau, Portland Fire and Rescue, PPB Explosive Disposal Unit (EDU), Oregon Department of Transportation, and the MCSO River Patrol. Participation included approximately 35 role players and 65 first responders. Several media outlets were on-hand to capture parts of the exercise.

The drill included police, fire, and TriMet responding to a suspicious package call, evacuating passengers from the Tilikum Crossing Bridge, including persons with disabilities, requiring the responders to deal with a host of logistical issues. The exercise concluded with PPB EDU determining the package to be safe. Participants were able to test physical access to the bridge, ICS issues, and communications between multiple disciplines. An after-action report is being developed and will result in several follow-up actions for the participating agencies.

- Audit of the Robertson Tunnel Safety Systems

In response to the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Safety Advisory 15-1, ODOT concluded its assessment of TriMet's preparedness to respond to a fire incident in the Robertson Tunnel. The assessment included the physical state of good repair of the tunnel ventilation and fire suppression systems, and TriMet's and fire department tunnel emergency operating procedures for a fire and smoke event. ODOT will be issuing a formal report with no findings or recommendations, as the state of readiness was found to be in good order.

SECURITY

Current Activities Status

- In preparation of the Orange Line, a policing and security plan has been developed. The plan outlines deployment strategies to deter criminal behavior and response protocols in the event of an incident. Due to the sensitivity of the information, details will only be shared in a closed session.
 - TriMet and Portland Streetcar participated in a TSA hosted tabletop exercise. The exercise was a transportation-related mock incident intended to exercise multi-agency coordination of preventative and protective actions in response to a terrorist security threat. The exercise provided opportunities to better understand TriMet, Streetcar and law enforcement's roles in preventing or responding to a security incident in the Portland metropolitan area. The exercise was documented in an after-action report delivered to TriMet and Portland Streetcar with recommendations for improved coordination and preparedness.
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