



Railroad Safety Advisory Committee



Electronic Device Distraction Working Group Update

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The 48th Railroad Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

Washington, DC
June 14, 2013



Electronic Device Distraction Overview

FRA Office of Safety



- RSAC Task No: 11-01 May 20, 2011
- Purpose: To prescribe mitigation strategies, programs and processes for governing the use of personal electronic devices which could cause distractions to railroad employees engaged in safety critical activities.



Electronic Device Distraction Awareness Activities



- Model PowerPoint presentation and awareness posters
 - Awareness and education blitzes - 2376 interventions
 - CSX Peer to Peer EDD program started July , 2012
 - \$200,000 FRA Grant for P2P EDD Grant issued to Railroad Research Foundation/Norfolk Southern - Harrisburg, PA Terminal
 - Administrator Szabo video PSA in Chicago Oct 9, 2012 (Repeated in Los Angeles, CA Jan 2013)
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Electronic Device Distraction Awareness Activities



- Volpe conducting focus group to gather qualitative data on current state of EDD problem (usage, reasons, mitigation strategies etc.) Draft report in clearance.
- FRA conducting long range (1, 2 and 3 years) survey to gather qualitative data on usage, effectiveness of mitigation plans etc. Survey form in clearance.
- New EDD Education/Awareness Program requested by FRA regions. In review at regional level.
- Develop FRA Distraction Web Page- In process



Administrator's Outreach Video





Possible future activities



- Working group conference calls to share information about different Electronic Device Distraction programs and materials
 - Conference call to discuss focus group results (once report has been cleared)
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QUESTIONS?
