



Railroad Safety Advisory Committee



Critical Incident Working Group Update

The 46th Railroad Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

April 26, 2012
Washington, DC



Critical Incident WG Update



Task No. 09-02: Critical Incident Stress Programs

Purpose: To provide advice regarding development of implementing regulations for Critical Incident Stress Plans as required by the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008.



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Description:

- Define “critical incident.” - Complete
 - Review data, literature, and standards of practice concerning critical incident programs to determine appropriate action to be offered when a railroad employee is involved in a critical incident. - Complete
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Description: (Continued)

- Review any evaluation studies available for existing railroad critical incident programs. - **Complete**
 - Describe program elements appropriate in the rail environment. - **Ongoing**
 - Assist in the preparation of an NPRM.
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- This task was accepted by the RSAC in September, 2009, and was initially assigned to the Medical Standards Working Group.
 - A Critical Incident Working Group (WG) was established and the task statement was amended to reassign the task to this newly established WG in April 2011.
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WG Activities & Progress:

- The first WG meeting was held on June 24, 2011, allowing time for delivery of a “Draft FRA Grant Report” that was anticipated to contain essential background information directly relevant to the task including a review of existing definitions, literature, practices, and a recommended critical incident definition and program elements.
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WG Activities & Progress:

- Subsequent meetings were held on September 8-9, 2011, and October 11-12, 2011.
 - Consensus has been reached on a definition for “Critical Incident.”
 - Draft regulation text has been prepared and has been distributed to WG members for review and comment.
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WG Activities & Progress:

- Latest meeting was held on December 13, 2011, in Washington DC.
 - After much discussion, most issues were agreed upon, but some areas of regulatory text were not yet agreed upon.
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WG Activities & Progress:

- A smaller committee was formed to address the issues and offer alternate regulatory text.
 - Draft text was submitted and reviewed.
 - Work with smaller committee is ongoing.
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Questions?
