



Railroad Training for Law Enforcement Officers “Grade Crossing Collision Investigation Course”

Spokane County Sheriff's Office
10319 E. Appleway
Spokane Valley, WA 99206
October 3rd, 2012 0800-1700

Program Goal:

The goal of this program is to provide unique training and information to law enforcement officers about the challenges associated with railroad operations and grade crossing collision investigations. Special emphasis is given toward officer safety issues for those who may encounter trains or enter railroad trainyards in the performance of their assigned duties.

Course Description: (Standard - Four Hour classroom course)

- Essential safety and operational information for law enforcement officers working around trains or railroad facilities, including “How to Stop a Train in an Emergency”.
- Familiarization with various types of railroad equipment.
- Basic information about hazardous materials shipped by rail.
- Information necessary to investigate a grade crossing collision.
- Knowledge about regulatory signs and traffic control devices at railroad crossings.
- State & Federal motor vehicle codes and case law pertaining to grade crossing collisions.
- Trespasser-related incidents on railroad property
- Basic tactical concerns for officers operating near trains, rail cars or rail facilities.

OPTIONAL FIELD TRAINING: Limited to the 1st 24 Students who register for the morning session.

Four hour field exercise at rail facility. (Work or tactical boots and long pants required)

- Static display and familiarization with various types of rail cars and other railroad equipment. Includes mechanical, thermal, electrical, and chemical dangers present on locomotive engines.
- Familiarization with functioning of an automatic warning device at a highway-rail crossing.
- Illustration of safety, operational & tactical concerns present on railroad equipment and property.

For FREE Registration:

Complete the attached SCSO Registration form and return it to Deputy John Oliphant by fax (509) 477-6975 or email, jroliphant@spokanesherriff.org. Questions, call (509) 477-3211.



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Spokane County Sheriff's Office Training Unit

Application Form
GENERAL COURSE APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: (Last) (First) (Middle)

Title/Rank: Applicant's Personnel Number: Male Female

Primary Duty Assignment: Agency:

Agency Phone: Agency Fax: Applicant's Agency E-Mail Address: **MANDATORY - PRINT OR TYPE**

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Agency Mailing Address: (Street or PO Box) (City) (Zip)

IF THIS APPLICANT REQUIRES SPECIAL CLASSROOM ACCOMODATION, PLEASE MAKE REQUEST ON A SEPARATE SHEET AND ATTACH TO THIS APPLICATION.

2. COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title: Location of Course:

Course Date(s):

3. **MANDATORY-MUST BE COMPLETED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION**

In determining **eligibility** of this **applicant**, the Spokane County Sheriff's Office will consider any special need or purpose which the applicant or his/her agency may have regarding the requested course or training. Comments:

5. APPLICANT PRIORITY (MANDATORY!) → If submitting more than one application for this course, check the priority of **THIS** applicant: 1 2 3 4 5

6. TRAINING COORDINATOR EMAIL ADDRESS (MANDATORY!) → @ **Confirmation is sent via email, please make sure this section is complete.**

7. AUTHORIZATION

Agency Representative Authorizing Attendance: **For SCSO Use Only**
Name Title _____
Signature Date _____

Return completed application form to: Deputy John Oliphant, Spokane County Sheriff's Office Training Center, 10319 E. Appleway, Spokane Valley, WA 99206. Applications may also be faxed to (509) 477-6975 or sent as an email attachment to jroliphant@spokanesherriff.org. For more information regarding the application process, please call (509) 477-3211.

Check out more training opportunities at www.spokanecounty.org/sheriff/training.