

# Confidential Safety Information Reporting Scheme

## ***Guard Refresher training***

A report was made that a suburban train guard had not received emergency refresher training in train driving for a number of years. Other guards at the depot also had not had this refresher training for over 12 months. The reporter was concerned that in the event of driver incapacitation he would not be able to move newly introduced trains such as the OSCARs (Outer Suburban Cars). According to RailCorp's Train Operations Manual (On Road Performance Assessment - TWP 106) "Guards working Suburban/InterCity electric trains must have refresher training for moving electric trains in an emergency ... and will be required to perform one practice drive every twelve months at a suitable arranged location and be assessed as competent."

## ***CSIRS Requirement***

As part of the OTSI investigation, a Safety Valve Notification (SVN) was issued to RailCorp asking them to investigate how many guards were not up to date with their emergency refresher training.

## ***Investigation outcome***

RailCorp advised that a review of the records had revealed a small number of guards were not current with their training and that these guards would be trained as a matter of priority. A further breakdown of guard numbers at large depots showed that the majority of guards who had not received this training were new guards who did not need the refresher training until they have completed their first year of service.

## ***OTSI Action***

The outcomes of the inquiries made by both OTSI and RailCorp have been recorded in the OTSI Safety Investigation Database for future review and trend analysis.

OTSI has advised the reporter of the response and actions provided by RailCorp.