

## C-51 Hoseline Crossing Railways

## **Emergency Manual**

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## Policy/Procedure

In the event fire personnel need to lay a supply or attack line across a railroad track, the following procedures shall be taken:

- **1.** Fire personnel shall lay the supply line to the railroad track.
- **2.** Fire personnel shall break the hose, leaving enough hose to hand stretch over to the other side of the track.
- **3.** Apparatus shall be driven to the other side of the tracks and shall continue the hose lay from the other side of the track to the incident.
- **4.** Fire personnel shall begin to tunnel under the railroad tracks between a set of ties. Crews shall attempt to dig so that the hose will end up at a point near a railroad tie.
- **5.** If the line is needed immediately, Command shall direct Dispatch to notify railroad personnel that we are crossing the tracks with our hose and shall direct crews to connect the hose.
- **6.** In extreme emergencies, a red flare placed in the center of the track may be used to signal a train to make an emergency stop. This should only be used in an extreme emergency as a train engineer's effort to bring the train to a sudden stop could cause a derailment.

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