Railroad Cargo Protection Strategies

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Rail Industry Security Management Plan

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- Common Procedures & Measures
- Sustained Commitment
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- Industry Coordination
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  - Rail Information Security Committee
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ST & PT ISACs Transit and Rail Intelligence
Awareness Daily Report (TRIAD)

Monday, August 08, 2011

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AND INCIDENT REPORTS

Union Pacific - Suspicious Vehicle And Activity
Bossier City, LA

Transportation Security Operations Center and Railway Alert Network 8/5/2011

Union Pacific Railroad reported to the Railway Alert Network that at 1330 hours (central time) on Friday, August 5, 2011 a UP employee was approached by a person claiming to be a federal agent. The subject asked for schedule of train operations which was not provided. The person departed in a Tan Chevy Impala with Louisiana license plate. This incident occurred at Kangaroo Express Gas Station, 2651 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Local law enforcement was notified, a search for the subject was unsuccessful.

ANALYST COMMENTARY: The Association of American Railroads Railway Alert Network has received four separate reports from railroad members in recent weeks of suspicious individuals – all men – observing or inquiring about train operations. In three of the incidents, the men claimed to be federal employees. However, in each case they abruptly departed the scenes without producing proper identification. Summarized above is the most recent incident, which occurred this past Friday, involving an inappropriate inquiry by one person, apparently acting solo. An overview of its predecessors follows:

- At Canadian Pacific’s (CP) Menomonee Bridge in Milwaukee on July 16, two men sought access to the structure for the purpose of conducting an “Inspection,” stating they were FRA employees. When the alert CP employee properly requested identification, the two men returned to their vehicle – a 4-door gray sedan – presumably to retrieve their credentials. Instead, they sped away from the scene.

- The timing and context of this incident prompted review of a similar event that had occurred at Union Pacific (UP) property in the Long Beach, CA area. A pair of unidentified men were apparently observing tank car switching operations. When the alert manager of yard operations drove his vehicle in their direction and asked their purpose, they responded that they were FRA employees, there to watch train crews work. When the yard manager requested their identification and parked to retrieve them, the two men quickly drove from the scene. Review by UP determined the physical descriptions of the two pairs of men in these incidents were not the same. Additionally, the vehicles were different – a gray pickup truck at the UP’s Long Beach yard, a gray sedan at CP’s Milwaukee bridge.

- The manner in which a third incident developed precluded a direct encounter or claim of official purpose. On July 27, at a BNSF Intermodal hub facility in Vernon, CA, just over 20 miles north of the UP’s Long Beach yard, a BNSF service-partner employee observed two male occupants in a blue-gray Ford Crown Victoria sedan with what appeared to be a video camera, held at door level, oriented toward the construction area in the rail yard. As the employee maneuvered his vehicle to view a license plate number, the sedan departed at high speed.

According to FRA and TSA, neither inspections nor any other official purpose existed for their employees to be present in these geographic locations on the reported dates and times. In light of the similarities among the incidents – unidentified men, observing rail operations or seeking access to rail property, three times in pairs, and three times claiming to be Federal employees – railroads have taken affirmative steps through a variety of means, such as roll calls, pre-shift meetings, safety and operations briefings, employee newsletters, and other forums and media, to heighten employee awareness and reinforce procedures for (1) verifying the identification and proper purpose of persons either on rail property or apparently observing or monitoring rail operations and infrastructure; and (2) timely, accurate reporting of concerns prompted by the activities or behaviors of suspect individuals. Samples of valid credentials have been obtained from FRA, DHS, and Transport Canada for use as training aids. For in each of these incidents, informed railroad employees made the difference – acting consistently with their training and the railroads’ standing procedures. Vigilance for security concerns and timely reporting to the broader authorities can interrupt, disrupt, and deter potential terrorists.
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Rail Sector Common Operating Environment
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Railway Alert Network (RAN) Situational Awareness Message: Advisory on GPS Devices Attached to Rail Cars

April 17, 2015

Executive Summary:

- Recent incident at a Union Pacific railyard demonstrates vigilance of employees and importance of procedures governing attachment of remote monitoring equipment to rail cars.
- Awareness Bulletin produced by Union Pacific Railroad Police, depicting images of the devices observed and reported and their positioning on the flat cars, has been shared for industry-wide dissemination.
- When investigation of a reported suspicious device determines it has been installed by an entity involved in rail transportation, reference should be made to the applicable AAR Standard to assure proper action on notification, installation, and recording of remote monitoring equipment.
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- Sustained Preparedness
  - Continuous Improvement

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