

**Minutes  
Safety & Security Committee  
January 26, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am. Present were:

**Committee Members**

Ms. Carol Carmody, Chair  
Mr. Leif Dormsjo, Vice Chair  
Mr. Michael Goldman  
Mr. Christian Dorsey  
Mr. Robert Lauby

**Other Members**

Mr. Malcolm Augustine  
Mr. Jim Corcoran  
Mr. Anthony Costa  
Mr. Jack Evans  
Ms. Keturah Harley  
Ms. Catherine Hudgins  
Mr. Corbett Price  
Mr. Paul Smedberg

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

**Information Items**

**A. Update on Track Investigation (P. Wiedefeld)**

Paul Wiedefeld updated the Committee on Metro's track inspection procedures following the derailment at East Falls Church July 29, 2016. After finding evidence of records falsification, there have been 21 terminations; 5 Supervisors and 16 Track Inspectors. The process for training employees for Track Inspector positions is currently being revamped. Starting the end of First Quarter 2017, track inspection classes comprised of 10 students lasting 10 weeks will begin. While new hires are being trained for the positions, a group of 10 consultants, with over 8 years of experience, will be doing the track inspections.

**B. Update on Electrical Shock and Fall Incident (P. Lavin)**

Pat Lavin provided the committee with an update on an employee electrical shock incident that occurred January 4, 2017. Two Emergency Response Team (ERT) employees were injured while making necessary repairs to track defects that were identified on the Green Line. The ERT began preparing gauge rods for installation which require the supervisory removal of third rail power. This was not done and when the gauge rod struck the third rail, there was an electrical explosion. One employee sustained severe injuries and was admitted to the ICU. He is currently in a rehabilitation facility. The other sustained a flash burn and was held overnight for observation. He was released the following day. He has since returned to duty. Preliminary findings revealed the lack of sufficient job briefing and failure to follow the rules which required a supervisory outage of the third rail power. The investigation is currently ongoing.

Pat Lavin updated the Committee on a fall incident which occurred on January 5, 2017. A Plant Maintenance employee was injured when he entered and fell from a landing in a dome relief shaft adjacent to a vent shaft. The employee entered an incorrect vertical space, later identified to be a dome relief shaft by use of a fixed ladder.

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After descending the ladder, the employee encountered a cement beam that obstructed his view of an unguarded floor opening directly in front of him. While ducking under the beam and shining his flashlight upwards, the employee walked off the edge of the concrete surface and fell to the landing below. He suffered non-life threatening injuries and is currently undergoing rehabilitative treatment. Preliminary findings indicate that this location is a permit required confined space; however, it was not identified or labeled as such. In addition, the employee was trained on confined spaces in 2013; however, he did not take the necessary precautions prior to entering the dome relief shaft nor is there a record that he had attended the required annual refresher training. The investigation is ongoing.

**C. Briefing on FTA Safety Management System (L. Spencer - FTA)**

Lynn Spencer briefed the Committee on the Safety Management System (SMS) which included an overview of key SMS concepts, transition to the SMS principles, benefits and roles, and lessons learned.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06am.