Organization of Working Groups/Introduction of Teams

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Purpose for Working Groups

• Provide FRA, FTA and all stakeholders with a current status of activities and research in the area of railroad right-of-way trespasser incidents and fatalities.

• Formulate, by Intermodal and stakeholder consensus, an up-dated set of initiatives, strategies, programs, and research needed.

• Prepare these needs in a prioritized action item format, including appropriate modal agency designations.
Format for the Working Groups

• 3-5 PM
• Directed by the team leader and discussion facilitated by support staff
• Brainstorm initiatives, strategies, programs, and research project ideas within the topic area
• Prioritize recommendations
• Team leader to report back details on top 3-5 priorities to general session tomorrow morning
Logistics for Working Groups

• Color Coded Working Groups
  – Pedestrian Safety Issues (PSI) - Green
  – Hazard Management (HM) - Red
  – Design, Technology and Infrastructure (DTI) - Yellow
  – Community Outreach (CO) – Orange
  – Enforcement (E) - Blue
  – Intentional Deaths/Acts (IDA) - Purple

• Working group assignment color on attendee badges
• Room Assignment
Rules of Engagement

• Team Leaders and Facilitators Orchestrate the Groups

• Rules of Engagement
  – Respect
  – Logistics
  – Group Dynamics
  – Outcome
Rules of Engagement - Respect

- Turn off cell phones
- Minimize sidebar conversations
- Avoid digression
- Do not interrupt others
- War Story rule - 1-minute max.
Rules of Engagement - Logistics

- State name when speaking at first until group are familiar with each other
- Stick to facilitator’s agenda
- Honor time limits of agenda
Rules of Engagement –
Group Dynamics

• Consensus decision making unless otherwise mentioned
• Listen and respect other’s viewpoint
• Diversity in opinion is valuable
• Be open-minded
• Be creative
• Don’t be defensive
• Set aside baggage you carried into the room
• Have fun
Rules of Engagement – Outcome

• Consider alternatives on the basis of public interest
• Don’t base discussions on current conventions, current standards
• Needs, perceptions, and potential more important than existing conventions
• Discuss possible research projects with different procedures, innovative technologies, new participants, changed responsibilities
Rules of Engagement –
Outcome

• Prepare your Team Leader for the Summary Presentation for Thursday AM
• Prioritize Items by High Urgency and Other categories
• Team Leader will provide Summary and Discuss Priority Needs from your Working Group
Team Leaders/Room Assignments

• **Pedestrian Safety Issues**
  – William Grizard, APTA (Salon A)

• **Hazard Management**
  – Levern McElveen, FTA (Salon B)

• **Design, Technology and Infrastructure**
  – Frank Frey, FRA (Salon D)

• **Community Outreach**
  – Kevin Dawson, UPRR (Salon E)

• **Enforcement**
  – Ryan Gustin, CSX (Salon F)

• **Intentional Deaths/Acts**
  – Charlie Hagood, FRA (Salon C)
Breakout of Working Groups

• Break
• Meet at assigned room by 3 PM
  • Adjourn for the day from breakout session
• Good Luck on Your Deliberations
• Enjoy and Have Fun