



LEGAL AFFAIRS SEMINAR



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Major and Mega Event Coordination, Crisis Management and Emergency Response

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- **Human Trafficking and Transit**
 - Awareness/reporting efforts
 - Frontline staff training
- **Major Events**
 - Higher risk during concerts/games
 - Law enforcement coordination
- **Community Partnerships**
 - Non-profit and advocacy collaboration
- **Safety and Mitigation**
 - Risk identification
 - Prevention and response strategies

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- **Security and Communication:** Communication systems as core security tools
- **Safety Awareness:** “See It, Say It” reporting campaigns and passenger engagement
- **Crew Safety:** Two-person crews enhance onboard safety
- **Fare Controls:** Fare policy impacts safety and security, and strategies to deter evasion
- **Employee Protection:** Employee safety is essential to passenger safety



HAPPENING TODAY

**METRA HOLIDAY TRAIN TICKETS
GO ON SALE AT NOON**

Law Enforcement/Police Perspective



Key Legal, Operational, and Security Issues – Amtrak

Multi-Jurisdictional Coordination

- Amtrak operates across many states requiring collaboration with diverse federal, state, local, tribal, and private partners

Information Sharing and Accountability

- Intelligence sharing among agencies and transparent communications builds public trust and ensures safety

Balancing Security and Accessibility

- Securing open transit systems during major events while respecting civil liberties and customer experience is critical

Crisis and Incident Management

- Interagency command authority and decision-making during major incidents (ICS/NIMS alignment)

Restoring Operations

- After major disruptions while meeting legal and safety obligations

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