



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD**

INFORMATION BULLETIN

NUMBER: 11-06

August 4, 2011

TO: All MCFRS Personnel

FROM: Fire Chief Richard Bowers

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SUBJECT: METRO *Fire/Life Safety Line Bulletin #2011-01*,
Installation of Emergency External Door Release Handles

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is installing Emergency External Door Release handles on both the number 4 door and the number 9 door of all METRO rail cars.

Please review the attached **METRO *Fire/Life Safety Bulletin #2011-01*** for specific use and access instructions for emergency responders.



Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Office of Emergency Management

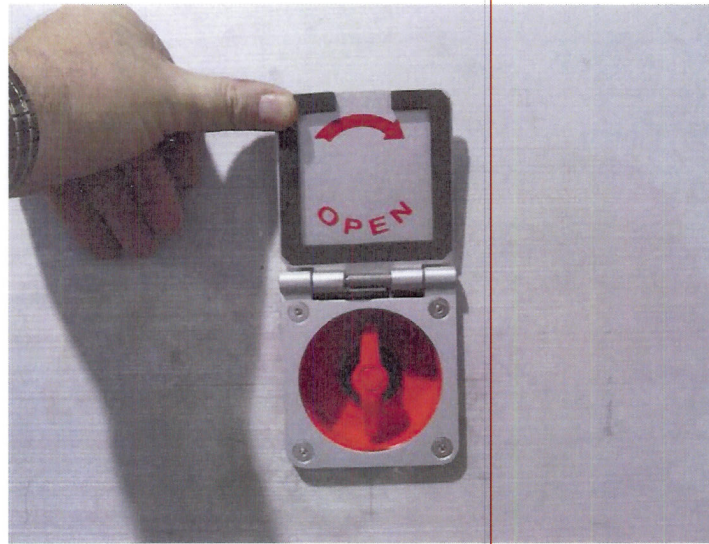


Fire/Life Safety Line

F/LSL #2011-01

June 1, 2011

Emergency External Door Release

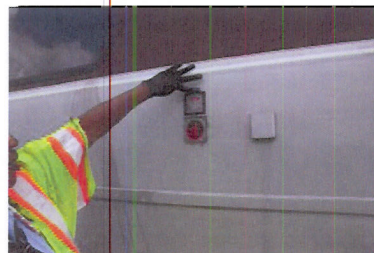
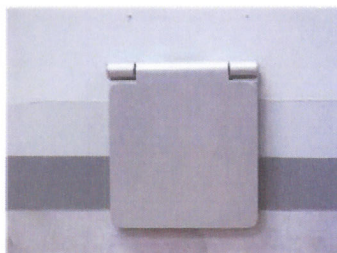


As a result of the Woodley Park train collision in November of 2004, the National Transportation Safety Board recommended that WMATA provide an external door release handle on all series of cars for emergency services to access a stationary train without a key.

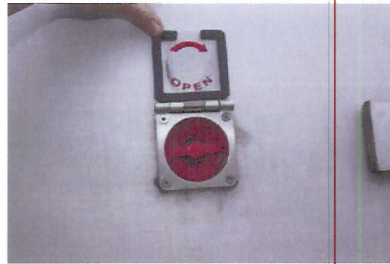
WMATA has begun installing External Emergency Door Release (EEDR) handles on all our rail cars. The purpose of this Fire/Life Safety Line is to provide emergency responders instructions on utilizing the EEDR as well as provide a production schedule.

The EEDR will be provided for the number 4 door and the number 9 door on each rail car. The number 4 and 9 doors are located on either side of the car at the center doors. The number nine door is currently equipped with a keyway, grab handle and step.

The EEDR will look like the existing keyways with a spring loaded cover.



To Open Door:



Lift the EEDR spring cover to expose the lever. Turn the lever clockwise 90 degrees. This will mechanically and electrically deactivate the door. Manually push the door open to the full open position.



To Close the Door:

Lift the EEDR spring cover to expose the lever. Turn the lever counter-clockwise 90 degrees. This will electrically activate the door, causing the door to close automatically.

EEDR Installation schedule:

2000, 3000 and 6000 Series currently underway with an estimated completion date of October 2011.

1000 Series will start by the end of August 2011 and the 4000/5000 series will start in the Fall of 2011.

If you have any questions about the EEDR please contact a member of the Office of Emergency Management:

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