

Rail Operations Department

Bulletin

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Onboard Cameras

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Recently, several operators have used materials to block the in-cab camera view of the operator in violation of Rule 3.6 in the Rail Operations Rulebook which reads:

3.6 Onboard Cameras: RTD employees shall not obstruct or tamper with onboard cameras.

The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) issued Rule 7349 (b) which reads:

Rule 7349 (b): No later than June 30, 2027, RTAs (Rail Transit Agency) must install and use forward facing and operator facing in-cab cameras on all light rail vehicles to record activity at all times when the light rail vehicle power is on. RTAs that already have such cameras installed must immediately begin using them to record activity at all times when the light rail vehicle power is on. RTAs must use footage from the cameras to assist in the management of safe light rail operations. In all accident investigations, whether performed by Commission staff or the RTA, footage from such cameras must be reviewed.

Onboard cameras are mandated by the State of Colorado and their use is not optional. **Covering up or otherwise tampering with them will be considered a Severe Class B, or Class A infraction, depending on any aggravating factors surrounding the rule violation. Discipline will be administered up to and including termination.**

Actions

- Read and understand this bulletin
- Do not place any materials on, over, or blocking the view of the in-cab camera, or any other onboard camera
- Check the onboard camera(s) to make sure it is unobstructed and not disabled as part of your pre-trip inspection
- Check the camera(s) to make sure it is unobstructed when relieving another operator
- Understand that you are responsible for any obstructed or disabled camera in the cab of a train that you are operating
- Report any obstructed/disabled camera to Control immediately



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