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Alaska Railroad Launches TrackWatch **Railroad asks public to keep an eye out for suspicious behavior**

Anchorage—The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC), in cooperation with the Transportation Security Administration, is launching TrackWatch, a new public awareness and education campaign. The campaign targets passengers, employees and neighborhood residents to report any suspicious activity around the tracks and property of the Alaska Railroad.

In light of recent world events, the ARRC has heightened railroad awareness of employee and passenger safety. The TrackWatch program is patterned after the successful “Neighborhood Watch” program initiated in communities across the country.

“We’re asking passengers, employees, and residents near the track to be part of the eyes and ears of the railroad,” said Pat Gamble, ARRC President and CEO. “If they see or hear something suspicious or out of the ordinary that may be unsafe or dangerous, we’re saying please notify security or a uniformed crew member.”

Residents who live near the tracks will soon receive a letter from Gamble outlining the TrackWatch program. A toll-free number has been set up to report activity to the Railroad’s police and security department. The letter includes a refrigerator magnet listing the toll-free number, 1-877-RAILCOP (724-5267).

During their safety briefing, Railroad tour guides are asking passengers to be on the lookout for suspicious activity as well. In each railcar, the railroad provides a rack card with information and instructions to passengers so they know what to do and whom to contact in the case of suspicious behavior or an emergency.

ARRC is a self-sustaining, state-owned Corporation that operates without state subsidy, serving a number of rail belt communities from Seward to Fairbanks.



The Alaska Railroad, in cooperation with the Transportation Security Administration, has created TrackWatch, a safety and security program. We want our railroad to be one of the nation's safest. We've created this information card so that you, along with our employees and neighbors, can be involved in this safety and security partnership.

Passengers contribute to the security equation by providing thousands of extra eyes and ears capable of identifying possible dangerous situations and being a first line of defense against a potential natural or man-made disaster. Won't you be a part of the TrackWatch team?

If you are traveling on the Alaska Railroad, be informed and have a railroad plan of action:

- Familiarize yourself with depot entrances and exits.
 - Remain calm and listen for depot or train announcements.
 - Follow Alaska Railroad employee instructions in a speedy but orderly fashion.
 - Do not block train doors.
 - Assist fellow passengers and follow the Golden Rule: *Watch out for the safety of others just as you would have them watch out for your safety.*
 - Be on the alert.
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If you spot any suspicious individuals engaged in questionable activity, look for the following:

- Visible signs of nervousness
- Excessive sweating
- Sprayer bottles or aerosol canisters
- Inappropriate clothing that is excessively baggy or too heavy in warm weather

If you spot an unattended package, look for the following:

- Placement in an out-of-the-way location
- Individuals in the act of abandoning the package and hastily departing the area
- Unusual attached batteries, wires, tanks, bottles or bags that might contain chemicals
- An attached message
- A suspicious cloud, mist, gas, vapor, odor or seeping fluid
- Nearby individuals showing signs of illness or distress

Do not use a cellular phone until you are a safe distance (50 feet) away from the suspicious item.

**Do not confront suspicious individuals.
Contact a railroad employee immediately.**

Keep yourself safe. Call 1-877-RAILCOP

