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Fatality Management with GSM-R — Version 01

This bulletin is aimed at Train Drivers and Signallers and is provided for information and action as appropriate.

Upon reviewing a number of Railway Emergency Group Call, (REC) it has highlighted that a number of these calls were initiated by the driver due to a person struck by train (Fatality). This has led to the signaller managing the incident in a **GROUP** call, i.e. obtaining the initial report and taking the details of the incident with all participants listening to the call.

The following should be carried out :

1. The driver advises the signaller of the nature of the incident, i.e. Fatality / Person struck by train, suicide etc. at **XXXX** location affecting **XXXX** lines.

2. The signaller confirms their understanding in accordance with the rule book, **G1 5.1**, i.e. Communicating clearly.

3. The signaller places and maintain/s signal/s at red to protect the area concerned and send the appropriate emergency alarm / bells to the adjacent signal boxes where appropriate.

4. The signaller closes the REC in accordance with Rule Book **TW1 4.3**, using the trigger phrase, **END OF RAILWAY EMERGENCY GROUP CALL**

5. The signaller re-establish contact with the driver using either a point-to-point or urgent call

6. The signaller takes the detail from the driver and completes the appropriate forms as required and in line with local arrangements and where necessary forward the call to the British Transport Police (BTP) Fatality Management Hotline.

NOTES:

1. *Details of the incident should not be shared on the open Railway Emergency group call (REC). All details of the incident should be communicated between driver and signaller in a point-to-point call.*

2. *Please note you can't forward a group call, you must be in a point-to-point call to forward a call to the BTP.*