

# Key Railroad Safety Reminder:

## **At the Railroad at-grade Crossings:**

- Train sounding of the locomotive horn with two long blasts, one short blast and one long blast shall be initiated at a location and shall be repeated or prolonged until the locomotive occupies the crossing. This pattern may be varied as necessary where crossings are spaced closely together.

Source: FRA rule

- Vehicles and pedestrians, must stop when trains approach grade crossings.
- It is illegal not to stop a vehicle in front of a railroad grade crossing when auditory and mechanical signals indicate that a train is approaching. Violators can be fined.
- It is illegal to drive through, around or under a crossing gate or barrier at a railroad crossing. Violators can be fined \$250 to \$400, face a 30-day imprisonment or both. Subsequent violations could yield higher penalties.
- While driving, always pay attention to roadways and the surroundings. Stay alert for warning bells, red flashing lights, train horns and lowering gates.
- Never stop in the middle of a railroad crossing. Always finish crossing to the other side.

Source: MTA

## **At the Quiet Zone Crossings:**

- Trains will not routinely sound the horn when approaching quiet zone crossings, but train engineer has the responsibility to sound the horn for pedestrians, workers or wildlife that are encroaching in the quiet zone railroad corridor.
- A locomotive engineer may sound the locomotive horn to provide a warning to animals, vehicle operators, pedestrians, trespassers or crews on other trains in an emergency situation if, in the locomotive engineer's sole judgment, such action is appropriate in order to prevent imminent injury, death, or property damage.

Source: FRA Quiet Zone Rule