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Program Management and Standard Overview

- Program Standard
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 - Definition
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Purpose of Program Standard

- The SSO Program Standard:
 - Documents the State's program to oversee rail transit safety
 - Communicates the State's requirements to the RTAs and FTA
 - Provides a reference to explain and support oversight activity

Definition of Program Standard

- As specified in 49 CFR Part 674.27, the SSO Program Standard is a written document, adopted and distributed by the SSOA, that:
 - Identifies the processes and procedures that govern the activities of the SSOA
 - Identifies the processes and procedures an RTA must have in place to comply with the standard
 - Is consistent with the National Public Transportation Safety Plan, the rules for Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans and the Safety Certification Training Program

Program Standard Requirements

- At a minimum, must contain eight (8) sections:
 1. Program Management
 2. Program Standard Development
 3. Program Policy and Objectives
 4. Oversight of Rail Transit Agency Internal Safety Reviews
 5. Triennial SSOA Audits
 6. Accident Notification
 7. Investigations
 8. Corrective Actions

Program Standard Requirements

- At least once a year, the SSOA must submit its SSO program standard and any referenced program procedures to FTA, with an indication of any revisions made to the program standard since the last annual submittal

Program Standard Observations

- Historically, enforcement of Program Standard requirements has been difficult due to lack of SSOA authority:
 - State legislation does not always reference the Program Standard as means for SSO program implementation
 - Result is lack of RTA priority for resolving SSO related CAPs and restrictions on the SSOA's on-site involvement, such as inspections

Program Standard Observations

- 49 CFR Part 674 places new emphasis on the development, maintenance and enforcement of the Program Standard
 - Program Standard review
 - Minimum safety standards
 - Rail transit agency compliance

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan

- For updating the Program Standard, States should reference these sections:
 - 674.27: State Safety Oversight Program Standards
 - 674.33: Notification of accidents
 - 674.37: Corrective Action Plans

Questions?

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