



**National Committee on  
Uniform Traffic Control Devices**

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**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:** Railroad / Light Rail Transit Technical Committee

**TOPIC:** Proposed Changes and Additions to Chapter 8B

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**DISCUSSION:**

In an effort to clarify existing Manual parts the RRLRT TC of the NCUTCD is proposing these changes to Chapter 8B.18

On June 12, 2012, the Federal Railroad Administration addressed certain requirements in regards to ENS in a Final Rule regarding Emergency Notification under 49 CFR 234 Subpart E. See <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-06-12/pdf/2012-13843.pdf> for specific information regarding the rule.

The proposed changes provide for consistency between MUTCD and the FRA Final Rule.



1 **Section 8B.18 Emergency Notification Sign (I-13)**

2 *Guidance:*

3 <sup>01</sup> *Emergency Notification(I-13) signs (see Figure 8B-5) should be installed at all highway-rail*  
4 *grade crossings, and at all highway-LRT grade crossings on semi-exclusive alignments, to*  
5 *provide information to road users so that they can notify the railroad company or LRT agency*  
6 *about emergencies or malfunctioning trafficcontrol devices.*

7 **Standard:**

8 <sup>02</sup> **When Emergency Notificationsigns are used at a highway-rail grade crossing, they shall, at a**  
9 **minimum, include the USDOT grade crossing inventory number and the emergency contact**  
10 **telephone number.**

11 <sup>03</sup> **When Emergency Notificationsigns are used at a highway-LRT grade crossing, they shall, at**  
12 **a minimum, include a unique crossing identifierand the emergency contact telephone**  
13 **number.**

14 <sup>04</sup> **Emergency NotificationSigns shall have a white legend and border on a blue background and**  
15 **shall be retroreflective.**

16 <sup>05</sup> **The Emergency Notificationsigns shall be positioned so as to not obstruct any**  
17 **trafficcontrol devices or limit the view of rail traffic approaching the grade crossing.**

18 <sup>06</sup> **Emergency Notification signs shall be oriented so the face of the sign is approximately**  
19 **parallel to the edge of the roadway or pathway and is visible to users of the roadway or**  
20 **pathway.**

21 <sup>07</sup> **Emergency Notification signs shall not be installed on railroad or LRT signal control**  
22 **equipment housings in lieu of the signs required along the edge of the roadway or pathway.**

23 *Guidance:*

24 <sup>08</sup> *Emergency Notification signs should be attached to the grade crossing warning devices or*  
25 *Crossbuck Assemblies on the right-hand side of the roadway.*

26 <sup>09</sup> *At station crossings, Emergency Notificationsigns or information should be posted in a*  
27 *conspicuous location.*

28 <sup>10</sup> *Emergency Notification signs mounted on Crossbuck Assemblies or signal masts should only be*  
29 *large enough to provide the necessary contact information. Use of larger signs that might*  
30 *obstruct the view of rail trafficor other highway vehicles should be avoided.*

31 **Option:**

32 <sup>11</sup> **Emergency Notification signs may be located on a separate post.**

33 <sup>12</sup> **Additional Emergency Notification signs may be installed at a grade crossing.**