

## **EMERGENCY ORDER #26 Minimum Requirements**

### **Personal Electronic or Electrical Devices**

Personal electronic or electrical devices must be turned off while on duty. This includes any device that can:

- Send or receive calls
- Send or receive electronic mail
- Text messages
- Play a game
- Navigate the internet
- Play, view, or listen to a radio broadcast
- Play or listen to music
- Execute a computational function

Ear pieces used in connection with any of the devices listed above must be removed from the ear.

### **Railroad Supplied Electronic and Electrical Devices**

The following restrictions apply to the use of railroad-provided electronic or electrical devices.

1. The use of a railroad-provided electronic or electrical device by a locomotive engineer (including a remote control locomotive operator) is prohibited:
  - While on a moving train.
  - When a duty requires any member of the crew to be on the ground.
  - When a duty requires any member of the crew to ride rolling equipment during a switching operation.
  - During any period when another employee of the railroad is assisting in preparation of the train (e.g., during air brake test).
2. An employee other than a locomotive engineer operating the controls of a moving train may use a railroad-supplied mobile telephone or remote computing device in the cab of a moving locomotive for an authorized business purpose, after a safety briefing, provided that all assigned personnel on the crew agree that it is safe to do so. Any other use is prohibited in the cab.
3. An employee may use a railroad-supplied electronic or electrical device for an approved while on duty within the body of a passenger train or railroad business car. Use of the device shall not excuse the employee using the device responsibility to:
  - Call or acknowledge any signal.
  - Inspect any passing train.
  - Perform any other safety-sensitive duty assigned under the railroad's operating rules and special instructions.

4. For freight train crewmembers, a railroad operating employee may not use a railroad-supplied electronic or electrical device for an approved business purpose while on duty outside the cab unless the following conditions are met:
  - The employee is not fouling a track.
  - No switching operation is underway.
  - No other safety duties are presently required.
  - All members of the crew have been briefed that operations are suspended.

Exceptions:

Employees may use a personal or railroad-supplied wireless communication device as necessary to respond to an emergency situation involving the operation of the railroad or encountered while performing a duty for the railroad;

A locomotive engineer (including a remote-control locomotive operator) may use electronic control systems and informational displays presented to the locomotive engineer within the locomotive cab or on a remote control transmitter to operate a train or conduct a switching operation, including functions associated with controlling switches;

A railroad employee may refer to a digital timepiece to ascertain the time of day or to verify the accuracy of speed indicators.