

WMSC Commissioner Brief: W-0277 - Red Signal Overrun - West Falls Church Rail Yard - July 21, 2023

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Safety event summary:

A newly certified train operator who had never before operated a train out of the West Falls Church Rail Yard, moved an out-of-service train past a red signal and into West Falls Church Station at approximately 5:20 a.m. on July 21, 2023. Switch 17A was trailed, and had been slightly bent.

The West Falls Church Rail Yard Interlocking Operator provided the Train Operator of Train 904 with permission to move to Signal K06-22 at the entrance to mainline tracks, and instructed the Train Operator to then contact the Rail Operations Control Center for permission to enter the mainline and go into passenger service toward Vienna Station.

The Train Operator contacted the Ops 4 Rail Traffic Controller, then entered Stop and Proceed mode and moved past Signal K06-22 while the signal was red. This signal K06-22 is on the right side of the train. The Train Operator, who had been certified about two weeks before the event, believed the signal that they were supposed to be waiting for was on the left side (and had on-the-job training notes that indicated as such). The signal on the left side at this location, K06-30, governs movement of vehicles on the adjacent track, Track 2. Forward-facing video from the train showed Signal K06-30 flashing lunar, indicating to a rail vehicle on the adjacent track that it was clear to proceed for a diverging move into the interlocking to access the center track at West Falls Church Station. The Train Operator of Train 904 reported that signal, K06-30, as their location to the Rail Traffic Controller. The Rail Traffic Controller responded that the Train Operator was at K06-22. There was no emphasis on the correction or repeat back of the correction. The Train Operator of Train 904 entered Stop and Proceed mode and moved into and through the interlocking and into the center track at the station platform.

Probable Cause:

The probable cause of this event was Metrorail's lack of territory familiarization and physical characteristics training and qualification requirements.

Corrective Actions:

Metrorail directed Rail Supervisors to discuss with train operators requirements for operation near red signals at interlockings.

Metrorail provided training to the Train Operator regarding yard operation and approaching red signals.

Examples of other related open CAPs

• CAP C-0183 addresses a finding that Metrorail creates safety risks by not requiring and conducting territory familiarization and physical characteristics training, and not assessing knowledge of physical characteristics prior to assigning operations personnel work on a line, in a terminal, or in a yard. (Current scheduled completion September 2025). Metrorail has created physical characteristics training materials and is rolling out a pilot program to test the efficiency of the materials before rolling out organization wide.





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WMSC staff observations:

Metrorail is evaluating the use of its Automatic Train Operation system in specific operational conditions, with rules prohibiting the use of ATO in specific circumstances based on known hazards. Even if Automatic Train Operation were being utilized in certain circumstances at the time of this event, this is not a scenario where the ATO system would be used. Therefore, Metrorail's Automatic Train Operation would not have prevented or reduced the severity of this event. The WMSC continues to oversee Metrorail's safety certification work related to Automatic Train Operation.



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Date of Event:	07/21/2023
Type of Event:	O-8 - Red Signal Overrun
Incident Time:	05:20 hours
Location:	West Falls Church Yard, Signal K06-22
Time and How received by SAFE:	05:28 hours via MAC
WMSC Notification Time:	05:32 hours
Responding Safety Officers:	WMATA SAFE: Yes
	WMSC: No
	Other: No
Rail Vehicle:	Train ID 904
	[L7252-7253.7575-7574.7450-7451.7659-7658T]
Injuries:	None
Damage:	None
Emergency Responders:	None
SMS I/A Incident Number:	20230726#110200

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AIMS Advanced Information Management System

ARS Audio Recording System

ATCE Office of Automatic Train Control Engineering
ATCM Office of Automatic Train Control Maintenance

CAP Corrective Action Plan
CCTV Closed-Circuit Television

CENV Office Vehicle Program Services

CMNT Office of Car Maintenance

CMOR Office of Chief Mechanical Officer

I/A Incidents/Accidents Module (SMS)

IIT Incident Investigation Team

MAC Mission Assurance Coordinator

MC Master Controller

MSRPH Metrorail Safety Rules and Procedures Handbook

NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

OAP Operations Administrative Policy

OPS Operations (Radio Channel Identifier)

OSI Office of Safety Investigations

RSDAR Rail Supervisor Daily Activity Report

RTC Rail Traffic Controller

RTRA Office of Rail Transportation

ROCC Rail Operations Control Center

SAFE Department of Safety
SRC Safety Risk Coordinator

SMS Safety Measurement System

VMDS Vehicle Monitoring and Diagnostic System

WMATA Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

WMSC Washington Metrorail Safety Commission

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Executive Summary

*Note that all times listed are approximate and may contain minor variations due to differences between systems of record. *

On Friday, July 21, 2023, at 05:20 hours, a West Falls Church Division Train Operator operating non-revenue Train ID 904 [L7252-7253.7575-7574.7450-7451.7659-7658T] overran Signal K06-22 displaying a red aspect at West Falls Church Yard, Yard Lead 2. The Interlocking Operator granted the Train Operator of Train ID 904 a permissive block up to Signal K06-22 and instructed the Train Operator to contact the Rail Operations Control Center (ROCC) Radio Rail Traffic Controller (RTC) via Operations (Ops) Channel 4. The Train Operator of Train ID 904 contacted the ROCC after arriving at the Signal K06-22, then proceeded past the red signal and into the West Falls Church platform limits on Track 3. The Radio RTC subsequently dispatched an Office of Rail Transportation (RTRA) Supervisor to assist with the incident scene. Automatic Train Control Maintenance (ATCM) personnel inspected the interlocking and found that switch 17A was trailed.

The Train Operator involved was certified approximately two weeks prior to this event. During their interview, the Operator provided copies of their field notes from training, which included a note that the K06-22 signal was a left-handed signal. Signal K06-22 is a right-handed signal. The forward-facing camera captured Signal K06-30 on the left-side of the train flashing a lunar aspect at the time of the event. It was also raining at the time and pre-dawn.

In adherence to Standard Operating Procedure 102-1, which outlines the protocol for Removing an Employee from Service for involvement in an operational safety event, the Radio RTC dispatched a Rail Supervisor to relieve the Train Operator from duty for post-incident testing.

In accordance with the Office of the Chief Mechanical Officer (CMOR) Incident Investigation Team (IIT) Operations Administrative Policy (OAP) 102.06, the Rail Operations Control Center (ROCC) promptly initiated the removal of Train ID 904 from revenue service for post-incident investigative measures. This action adhered to the Rail Vehicle Event Investigation Policy, ensuring a comprehensive examination of the incident.

No injuries were reported. Switch 17A was reported to have sustained a slight bend at the tip of the point.

The probable cause of the signal overrun was a human factors error of the Train Operator. The Operator had an incorrect understanding of the signal placement, which likely contributed to the incident. Rainy conditions and darkness at the time of the event also likely affected visibility and made it challenging for the Train Operator to identify the correct yard signals to follow accurately. There were no vehicle or infrastructure deficiencies identified. All systems operated as designed.

A Contributing Factor to the event was the adjacent mainline signal K06-30 displaying a flashing lunar aspect. Signal K06-30 is a mainline signal and was displaying a flashing lunar aspect to the train operator's left as they approached Signal K06-22, which was on their right. An additional Contributing Factor to the event was the Train Operator entering Stop and Proceed Mode while at the red signal, which is located at the start of ATC-controlled territory.

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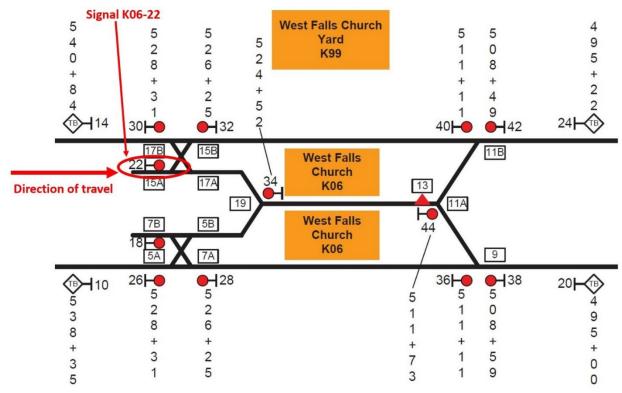
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Incident Site

This is an above-ground station with split platforms. West Falls Church is a Direct Fixation Track governed by Yard Lead 1 Signal K06-18 and Yard Lead 2 Signal K06-22; Mainline Signals K06-30, K06-32, K06-26, and K06-28; Track 3 Signal K06-34 and K06-44. Two interlockings connect the yard leads to the mainline tracks.

Field Sketch/Schematics



The above depiction is not to scale.

Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this incident investigation and candid self-evaluation is to collect and analyze available facts, determine the probable cause(s) of the incident, identify contributing factors, and make recommendations to prevent a recurrence.

Investigative Methods

The investigative methodologies included the following:

- Physical Site Assessment
- Formal Interview SAFE interviewed one individual as part of this investigation. The
 interview included persons present at, during, and after the incident, those directly
 involved in the response process, and representatives from the Washington Metrorail
 Safety Commission (WMSC). SAFE interviewed the following individuals:
 - Train Operator

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- Documentation Review Collection of relevant work history information and process documentation contained in WMATA systems of record. These records include:
 - Train Operator Incident Statement
 - Train Operator Training Record
 - Train Operator 30-day Work History
 - Management Incident Report
 - Metrorail Safety Rules and Procedures Handbook (MSRPH)
 - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- System Data Recording Data Collection of information contained in Metro Data Recording Systems. This data includes:
 - Audio Recording System (ARS) playback
 - Closed-circuit television (CCTV)
 - Advanced Information Management System (AIMS)
 - Office of Car Maintenance (CMNT) Maximo Inspection Report
 - Automatic Train Control Engineering (ATCE) Report

Investigation

On Friday, July 21, 2023, at 05:22 hours, a Train Operator operating non-revenue Train ID 904 overran Signal K06-22, displaying a red aspect at West Falls Church Yard, Yard Lead 2. Prior to the event, the Train Operator was instructed to bring the train out of the West Falls Church Yard and proceed to the West Falls Church Station for revenue service in the direction of Vienna Station. The Interlocking Operator granted the Train Operator of Train ID 904 a permissive block up to Signal K06-22 and instructed the Train Operator to contact the ROCC via Ops 4. Train ID 904 Train Operator contacted the ROCC at 05:20 hours and reported they were at Signal K06-30 and standing by. The Radio RTC corrected and instructed the Train Operator to stand by at Signal K06-22. After entering Stop and Proceed mode, the Train Operator of Train ID 904 then proceeded beyond Signal K06-22 without permission from ROCC and entered the West Falls Church platform limits on Track 3. The Radio RTC subsequently dispatched the RTRA Supervisor in the area due to the interlocking on Yard Lead 1 out of correspondence. The Train Operator was removed from service for post-incident testing. No injuries were reported as a result of this incident. Switch 17A was trailed in the process and reported to have sustained a slight bend at the tip of the point.

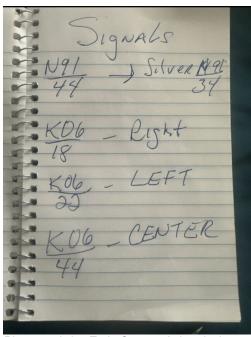
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Photograph 1 – Yard Lead 2 with Signal K06-30 on the left and Signal K06-22 on the right. The Start ATC sign and "S" marker are pictured on the right side of Yard Lead 2, adjacent to Signal K06-22.



Photograph 2 – Train Operator's handwritten notes from on-the-job training. They noted that Signal K06-22 was aligned on their left, which is incorrect.

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A review of the front-facing camera on Lead Car 7252 found that Signal K06-22 on the Train Operator's right side displayed a red aspect and Signal K06-30 on the operator's left had a flashing lunar aspect. The windshield wipers were operating due to the rainy weather conditions. At 05:21 hours, CCTV playback observed Train ID 904 entering the West Falls Church platform limits on Track 3.



Photograph 3 – Switch 17A was not tucked during the red signal overrun and sustained a slight bend at the tip of the point.

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Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV)



Photograph 4 – Train ID 904 forward-facing camera showing the train operator's view of Signals K06-22 and K06-30 on Yard Lead 2 at approximately 05:20 hours.



Photograph 5 – Train ID 904 entered West Falls Church platform limits on Track 3 at approximately 05:21 hours.

Advanced Information Management System (AIMS)

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Figure 1 – Train ID 904 at Signal K06-22 (Red) on Yard Lead 2 at approximately 05:20 hours.

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Figure 2 – Train ID 904 traveled beyond Signal K06-22 (Red) on Yard Lead 2 at approximately 05:22 hours.

Chronological Event Timeline

A review of ARS playback, i.e., phone and radio communications, revealed the following timeline:

Time	Description
05:15:19 hours	Interlocking Operator: Provided a block to Train ID 904 up to Signal K99-56; upon receiving a lunar, they were clear to proceed to Signal K06-22 and contact ROCC on Ops 4. [Yard]
	<u>Train ID 904 Train Operator</u> : Acknowledged and repeated the instructions, including contacting ROCC at Signal K06-22. [Yard]
05:20:17 hours	<u>Train ID 904 Train Operator</u> : Contacted ROCC and reported standing by at Signal K06-30, eight cars, destination Vienna, over. [Ops 4]
	Radio RTC: Acknowledged Train ID 904 at K06-22, Red. Instructed Train ID 904 to stand by. Informed 904 they are currently single-tracking Vienna from West Falls Church via Track 2 due to an interlocking out of correspondence at West Falls Church on Track 1. [Ops 4]
	Train ID 904 appeared at Signal K06-22 (Red) on Yard Lead 2. [AIMS]

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05:21:46 hours	Radio RTC: Instructed Train ID 904 to hold their location; how do you copy? [Ops 4]
	<u>Train ID 904 Train Operator</u> : Reported holding their location on Track 3 at the 8-Car Marker, over. [Ops 4]
05:22:00 hours	Train ID 904 appeared at Signal K06-22 (Red) on Yard Lead 2. [AIMS]
05:23:53 hours	Radio RTC: Notified the Interlocking Operator that Train 904 overran Signal K06-22 and trains cannot enter or exit the West Falls Church Yard at this time. Interlocking Operator acknowledged. [Landline]
05:23:57 hours	Radio RTC: Instructed Unit 30 to go to the West Falls Church platform for a red signal overrun with the train currently on Track 3. The Train Operator of Train ID 904 was removed from service pending a post-incident investigation. [Ops 4]
08:40:07 hours	Radio RTC: Instructed Train ID 904 to re-block to Train ID 704, destination West Falls Church Yard. Train ID 704 was given a lunar at Signal K06-34 and a permissive block to no closer than 10 feet of Signal K99-58 and to contact the Interlocking Operator. [Ops 4]
	Train ID 904 Train Operator: Train Operator acknowledged the RTC's instructions and performed a 100% repeat back. [Ops 4]

Note: Times above may vary from other systems' timelines based on clock settings.

Office of Chief Mechanical Officer (CMOR) / Vehicle Monitoring and Diagnostic System (VMDS)

Adopted from CMOR IIT report with minor formatting and grammatical edits:

"At 5:22:14 hours, Train ID 904 was in front of the red signal K06-22, which remained in the red state. The Master Controller (MC) in lead car 7252 was activated, causing it to disregard the red signal K06-22 and proceed past it (Switch 17A was trailed). Subsequently, Train ID 904 came to a complete stop at West Falls Church Station 8-Car Marker. IIT did not detect any mechanical failures that could have contributed to this incident. See the timeline of events below:"

Time	Description
05:22:10 hours	Train ID 904 Limiting Speed went to 0 mph. MC was in B1-B3.
05:22:13 hours	Train ID 904 Regulated Speed went to 0 mph. MC was in B1-B3.
05:22:14 hours	Train ID 904 stopped in front of Signal K06-22.
05:22:18 hours	Train ID 904 entered Stop and Proceed Mode, Limiting Speed changed to 1
03.22.16 Hours	mph, and the MC was in B5.
05:22:22 hours	MC was placed in P1-P4, and Train ID 904 started moving.
	Train ID 904 continued towards the West Falls Church platform, thus
05:22:25 hours	overrunning Red Signal K-06-22. The train speed was 1.48 mph, and the MC
	was in P1-P4.
05:22:35 hours	Train keys down.

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Office of Car Maintenance (CMNT)

CMNT personnel performed a post-incident inspection, including checking the trucks and wheels on Cars 7252 and 7253 (see Appendix D). CMNT complied with IIT recommendations and found no trouble; all tests passed satisfactorily. CMNT personnel determined that the train was suitable for service.

Office of Automatic Train Control Engineering (ATCE)

Adopted from ATCE report with minor formatting and grammatical edits.

"ATCE personnel analyzed the red signal overrun incident and revealed that Train ID 904 passed Red Signal K06-22 from Yard 2 to Track 3; Switch 17A was trailed (see Appendix E). Three trains were dispatched from the West Falls Church Yard to the K06 middle platform via Track 3 between 05:01:00 and 05:25:00 hours.

Train ID 607 occupied track circuit 528YT at 05:02:19 hours and passed lunar Signal K06-22 to K06-34 at 5:12:17 hours. Switches 15 and 17 were in the normal position. Train ID 607 cleared the interlocking at 5:13:40 hours.

Train ID 608 occupied track circuit 528YT at 05:14:15 hours and passed lunar Signal K06-22 to 34 at 05:17:24 hours. Switches 15 and 17 were in the normal position. Train ID 609 cleared the interlocking at 5:18:46 hours."

At 05:19:22 hours, Signals K06-30 and K06-34 were flashing lunar (reverse traffic from Track 2 to Track 3). Switch 15 was in the normal position, and Switch 17 was in the reverse position. At 05:19:43 hours, Train ID 904 occupied track circuit 528YT in front of Red Signal K06-22. At 05:20:48 hours, Train ID 904 passed Red Signal K06-22 and occupied track circuit 15AT towards the K06 middle platform. Signal K06-30 changed from lunar to red. At 05:21:06 hours, Switch 17 was out of correspondence due to Switch 17A being trailed. Train ID 904 cleared the interlocking at 5:22:02 hours and occupied the K06 middle platform until 08:42:27 hours.

Office of Rail Transportation (RTRA)

Adopted from RTRA report with minor formatting and grammatical edits

"The RTRA Supervisor conducted an interview with the Train Operator after the incident occurred. The interviewed revealed the Train Operator was given permission to the K06-22 Signal, leaving the West Falls Church Yard, and to contact Ops #4. The Train Operator proceeded past the signal. The Train Operator is new operator that recently qualified. The Train Operator had no prior reported safety violations."

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Interview Findings

As part of the investigation launched into the event, SAFE interviewed one person. The interview identified the following key findings associated with this event. The findings detailed below include reported information from involved personnel and may conflict with other data sources contained in the report.

Train Operator

- Stated they were unfamiliar with the Yard signals, and it was their first time operating a train out of the West Falls Church Yard.
- Reported they did not conduct a 100% repeat back of the RTC's instructions.
- The Train Operator observed the incorrect signal (Signal K06-30) while leaving the yard and entering the mainline.
- Reported they had speed commands while passing Signal K06-22 (Red)¹.
- Train Operator's personal field notes indicated that Signal K06-22 was on the left side when leaving the yard.

Weather

At the time of the incident, NOAA recorded the temperature as 70°F, light rain, mostly cloudy, winds eight mph, and 87% humidity. Sunrise was at 06:00 hours. This is an above-ground station. The weather was likely a contributing factor in this incident (Weather source: NOAA – Location: West Falls Church, VA).

Related Rules and Procedures

- MSRPH Section 3 Operating Rules Ver. 2.0 3.67 Rail vehicles shall not be operated
 past or closer than a point 10 feet in the approach of an interlocking signal or lamp
 displaying a red aspect, a red flag, or a dark interlocking signal, except at a bump post or
 entering a pocket track, or unless authorized by ROCC or the Interlocking Operator and
 the move is consistent with customer safety as specified in Rule 3.1.
- MSRPH Section 3 Operating Rules Ver. 2.0 3.79 Train Operators shall not move trains with zero speed commands except after notifying ROCC or Terminal Supervisor and being given permission to move with zero speed commands and either a permissive block going with traffic or an absolute block going against traffic (see SOP #15).

Human Factors

Evidence of Fatique

SAFE evaluated incident data for evidence of fatigue that may have been present at the time of the incident. No signs or symptoms of fatigue were detected from the available data. No signs or symptoms of fatigue were evident from the video. The employee reported feeling fully alert at the time of the incident. The Train Operator reported experiencing no symptoms of fatigue in the time leading up to the incident.

Fatigue Risk

¹ This statement was not supported by the train data and video analysis.

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SAFE evaluated incident data for fatigue risk factors. Risk factors for fatigue were present due to the incident occurring at a time of low circadian alertness. The Train Operator reported keeping a regular sleep schedule in the days leading up to the incident. The Train Operator performed day shift work in the days leading up to the incident. The employee was awake for 2.3 hours at the time of the incident. The Train Operator reported 8 hours of sleep in the 24 hours preceding the incident. The off-duty period was 57.9 hours, which provides an opportunity for 7-9 hours of sleep. This was more than a comparable amount of sleep to the employee's regular workday sleep durations. The employee reported no issues with sleep.

Post-Incident Toxicology Testing

WMATA's Drug and Alcohol Program determined that the Train Operator was not in violation of the Drug and Alcohol Policy and Testing Program 7.7.3/7.

Work History

The Train Operator is a WMATA employee with over five years of total service: five years as a Bus Operator and two weeks as a Train Operator. The Train Operator is certified to the RWP-2 Level and expires in February 2024. This employee has no history of sleep issues to report.

Certifications

The Train Operator completed their Train Operator training course on May 22, 2023, with 87% on the MSRPH Exam and 86% on the TVOIM Exam. The Train Operator completed the practical application portion on July 6, 2023, with a Quality Level (QL) – 1 rating.

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Findings

- The Train Operator was instructed to hold at Signal K06-22 by the Radio RTC.
- The Train Operator entered the Stop and Proceed Mode without permission from the ROCC.
- The Train Operator moved past Signal K06-22, displaying a red aspect.
- The Train Operator's hand-written training notes indicated that Signal K06-22 was on their left-hand side.
- Signal K06-30, which is on the left-hand side, was displaying a flashing lunar aspect at the time of the event.
- Weather conditions were rain and pre-dawn hours, which likely affected the Train Operators ability to read signal identifying labels.

Immediate Mitigation to Prevent Recurrence

- RTRA removed the Train Operator from service for post-incident toxicology testing.
- RTRA removed the incident consist from service for CMNT inspection and CENV analysis.

Probable Cause Statement

The probable cause of the signal overrun was a human factors error of the Train Operator. The Operator had an incorrect understanding of the signal placement, which likely contributed to the incident. Rainy conditions and darkness at the time of the event also likely affected visibility and made it challenging for the Train Operator to identify the correct yard signals to follow accurately. There were no vehicle or infrastructure deficiencies identified. All systems operated as designed.

A Contributing Factor to the event was the adjacent mainline signal K06-30 displaying a flashing lunar aspect. Signal K06-30 is a mainline signal and was displaying a flashing lunar aspect to the train operator's left as they approached Signal K06-22, which was on their right. An additional Contributing Factor to the event was the Train Operator entered Stop and Proceed Mode while at the red signal, which is located just before the ATC-controlled territory.

Recommended Corrective Actions

Corrective Action Code	Description	Responsible Party	Estimated Completion Date
110200_SAF ECAPS_RT RA_001	(RC-1) RTRA Supervisors will be required to document [within the Rail Supervisory Daily Activity Report (RSDAR) application] a minimum of five (5) discussions per day regarding train operator operations near interlocking signals displaying a red aspect.	RTRA SRC	Completed
110200_SAF ECAPS_RT RA_002	(RC-1) RTRA Management will ensure the Train Operator is scheduled and completes refresher training emphasizing operating within the yard and approaching red signals.	RTRA SRC	Completed

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Appendices

Appendix A – Interview Summary

The below narrative summarizes the incident and represents the statements made by the involved individual. As such, times and details may present a conflict with the data contained in systems of record.

The Train Operator is a WMATA employee with over five years of total service: five years as a Bus Operator and two weeks as a Train Operator. The Train Operator is certified to the RWP-2 Level and expires in February 2024. This employee has no history of sleep issues to report.

During the interview, the Train Operator stated they were beginning their workday and were tasked to bring the train out of the yard. They noted that the Interlocking Operator instructed them to proceed to Signal K06-22 and hold. Once at the signal, the Train Operator reported that the signal was lunar, and they had speed commands. The Train Operator said they contacted ROCC and stated they had a lunar and were proceeding to the 8-Car Marker at West Falls Church. The Train Operator stated they were trained to proceed through signals if they had speed readouts. After reaching the platform, the Train Operator reported they were contacted by ROCC and informed to stand by as they had overrun a red signal.

The Train Operator disclosed their training notes during the interview, which did not include Signal K06-30 and notated that Signal K06-22 was on the left. The Train Operator said there are known radio communication issues within the West Falls Church Yard that may have contributed to not hearing clear instructions from ROCC.

The Train Operator said there were no distractions during the incident and no mechanical issues with the train. The Train Operator reported no problems with their sleep; they were fully alert at the time of the incident and made an honest mistake by traveling beyond the red signal.

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Appendix B – Operator's Statement and RTRA Investigative Documents (Abridged)

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West Galls Church Station from Seperition I arrived

to west Galls at 5:50 am and took Operator

down for a Post Incident Test and Interview. Operator

stated that had a Liner at KOG 22 signal

(Note time for each entry; Include statement of Employee or Witness at conclusion) Your Arrival Time: 5:50~Am

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INCIDENT ID: 20232020RANGE2

 DATE
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 2023-07-21
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 LOCATION (STATION/YARD)
 LOCATION/CHAIN MARKER (If Applicable)
 REPORTED BY ROCC AIM DISPLAY

TRAIN IDDIRECTIONTRACK NUMBERDEPTS NOTIFIED904O/B3Everbridge Alert/Messaging

CAR NUMBERS (XXXX-XXXX)

Lead Car

7252-7253 7575-7574 7450-7451 7659-7658

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TYPE INCIDENT

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0527	ATC 2216 and 2251 reported on scene at K06 investigating switches 17A & 17B.
0556	Train 908 track two West Falls Church arrived on the platform and was instructed to hold. ROCC unable to establish a route at K06-32 signal.
0610	RTRA Supervisor (Unit 30) was granted foul time on track two for the purpose of clamping switch 11B in normal position due to an inability to establish routing at K06-40 signal.
0624	Train 909 track two East Falls Church was instructed to make good announcements to customers offload the train, and reverse ends for service to New Carrollton.
0626	Unit 30 clamped switch 11B in the the normal, relinquished foul time and was safely on the platform at West Falls Church.
0632	ATC 2251 reported that switches 15B and 17B were clamped in a normal position. ATC 2251 reported that all personnel were standing-by and standing-clear in a place of safety for train movement.
0633	Train 908 was given permission to pass K06-32 signal red verifying switches 15B and 17B were clamped and proceed in service to Vienna, ending the longest customer delay.
0645	Train 912 track two East Falls Church was instructed to make good announcements to customers offload the train, and reverse ends for service to New Carrollton.
0659	Routing and lunar signal established on track two at West Falls Church K06-32 signal.
0705	ATC 2144 took over RWIC duties from ATC 2251.
0720	ATC 2144 established ETO protection to work on switches 15A/B, 17A/B, 5A/B, and 7A/B.
0810	Routing and lunar signal established on track one at West Falls Church K06-26 signal.
0817	ATC 2144 reported that all personnel and equipment were clear from the roadway and that switches 15A/B, 17A/B, 5A/B, and 7A/B were all clamped in the normal position for a straight through move. ATC Supervisor reported that it was safe for train movement over trailed switch 17A.
0827	ATC 2144 requested permission to enter the roadway for the purpose of inspecting switch 19.
0845	ATC 2144 reported they were standing-by, standing-clear in a place of safety for train movement and wanted to observe a train clearing switch 19.
0847	Incident train 904 was re-blocked to ID 704, destination West Falls Church Yard. Train 704 was given a lunar at K05-34 and given a permissive block no closer than 10 feet of K99-58 signal red and instructed to contact the tower. CMNT personnel was aboard the train.
0901	ATC 2177 reported all personnel and equipment were clear from track 3 and that switch 19 was operational.

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SUPERINTENDENTS OR ASSISTANTS SECTION

ADDITIONAL FOLLOW-UP CORRECTIVE ACTIONS OR REMARKS

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Work Order #: 18020279 Type: CM

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Work Order #: 18020279 Type: CM

Work Description: Red Signal over run at K06/22, 0/0, K06, RTR, RSIG, 904 Job Plan Description:

Cause		Remedy		Supervisor	Remark Date
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5:11:15	K06	Control		Signal 22 Request Route Request Route					Request entrance Signal 22 to 34 (from Yard to		
5:11:17	K06	Status		Signal Entrance 22 Received				K06 Middle Platform;			
5:11:18	K06	Control		Signal 34 Request Route Request Route				_	track 3)		
5:11:20	K06	Status		Switch Call 15 Call Normal					SW15 & SW17 in Normal Position		
5:11:20	K06	Status		Switch Call 17 Call Normal				INOTHIAI POSITION			
5:11:26	K06	Status		Signal State 22 Clear			Sig-22 to 34 Lunar				
5:12:17	K06	Status		Track	Circuit 15A7	Occupied			rain pass		
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5:15:53	K06	Control		Signal 22 Request Route Request Route					ntrance Signal rom Yard to		
5:15:55	K06	Status		Signal Entrance 22 Received					e Platform;		
5:15:55	K06	Control		Signal 34 Request Route Request Route							
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Train passed Sig-22

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Signal State 22 Clear

Track Circuit 15AT Occupied

Status

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5:17:24	K06 Status Signal State 22 Stop		Sig-22 changed to RED	
5:17:38	K06	Status	Track Circuit 17AT Occupied	The second train from
5:17:49	K06	Status	Track Circuit 19AT Occupied	yard passed interlocking and stopped on K06
5:17:59	K06	Status	Track Circuit K3-518 Occupied	middle platform (K3-
5:18:03	K06	Status	Track Circuit 528Y2 Vacant	518). Still SW15 and
5:18:34	K06	Status	Track Circuit 15AT Vacant	SW17 in Normal position.
5:18:38	K06	Status	Track Circuit 17AT Vacant	position
5:18:46	K06	Status	Track Circuit 19T Vacant	Train clear interlocking
5:19:11	K06	Control	Signal 30 Request Route Request Route	Request entrance Signal
5:19:13	K06	Status	Signal Entrance 30 Received	30 to 34 (Revers Traffic from K2 to K3)
5:19:13	K06	Control	Signal 34 Request Route Request Route	- 1225 Co. 1 Political Local St. 1
5:19:17	K06	Status	Switch Call 15 Call Normal	SW-15 in Normal
5:19:17	K06	Status	Switch Call 17 Call Reverse	SW-17 called revers
5:19:21	K06	Status	Switch Position 17 Reverse	SW-17 in Revers
5:19:22	К06	Status	Signal State 30 Clear	Sig-30 to 34 Lunar
5:19:43	K06	Status	Track Circuit 528Y2 Occupied	Train #3 occupied 528Y2 from yard
5:20:48	K06	Status	Track Circuit 15AT Occupied	Train passed RED Sig-22
5:20:48	K06	Status	Signal State 30 Stop	Sig-30 Changed to RED
5:20:57	K06	Status	Track Circuit 17AT Occupied	
5:21:06	K06	Status	Switch Position 17 Out Of Correspondent	SW-17 Trailed
5:21:08	K06	Status	Track Circuit 19AT Occupied	Train moved to K06
5:21:11	K06	Status	Track Circuit 19T Occupied	middle platform
5:21:23	K06	Status	Track Circuit K3-518 Occupied	
5:21:36	K06	Status	Track Circuit 528Y2 Vacant	Train cleared
5:21:46	K06	Status	Track Circuit 15AT Vacant	interlocking and stopped on K06 middle
5:21:52	K06	Status	Track Circuit 17AT Vacant	platform (Track3).
5:22:02	K06	Status	Track Circuit 19AT Vacant	W. J. P. LOW, W. T. P. P. V. COPPEDITO
5:22:11	K06	Status	Track Circuit K3-512 Occupied	
8:42:27	K06	Status	Track Circuit K3-518 Vacant	
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Alarm Status

Circuit Power Failure: Yes□ No ☒

Processor Failure: Yes□ No⊠

Power Transfer: Yes ☐ No ☒

Findings & Conclusion:

Three Trains dispatched from K99 Yard to K06 middle platform via track-3 between 05:01:00 to 05:25:00 AM.

Train #1:

- At 5:02: 19 Occupied track circuit 528YT and Passed Lunar Signal 22 to 34 at 5:12:17 AM
- SW15 and SW17 was in Normal Position
- Train Cleared interlocking at 5:13:40 AM

Train #2

- At 5:14: 15 Occupied track circuit 528YT and Passed Lunar signal 22 to 34 at 5:17:24 AM
- SW15 and SW17 was in Normal Position
- . Train Cleared interlocking at 5:18:46 AM

Train#3:

- At 5:19:22 Signal 30 to 34 Flashing Lunar (Reverse traffic from track-2 to track3)
 - o SW15 in Normal and SW17 in Reverse position
- At 5:19:43 train occupied track circuit 528YT which is in-front of RED signal 22
- AT 5:20:48 train passed RED signal-22 and occupied track circuit 15AT towards K06 middle platform; signal 30 changed from lunar to RED.
- At 5:21:06 SW17 out of correspondence state due to Switch 17A Trailed
- AT 5:22: 02 train clear interlocking and occupied K06 middle platform (track circuit K3-518) until 8:42:27 AM.

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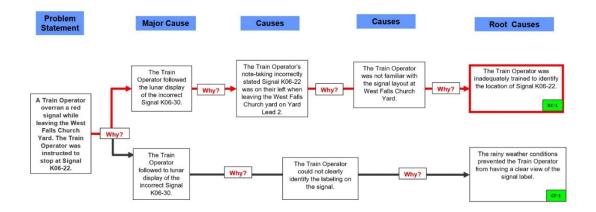
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Appendix F - Why-Tree Analysis

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Root Cause Analysis

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