



BULLETIN

TO MUNI OPERATIONS PROFESSIONALS

REMEMBER: *SERVICE IS OUR ONLY BUSINESS*

NOTICE NUMBER

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NO CELLULAR PHONE USAGE OR TEXTING WHILE OPERATING A TRANSIT VEHICLE

The use of cellular phones or electronic devices while operating a transit vehicle is a **MAJOR SAFETY VIOLATION**. Transit Operators are reminded that Rule 2.22.7 of the Rules and Instructions Handbook states:

"Employees are not to display or play personal radios, use head-phones, or cellular telephones at any time while operating a vehicle."

In an effort to improve employee and customer safety, the SFMTA is re-issuing its policy:

- 1. Transit operators are not permitted to display or use a cellular phone, PDA, hand-held or hands-free devices, while operating a transit vehicle.***
- 2. Transit Operators are not permitted to read, write or send emails or text messages while operating a transit vehicle.***
- 3. Cell phones, PDA's or any personal electronic device must be turned off while operating a transit vehicle.***
- 4. If an employee must make an emergency call (911), the transit vehicle must be stopped in a safe location and you must exit the operator compartment before making the call.***

This policy applies to use of PDAs and any other electronic device. Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action up to termination.

Please help us make safety a top priority. We deeply value the safety and well-being of all our employees and customers.


James Dougherty
Chief Safety Officer


Kenneth Mc Donald
Chief Operating Officer

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