

ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

**Resolution 04.2024-08
(A-25)**

Introduced by: Raymond A. Dieter, Jr., MD, ISMS Member
Subject: Locomotive Video Recorder Cameras in Freight Trains
Referred to: Council on Medical Service

1 Whereas, railroad accidents continue to occur between passenger and freight
2 locomotives and motorized vehicles; and

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4 Whereas, recently laws were modified to require video recorders to be installed
5 in passenger locomotives; and

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7 Whereas, such cameras were not required in freight train locomotives or railroad
8 engines; and

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10 Whereas, freight trains continue to have accidents; therefore, be it

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12 RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society endorse the concept of
13 placement of such video cameras within freight trains; and be it further

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15 RESOLVED, that ISMS support the development of model legislation to require
16 video cameras within freight trains and freight locomotives.

Fiscal Note:

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Existing ISMS policy related to this issue:

ISMS supports the elimination of grade-level railroad crossings in order to avoid automobile-related accidents; supports the construction of non-grade-level crossings whenever new crossings are necessary; and supports state and federal funding of the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program (CREATE) in order to help provide funding for the proposed construction of non-grade-level crossings. (HOD 2007; Last BOT Review 2011)

It is the policy of ISMS to prohibit the creation of any new grade-level railroad crossings, requiring instead overpass or underpass construction for all new crossings. (HOD 2000; Last BOT Review 2011)

It is the policy of the Society to support extending the length of the railroad crossing gate to cover the entire width of the railroad crossing so that motorists will not be tempted to beat the train and twist four times around the gates, thereby putting their life and accompanying passengers' lives in grave danger and to explore new ways that the Society can support and promote safety at railroad crossings. (HOD 1999; Last BOT Review 2011)

ISMS strongly supports using appropriate additional safety measures, e.g., gates that cover the entire width of a railroad crossing, at all major railroad crossings. (HOD 1996; Last BOT Review 2011)