



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **Music City Star to stage mock disaster drill March 26** *Drill to engage local emergency response crews, train operators*

**NASHVILLE** – On March 26, the Music City Star will take part in a mock disaster drill to refresh the safety training and increase the preparedness in the event of a real-life train emergency.

The drill, coordinated by the Transit Solutions Group and RJ Corman Rail Road Company, is scheduled to take place at the Hermitage Train Station and will include the participation of a multi-agency team of state and local law enforcement, emergency response crews, healthcare providers, and operations management teams.

This exercise will test various emergency support functions and challenge the Music City Star and first responders with the task of moving a large number of people while working a mass casualty incident, providing emergency medical services, and preserving evidence for a criminal investigation. The drill will be conducted after normal revenue operation and at the time of the drill, passengers on board will be volunteer participants.

Public information officers from Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee and the Nashville Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management will be on the scene to keep media apprised of the operation and drill progress. A designated media area will be established at the train station for outlets to ensure safety while the drill is being conducted for those seeking footage and interviews.

- What:** Music City Star Mock Disaster Drill
- When:** Tuesday, March 26  
9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Where:** 4121 Andrew Jackson Parkway, Hermitage TN 37076
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The Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee has provided regional rail service between Lebanon and Nashville since September 18, 2008. The Music City Star makes six daily trips between Lebanon and downtown Nashville Monday through Friday. The Music City Star is responsible for transporting approximately 1,100 commuters to and from work each weekday.

Additional training for first responders will take place onboard the Music City Star the mornings of March 20, 21, and 22 at the Hermitage Station, ahead of the March 26 drill.

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