

Work description: Making Public Address System Announcements in Stations and Trains

Scope: All Stations and Trains in Service

References: HNL-09559 Monitoring Stations, HNL-09668 Fault Detection, Response and Reporting at Stations, HNL-09554 On Board Monitoring, Duty Event Form

PPE and precautions

Nil

Competencies or qualifications

Information Controller, Station Attendant, Train Attendant, Traffic Controller, OCC Supervisor

Licenses or permits required

Nil

Tools and equipment required

Megaphone

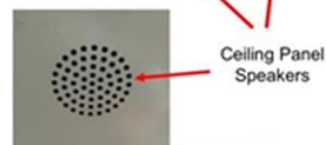

Warning
Public Address System

The Public Address System (PAS) has been designed to enable live announcements from the OCC to all public areas to passengers and staff in stations and in the train. *FIXME need equipment Photos*

There are 12 ceiling-mounted speakers in each car for live voice and pre-recorded on-board Public Address announcements.


The speakers are positioned to provide a uniform distribution of audio throughout the train. The on-board PA system also utilize the Ambient Volume Control microphone to measure the trains ambient noise in order to set speaker volume accordingly. *FIXME need to check On Board System*

Public Address System Equipment Example

On Board Public Address System



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Public Address System – Normal Operating Mode	<p>Normal Operating Mode is where the Public Address System is fully operational, and no defect is present. It means in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Servers are up and running • The OCC and Information Controller workstations are up and running • The interface equipment is up and running • The speakers are connected and operational • The amplifiers in station are up and running • OCC Operators can connect to PA application software • The server responds automatically to PA requests without any operator intervention • The communication between server and sound equipment in stations is established • There are no alarms when the operator sends live messages or pre-recorded messages
Information Controller	<p>The Information Controller located in the OCC is overall responsible for station operations and providing information to Station Attendants and receiving information from the line including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on possible overcrowding • Service Disruptions • Incidents, Accidents, Emergencies and any conditions affecting the network • Faults and Failures • Any other information that is needed by the Station Attendant
	<p>If advised by the OCC Supervisor, the Information Controller will use the Public Address System and the Passenger Information Display System (PIDS) to Deliver</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical information and warning to passengers • Inform passengers at stations and on-board trains about any deviation from the normal service and alternatives available. • During degraded operational mode and emergencies, the Information Controller handles communications with passengers needing help (e.g. via ECPs in the station or in elevators) • Handle communications with passengers in emergency conditions.
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>Note</p> <p><i>Public announcements that are applicable to the whole system are normally made by the Information Controller from OCC</i></p> </div> </div>

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Station Attendant <i>FIXME Need to check on role</i>	<p>Station Attendants will use the PAS to make announcements locally for safety reasons (e.g. instruction for an immediate evacuation of the station) or when there is a need to disseminate information that is specific to the station including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train service delays • Special/heightened security threat alerts • Curtailment of train service (e.g. when short turn back mode is in operation) • Closure of a station entrance/exit • Changes to the normal pattern of passenger movement (e.g. in a crowd control situation) • Emergencies • Bus replacement services • Special events • Last train • Prevent injury/accident (e.g. warn a passenger not to rush into a train when the doors have started to close) • Customer service (e.g. help to locate a passenger's children) • Other circumstances deemed necessary by the Station Attendant <p>The Station Attendant can choose to broadcast pre-recorded messages stored in the PA console for specific purposes or on an ad hoc basis (e.g. safety messages, proper behavior on the H RTP).</p> <p>Announcements that need to be repeated at short intervals (e.g. announcements of short-loop service) can be retrieved from the pre-recorded messages archived in the PA console. Alternatively, the message can be recorded on the spot and loaded into the system for repeated broadcasting in the station.</p>
	<div data-bbox="505 1184 579 1226"></div> <p>Note</p> <p><i>When there is an incident or emergency in the station, the PA system is the most effective and expeditious means for conveying instructions which require immediate response, e.g. station evacuation message</i></p>

Normal Mode Automated Public Address System Announcements - Stations	<p>Each station is provided with a Public Address System (PAS) for broadcasting voice messages to passengers. The broadcast can be made to the whole station or a part of it depending on the choice of the Station Attendant.</p> <p>PA regarding train services (e.g. train arrivals and departures) is triggered automatically by the ATS.</p> <p>The PA system is integrated with the PIDS such that similar messages in visual form will be displayed on the PIDS simultaneously.</p>
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Normal Mode Automated Public Address System Announcements – On Board PAS	<p>The On-Board Public-Address System automatically triggers the following Audio pre-recorded announcements in the trains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the train approaches a station: name of the station and side of doors opening • By the middle of the dwell time (except for last station): name of the terminus station of the train • When the train has opened the doors at the terminus station: invitation to leave the train • Before the train closes the doors: stand back the closing doors message • When the train leaves a station: name of the next station • Skip stop message <div>  <p>Note <i>Passengers Information announcements are automatically interrupted in case of Public Address announcement from the OCC or from the on-board train staff.</i></p> </div>
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Public Address System Degraded Operating Mode – Stations PAS OCC Supervisor Information Controller / Station Attendant	<p>Degraded Operating Mode is where the Public Address System is partially operational due to a fault in the PAS.</p> <p>The OCC Supervisor must ensure that the passengers are informed as quickly as possible about the delays and disruptions.</p> <p>The OCC Supervisor must tell the Information Controller to make the necessary public announcements to keep the passengers on board the train and at stations informed about the situation.</p> <p>If there is PAS failure in the OCC, the Information Controller must check with the Station Attendants whether local announcements can be made.</p> <p>If public announcements can be made, the Information Controller must tell the Station Attendant to make the required announcements locally. Otherwise, the Station Attendant must make local announcements by means of using a megaphone.</p> <div>  <p>Note <i>All Station PAS faults are to be managed in accordance with HNL-09668 Fault Detection, Response and Reporting at Stations.</i></p> </div>
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Public Address System Degraded Operating Mode – On Board PAS	In cases where remote public address announcements cannot be made from the OCC to Passengers on board a train service, the OCC will instruct the on-board Train Attendant to make the required announcements using the on-board PA communication equipment.
<i>Train Attendant / Train Controller</i>	<p>When instructed by the Train Controller, the on-board Train Attendant must utilize the on-board Operator Communication Panel to provide on-board public address announcements such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General on-board arrival and departure information to notify passengers which platform the trains are approaching • On-board courtesy announcements • Informational announcements • Emergency announcements
<i>Train Attendant</i>	<div>  <div> Note <i>Public address announcements and intercom communication with passengers must be made politely and courteously.</i> </div> </div> <p>The Train Attendant must log incidents or equipment failures in the Duty Event Form. This supports the handover process when a train staff is relieved and ensures that an incoming train staff can provide consistency of support to maintenance with regard to an earlier failure.</p>

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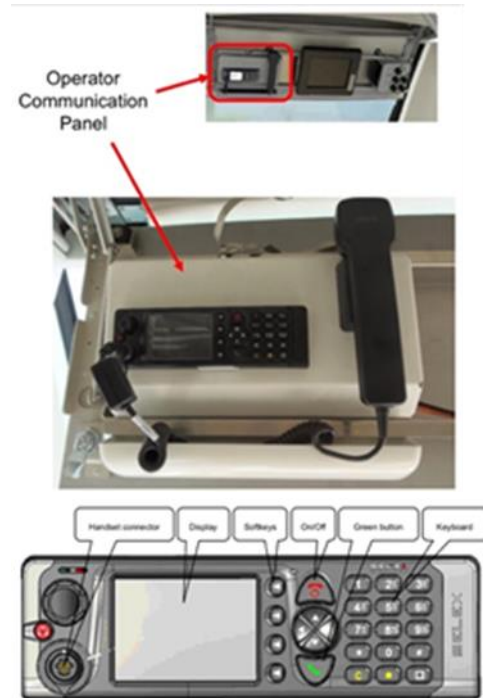
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**On Board
Communication
Equipment -
Operator
Communication
Panel**

The operator communication panel is located on the ceiling drop down panel at each end of the train. It consists of a communications radio and handset used by the Train Attendants.

The communication panel enables the on-board Train Attendant to communicate with the OCC, make train-wide Public Address (PA) announcements, and communicate with the other train staff at the other end of the train. Specifically, the communication panel is used to:

- Send/Receive calls to OCC/other communication panels
- Answer Emergency Calls from passenger routed by OCC
- Send local Public Address

Operator Communication Panel (Driver Panel) FIXME Need correct Photo


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