



Dispatcher Saint Louis Lines

Responsibilities

The dispatcher is responsible for the safe management of all train movements across the layout.

Procedures

A telephone intercom system is provided for communication between the dispatcher, Carondelet, Tower Grove, and Lindenwood Yard. Direct verbal communication may be used at all other locations.

Train movement is controlled via a computer-simulated dispatcher-controlled CTC panel.

- All train and crew information must be completed prior to authorizing train movement.
- The computer mouse is used to throw switches and set signals.
- Authorization to occupy the track (other than signal indication) is referred to as "Track Authority." All track authority is issued between two control points. Example: 4664 east has track authority between CP 104-Tower Grove West and CP 107 – Lime Junction on the mainline."

Division and Special Operations:

- Terminal Railroad trains and other railroads may have trackage rights on the layout.
- Lindenwood Yard (LY) must be notified of trains approaching the yard to ensure that the yard can accept arriving trains. Westbound trains must contact LY before passing CP104-Tower Grove South.
- Industry turnouts on sidings are typically not controlled by the Dispatcher. Return all manually controlled turnouts to normal after completion of work.
- The Carondelet Crew must be notified of all trains approaching Carondelet from the South. Crews must stop their train when end of train is clear of CP 117-Oak Hill Junction. CTC ends at CP 117 and Carondelet is operated without signals under Yard Limit Rules.

Train Priority (in order of importance):

- Amtrak
- Specials
- Manifest Freights (non-local)
- Locals