

New FRA Railroad Trespasser Form

Office of Railroad Safety

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On October 7, 2021, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved FRA's new data collection request, OMB Control No. 2130-0635, Report of Railroad Trespasser Form. This form will be used only by law enforcement agencies that perform rail trespassing enforcement activities to report those activities to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

The overall goal of this data collection is to prevent trespassing on railroad rights-of-way and reduce the number of deaths and injuries among trespassers. Due to the lack of available root cause data, FRA is collecting data from law enforcement agencies (grantees and non-grantees) to develop general profiles of root causes. Law enforcement recipients of any trespassing-related FRA grants awarded after October 2021 are required to provide this data to FRA and to fill out FRA F 6180.178. Other law enforcement agencies not receiving grant funding may voluntarily provide this data to FRA. The general profiles created through this data collection will allow FRA, railroads, governments (Federal, State, and local), and other interested parties, such as Operation Lifesaver, to target audiences for appropriate education and enforcement campaigns that will reduce the annual number of injuries and fatalities.

FRA is developing a web-based form so the respondents can submit information electronically. The web-based form also will facilitate FRA's ability to maintain the data collected in a more useful and uniform manner, as the dropdown boxes will assist FRA in receiving more standardized responses. This web-based form will be available on FRA's website in January 2022.