



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

DISPATCHER DUTIES

OVERVIEW: On the CPRR, the Dispatcher is responsible for directing mainline railroad operations to include but not limited to the following list. Questions should be directed to the CPRR Superintendent. Have a good time!

- Ensure the safety of mainline operations.
- Call crew when notified by Yardmaster that a train is ready.
- Maintain contact with all train crews via radio.
- Train Orders
 - Train order for trains originating in York will be given to the train Engineer or Conductor by the Dispatcher or Yardmaster.
 - Train orders for trains originating off line will be given to Dispatcher by the Superintendent. The Dispatcher will then give the orders to the train crew.
- Maintain clear track for trains in order of priority:
 1. Through passenger trains.
 2. Through freight trains.
 3. Local passenger trains.
 4. Local freight trains.
- Clear trains to occupy the main line and/or parts thereof. Also called giving a track warrant.
- Maintain awareness of where each train is by using locators on the Dispatchers train board.
- Maintain a written log of each train departure from and arrival at York Yard, KNAT, and off line staging yards by train number or symbol.
- Give permission for switching trains to occupy a main line or passing siding track or both simultaneously.
- Coordinate yard approach tracks to be used with the Yardmaster.
- Coordinate staging track assignments in KNAT and FM with the CPRR Superintendent.
- Fills in for the CPRR Superintendent when the Superintendent is not available.