

Dear railroading professionals,

**The 2017 International Rail Safety Seminar & Expo** is scheduled for **April 10-11, 2017 in Orlando, Florida!**

Now in its sixth year, the Rail Safety Seminar has become the premier railroad safety event for an international audience. We have hosted **delegates from 20 countries** around the globe. **International presenters** shared their professional expertise and insight. **Exhibitors packed the Expo area** with the latest safety-related technology, products and services. **Attendees from around the globe** listened, learned, networked and socialized during these intensive educational events.

**Rail Safety Seminars** bring together international rail safety experts, researchers, suppliers, and industry professionals in a comfortable resort environment. As in 2016, The Florida Hotel and Conference Center has been chosen as the host hotel for the Seminar and Expo. With over 15,000 sq. ft. available for seminar, exhibitor and networking functions, you are assured a great educational experience at a world-class destination.

Join us on our mission to provide the kind of real-world, thought-provoking rail safety information that is simply not available anywhere else. Please review the Sponsor/Exhibitor program detailed on the following pages, visit the seminar web site and contact me with your questions or comments. Call me at 321-473-6066 (Eastern timezone) or email [tom@vehicleandtrack.com](mailto:tom@vehicleandtrack.com).

I look forward to hearing from you soon.



Tom Groark  
President, Vehicle & Track Events

*Note: EXPO space is assigned on a first-come basis. Please reserve your spot as soon as possible.*

**NEW! The “Booth Buddy” Program**

Exhibitors that wish to **share their allotted booth space with another company** may now do so for a rate increase of just 35%. This program is designed for two companies that can represent their products or services within the space allowed at their sponsorship level. A maximum of two companies may share one exhibit space and some restrictions apply. Contact Tom Groark for details on this new program.



**Overview of Attendees**

The curriculum is designed to address safety issues that are critical to a broad cross-section of the railroading industry and related professions. The program will be of particular interest to professionals working with:

- Transits, Trams, Underground, and Light Rail
- Commuter and Suburban Rail
- Passenger Rail, High speed, Medium speed
- Shortline and Regional Freight
- Class 1 Railroads
- Industrial and Mining Railroads
- Tourist and Scenic Railroads
- State DOT, Federal & Regulatory Agencies

**Overview of the Agenda** (subject to change - check web site for current schedule)

The seminar will cover a broad range of key topics that will be of interest to a diverse group of professionals. The planned agenda will include many of these important topics:

**Safety and Risk Assessment**

- Risk Assessment Methods and Tools
- Independent Safety Assessments
- System Safety Plans
- Safety Audits
- Safety Management and Organizational Safety
- Vitality Assessments
- Software Reliability Issues

**Derailment Prevention and Analysis**

- Case Studies: Accidents, Injuries, Derailments
  - Methods Used
  - Lessons Learned
- Tools for accident investigation
  - Simulation Analysis of Accidents
  - Root Cause Methods
  - Evaluation Methods for Human Failure
  - Technology to Use on Site
  - Event Recorders

**Vehicle and Track Interaction**

- Safety Management of Wheels and Vehicles
- Safety management of Rail and track structure
- Wheel/Rail lubrication systems
- New Technologies' Impact on V/T monitoring
- and more...

**Train Control Systems and Methods**

- Balancing Safety With Capacity
- PTC
- CBTM
- ERTMS
- ACCESS
- Other

**Detection and Warning Technologies**

- On-board systems
- Camera/Video systems
- Wayside detection systems
- Track measurement systems
- Machine vision systems
- Fatigue management
- Drug and alcohol programs
- Warning systems to prevent accidents
  - Signage and signals
  - Lighting
  - Safety alerters
  - Barrier assessment

**Safety and Investigation Training**

- Functional Safety training programs
- Derailment investigation training
- Certification programs
- HAZMAT response

**Interested in presenting at Rail Safety 2017?**

We may have positions available for speakers. Click the "AGENDA" link on the Rail Safety Seminars web site and look for the "Call for Papers" link. Contact Tom Groark at 321-473-6066 or email [tom@vehicleandtrack.com](mailto:tom@vehicleandtrack.com) if you need more information.



**Registration Fees & Discounts** You can also register and pay online <http://railsafetyseminars.com>.

Professional Pricing - for suppliers, consultants & others.	Price	Savings	Discount
Professional Early Bird Rate (good through 01/31/2017)	\$995	\$400	30% OFF
Professional Group Rate (3+ from same organization)	\$845	\$550	40% OFF
<b>NEW! Flat Fee Group Rate</b> (up to 10 attendees)	\$5,995	\$800/ea	58% OFF

Employee Pricing - must be a direct, full-time employee of a recognized heavy haul or rail transit operation.	Price	Savings	Discount
Employee Early Bird Rate (good through 01/31/2017)	\$895	\$500	40% OFF
Employee Group Rate (3+ from same organization)	\$625	\$770	55% OFF
<b>NEW! Flat Fee Group Rate</b> (up to 10 attendees)	\$4,995	\$900/ea	65% OFF

Presenter Pricing - for invited speakers. Limit two per topic.	Price	Savings	Discount
Presenter Rate	<b>\$495</b>	\$900	65% OFF

## Registration Form

Complete & mail or fax to address/fax at the bottom of this page. PRINT CLEARLY. Use one form per attendee.

I am eligible for  Employee  Employee Group  Professional  Professional Group  Presenter

Payment Method  VISA  Mastercard  American Express  Check\* or Money Order\* (see address next line)

\*Make check or money order payable to: "Vehicle and Track" send to: 274 East Eau Gallie Blvd., #345, Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937

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Charges will appear as "SAFETY 1 SEMINARS" on your credit card statement. Up to 50% refund available if cancelled in writing before 02/10/2017.

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List any Special Needs or Dietary Restrictions



## The Meeting Facilities

The **Florida Hotel and Conference Center** at the Florida Mall has been selected as host hotel and conference facility for the 2017 Rail Safety Seminar & EXPO.

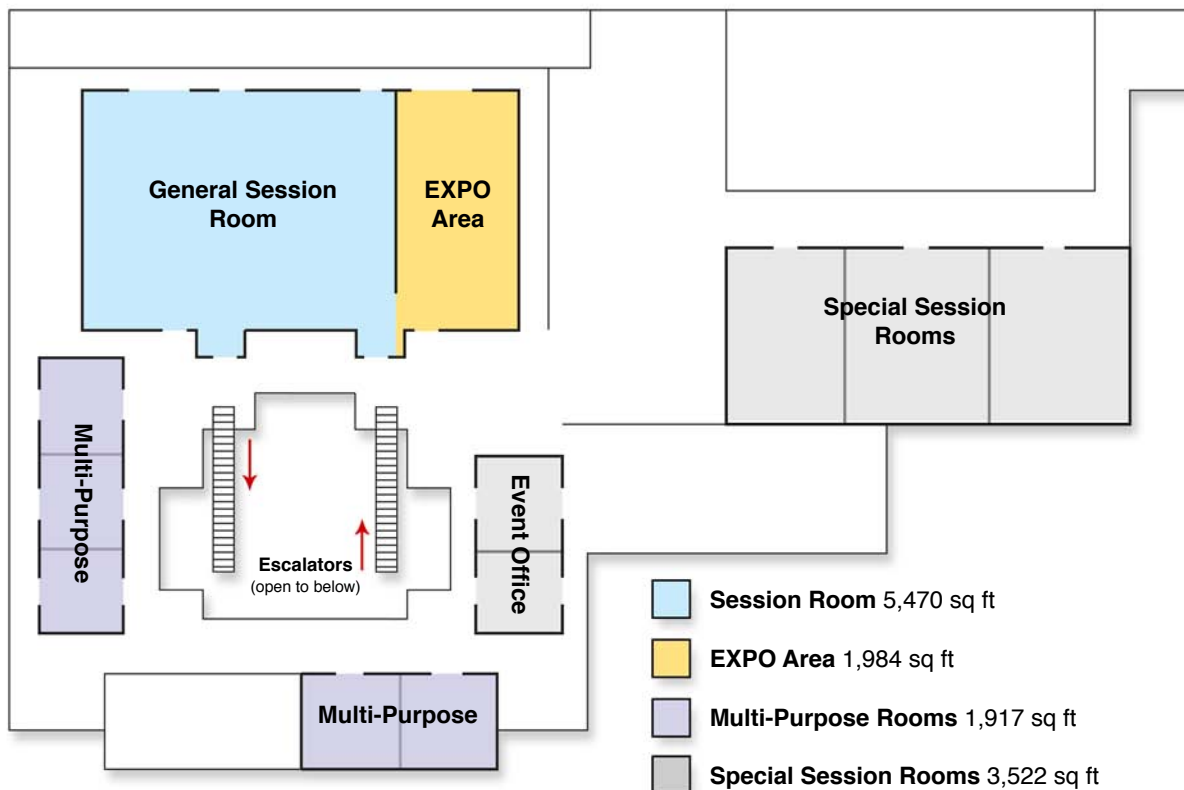


We have contracted for the best of the meeting space on the 2nd-floor mezzanine level for Session Rooms, Expo Area, reception, food and beverage service and more!

The location is close to all the area attractions and just 5 miles from Orlando International Airport. The property is attached to **The Florida Mall** - one of Orlando's largest and most popular shopping destinations. Beautiful guest rooms, meeting facilities and common areas provide the perfect setting for the 2017 Seminar and EXPO.

We have arranged for a **discounted group rate of \$139** per night (+ tax) which includes a **special amenity package** with in-room internet access, refrigerator, and much more.

Online seminar registration, room reservations, maps, driving directions and much more are available on the 2017 Rail Safety Seminar web site at <http://railsafetyseminars.com>.



**Hotel Reservation Form** Reserve your room online at: <http://railsafetyseminars.com/location.html>

**The discounted Rail Safety Seminars room rate is \$139** (US Dollars) per night plus 12.5% tax. Your room rate includes a special amenities package including: in-room internet access, refrigerator, bottled water (2) each day, newspaper, business center access, free self-parking and more! **All rooms are non-smoking.**

This special rate is for rooms with two (2) queen beds (double/queen). A limited number of rooms with a king bed are available at the same rate. Make your reservation early as rooms in the block are assigned on first-come basis and may not be available at time of your reservation. Ten (10) rooms available at prevailing government per diem rate.

**If mailing or faxing, this completed form must be received by 3/01/2017**

Each room must be guaranteed by either **credit card** or **check**. If paying room guarantee by check, this form must be mailed. Make check payable to Florida Hotel & Conference Center in the amount of **\$156.38** (\$139.00 + \$17.38 tax) Room guarantee (\$156.38) **refundable only if canceling reservation outside 72 hours prior to reservation date.**

**Use one form per attendee.** Complete & mail or fax to address/fax at the bottom of this page. PRINT CLEARLY.

Room Guarantee made by  **VISA**  **Mastercard**  **American Express**  **Check**

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Signature

Occupancy:  **Single** (1 person)  **Double** (2 people)  **Triple** (3 people)  **Quad** (4 people)

Special Requests:  **King Bed (limited availability)** 1 bed, single or double occupancy  **Handicap Accessible**

**U.S. Government Rate** - limited supply, double-bed rooms only, verification required

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