





## Feather River Rail Society

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## **OPERATING DEPARTMENT**

2002 Operating Report

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During the Operating Season of 2002, there were sixty one (61) members of the operating department shown on the roster.

As indicated in the General Code of Operating Rules;

"Safety is of the first importance in the discharge of duty"

"Obedience to the rules is essential to safety and is required"

"To enter or remain in the service is an assurance of willingness to obey the rules. The service demands the faithful, intelligent and courteous discharge of duty"

The Operating Department continued to impress on all operating crews the importance of the General Code of Operating Rules, and supervisors expected all crews working at the museum during 2002 to attend safety briefing at the beginning of each operating day.

The Operating Department continues to require that all volunteers and employees adhere to the General Code of Operating, Safety and Health Policy, and the Code of Safe Practices, Injury and Illness Prevention Program.

The Superintendent of Operations requires that <u>ALL</u> members of the FRRS take an active part in the responsible operations of the Feather River Rail Society and the Portola Railroad Museum, following <u>ALL</u> General Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Policies, Procedures, and good business practices.

## **Report of Operations**

While the overall operations of the weekend caboose train were similar to the last few years, there has been a significant change in the make up of the volunteers this year.

We added about ten (10) new members to the operating department, but on the down side we did not see twelve (12) members return this year.

This is a reduction of two (2) members of the operating department.

The number of hours that the volunteers contributed to the FRRS also reflects the number of members working at the museum.

In 2001, the operating crews, volunteered 1,502 hours of service, while in 2002, the operating crews, volunteered 1,468 hours.

This is a reduction of 34 hours from 2001.

One of the contributing factors to the decline in the number of volunteer hours, is the fact that all members are still not reporting the number of hours worked.

As in past years, the operating or conductors reports are still not being filled out and filed in the operating offices by all members.

There are many time that crews are switching or operating the caboose train and just do not take the time to fill out the reports.

It will be one of the goals of the operating department in 2003 to get all volunteers to fill out reports and account for their volunteer time at the museum. This will allow us to report more accurate information.

Kerry D. Cochran Superintendent of Operations

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