Train Operations Onboard Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme

What has changed?

The Port of Hueneme (Oxnard Harbor District) is in a new partnership with auto shipping customers, which involves running trains to and from Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) through the Cities of Port Hueneme and Oxnard and to inland U.S. destinations. These trains provide economic opportunities to the local community and to NBVC via an Enhanced Use Lease to Glovis America Incorporated. This lease helps fund improvements to our installation in exchange for auto storage and rail use. The increase in rail movement allows for a higher volume of auto throughput in and out of the Port of Hueneme, thus increasing NBVC’s share of income.

Why the horns?

The sounding of the train horns is a necessary factor for safe rail operations. Horns give warning to rail employees and to the personnel on the base when a train is approaching. In fact, federal law mandates train operators to sound their horns at road crossings, especially when railroad crossing arms are not present. We consider safety as paramount, and taking that into consideration, we are also exploring avenues on how to best work with the Federal Railroad Administration to consider establishing quiet zones to lessen the impact from the horns.

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