

Transferable Lessons from Serious Operational Incidents / Investigations

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SIGNALLER ASSAULTED WHILST ON DUTY



The outside area of Foley Signalbox where the MOP gained access over the fence,

The Signallers car can be seen in the background.

The fencing has since been secured by the installation of 8ft Heras style fencing as a precaution.

Summary of Incident: On Friday 19/05/2018 at 18:45 hours, the Signaller at Foley Signalbox noticed a member of the public (MOP) who seemed to be under the influence of drugs and or alcohol trespassing on Network Rail property. This was the outer compound area of Foley Signalbox where the Signallers keep their vehicles.

The MOP then entered the Signaller's car and started to damage and steal the contents within the car. The Signaller at that point left the Signalbox to challenge the MOP which resulted in a scuffle which injured the Signaller. The MOP then managed to get into the Signalbox first and locked themselves in. They then started to try and operate the signalling equipment before the police arrived and arrested the MOP.

Learning points: Please think of your own safety first and avoid challenging MOP wherever possible. Call the Police if you believe it is necessary as they are trained in these situations. The priority is to avoid any personal injury.

Points to consider and further actions and precautions:

ALWAYS CONSIDER YOUR OWN SAFETY

Briefed out to:**All front line Ops staff**