## **Attention Train Operators Enter Stations** with CAUTION!

In the interest of safety, enter every station as if there is a pair of yellow lanterns at the entrance. Slow down, blow your horn, and proceed with caution. Preventing a 12-9, and saving yourself the emo-

tional trauma and potential loss of income that go with it, is worth a few extra minutes on your trip.

If you are asked where you lost your time, say you were operating safely to prevent 12-9s.

If a supervisor hassles you because of your safe operation, call the TWU at 718-694-4212 and 718-694-4168 (RTO).

On average, there were three 12-9s a week last year. A third of them were fatalities. And that number understates the problem because it doesn't count the number of T/Os who were able to stop their trains before they hit someone. Two recent 12-9s, where passengers were pushed off the platform into the path of an arriving train, have brought attention to this issue – again.

Whether someone jumped, fell or was pushed in front of the train, more than 150 T/Os have had to deal with the after-effects of their train hitting someone on the

tracks.

None of the 150-plus 12-9s were caused by improper operation by any T/O.

However, we might prevent some 12-9s by coming into stations more slowly.

T/Os can increase their reaction time by entering stations with extra care. This may help reduce fatalities and the traumatizing effects of 12-9s on the T/O. Fewer 12-9s also means less income lost by T/Os who go on comp.

Don't be the victim of a 12-9. Enter every station as if there is a pair of yellow lanterns at the entrance.

