

SHORT LINE DATA SYSTEMS INC.

SMALL RAILROAD DATA AND EVENT REPORTING SOLUTIONS



FACT SHEET

WHAT IS ROCS DISPATCH?

ROCSDispatch is a Microsoft Access based dispatching system designed specifically for the short line. There are versions of the system that comply with both the NORAC and GCOR rule books.

WILL I STILL HAVE TO USE A PAPER DISPATCH SHEET?

No. The system will completely replace paper dispatching sheets, and includes an end of day operations summary that can be printed out to satisfy record keeping and hours of service requirements.

DOES THE SYSTEM CREATE AND MANAGE FORM D'S OR TRACK WARRANTS?

Yes. ROCSDispatch creates and manages all of your Form Ds (track warrants). The system lets the user create a Form D or a Warrant with a very simple on screen form, and a graphic display helps the user keep track of out of service areas and speed restrictions.

DO I NEED ANYTHING SPECIAL TO RUN ROCS DISPATCH?

The requirements to run ROCSDispatch are the same as the classic ROCS system: A computer with Microsoft Access installed, and a 1280X1024 display (17" monitor). A printer is needed to print Form Ds and reports.

WHAT OTHER FUNCTIONS DOES THE SYSTEM HANDLE?

ROCSDispatch lets the user keep track of Foul Time, Track Car Movements, Grade Crossings Out of Service, Weather Conditions, Radio Assignments, and other Unusual Occurrences.

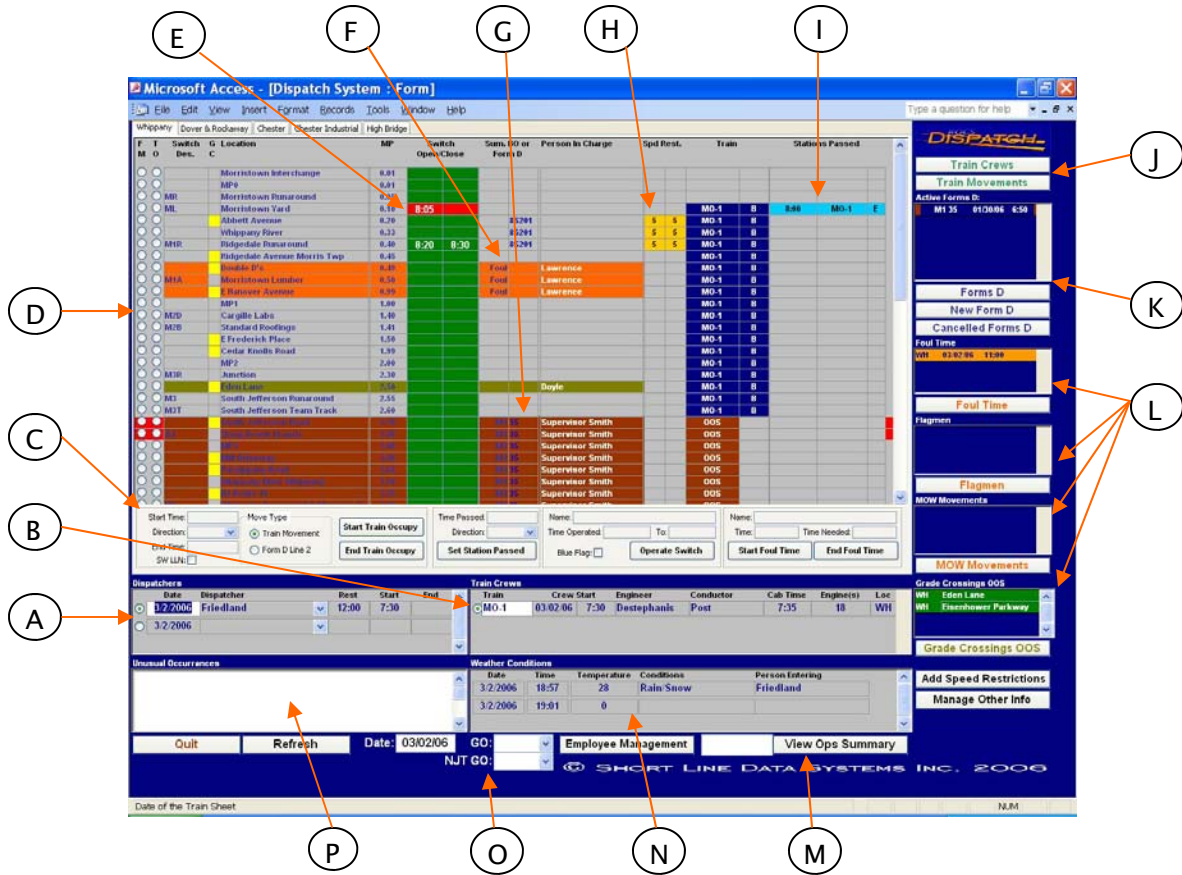
ARE THERE ANY ARCHIVE FUNCTIONS?

The system stores all information, and the user can access an operations summary for any date desired.

WHAT ARE THE FUTURE PLANS FOR THE SYSTEM?

We plan to add mapping, hours of service record keeping for train crews, extra crew list management and time sheet functions. As with the other members of the ROCS family of small railroad operating tools, the system will grow with the input and needs of the users.

WITH ROCSDISPATCH, MANAGING YOUR TRAIN OPERATIONS IS JUST A CLICK AWAY.



- A - Dispatcher duty and rest times
- B - Train crew information
- C - Train movements, Switch Operation, or Foul Time can be entered quickly with a few clicks here
- D - TrackStatus display showing train, Form D, Foul Time, Grade Crossing OOS, and MOW movement information
- E - Switch position information. Open switches are shown in red, closed green.
- F - The area covered for Foul Time is shown in orange, and the person in charge is indicated
- G - Out of Service areas are shown in rust with Form D number and person in charge
- H - Passenger and freight speed restrictions are shown in these columns
- I - Train location and direction of travel is shown here

- J - Train crews and movements are managed through pop up forms selected from these buttons
- K - Form Ds are managed from these buttons, and all forms in effect are listed in the box.
- L - Foul Time, Flagmen, Grade Crossings Out of Service, and MOW Movements are managed with pop ups and these summary boxes.
- M - A comprehensive summary of any day's operations can be viewed here and printed.
- N - Weather conditions can be recorded here.
- O - Date and General Order in effect are recorded here
- P - Any unusual occurrences can be recorded here



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