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LIRR and Metro-North to Impose Alcohol Ban for 2015 SantaCon Event

MTA Police Will Enforce Restriction on Trains, at Stations and Terminals

To maintain orderly travel and safe station and terminal operations during this weekend's SantaCon event, alcohol will not be permitted on MTA Long Island Rail Road and MTA Metro-North Railroad trains and in stations Saturday, December 12 through Sunday, December 13.

Alcohol will not be permitted on Long Island Rail Road trains and in stations from 11 p.m. on Friday, December 11 through noon on Sunday, December 13. The Long Island Rail Road's event-specific ban partially coincides with the LIRR's usual ban on alcohol between midnight and 5 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

Alcohol will not be permitted on Metro-North Railroad trains and in stations from 5:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 12 through noon on Sunday, December 13.

MTA police officers will be on duty at Penn Station, Grand Central Terminal and stations throughout the region, as well as on trains to enforce this restriction. The police will confiscate alcoholic beverages and issue summonses carrying fines or imprisonment. Violators may also be subject to removal from the train or station by police.

Both railroads impose temporary bans on occasion for the safety of customers and train crews.