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LIRR and Metro-North to Impose Alcohol Ban for 2016 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 from noon on Saturday, December 10, through noon on Sunday, December 11. The timeframe overlaps with the Long Island Rail Road's usual ban on alcohol between midnight and 5 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

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.

For more information about Long Island Rail Road Rules and Regulations, visit: <http://web.mta.info/lirr/about/Rules/Rules.htm>

For more information about Metro-North Railroad Rules and Regulations, visit: http://web.mta.info/mta/police/rules_mnr.html