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THESIS ABSTRACTS

THE ROYAL THAI RAILWAY POLICE: THEIR ROLE IN PASSENGER SAFETY

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This study concerns the role of the Royal Thai Railway Police with respect to their role as guardians of railway passenger safety. The problem of passenger safety and the proper responsibility of the railway police therein was dramatically illustrated on July 8, 1961. On that day a northern express train derailed at Lumpang Province killing twenty-three persons and seriously injuring sixty, including two railway policemen. The train engineer was subsequently sentenced to ten years in jail for negligence. The role and responsibility of the four railway police, traveling with the train vis-a-vis the engineers negligence was never resolved.

This study deals with the establishment of the railway police, the rationale for their establishment, and their functions and responsibilities in maintaining passenger safety. And, finally, it makes certain suggestions and recommendations with respect to what their proper authority should be in guarding passengers and what the relationship should be between police and railway operating personnel.

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