

Shift Procedures and Status

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Introduction



- Shifts are critical for ensuring safe operations, minimal down-time, and quality data
- This talk addresses several questions from the SBND ORR Charge Document:

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1. Has the experiment written a completed Experiment Operations Plan (EOP)? The document should include (a) an outline of the Science goals (b) a description of operations tasks and how they will be covered, (c) ES&H activities and how they will be managed, (d) organization charts showing the management structure for the experiment and how it interfaces with the laboratory, (e) Fermilab resources and roles as they pertain to each Directorate (f) the model for data processing and analysis including the computing budget and effort required, (g) a list of the identified resources available, and (h) a description of the roles and responsibilities of each institution together with a list of support required by each institution from funding agencies.

Institutional shift quotas

2(c)

c. Is there a plan for monitoring the beam and the data quality and has the infrastructure been tested? If not, what actions are required to complete the data quality monitoring system before physics data-taking? **Yes!** Slow-monitoring infrastructure, shifting procedures, and communication channels have been established and are continually being exercised.



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- Shift policy documented by an internal task force
- See Sec 3 of SBND EOP for a summary of these policies

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SBND Shift Policy (v2.0)

Shift Policy Task Force (Steven Gardiner, Diana Mendez, David Schmitz, Andrzej Szelc)

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1 Introduction

This document presents a proposal for shift policies for the SBND experiment. We introduce the different types of shift roles and propose a shift credit value for each shift type. We also describe the tools and process by which we can track shift-credit for collaborators and schedule collaborator shifts. Shift activities are anticipated to begin in early 2024 as the SBND cryostat is cooled down and detectors are powered up. While our goal is to have sensible policies in place for the start of operations,

2 General Considerations for Shifts

these policies may be revisited to address needs that arise during data-taking.

We begin with some general features of the proposed policy:

- Shift quotas will be assigned per institution and based on the number of author-eligible collaborators at that institution during the coming shift period for which shifts are being scheduled.
- Shifts will be scheduled in 6-month periods before the start of each new period. The number
 of author-eligible collaborators at each institution for the upcoming period is confirmed by IB
 representatives.
- Different kinds of shift roles will be considered within the same shift-credit accounting system, including: Control Room Shifts, Run Coordinator Shifts, Detector System Expert Shifts. See Section 3 for descriptions of the roles and Section 4 for shift point values.
- We can use the software tools being used by ICARUS (previously developed by NOvA) to schedule Control Room Shifts. In brief, collaborators submit preferences for an upcoming shift period,



Overview of shift situation



- 24/7 shifts began Jan 29 during the "piston purge" phase
 - ~1 week of fewer critical items to monitor allowed us to optimize procedures and fix bugs
- Running smoothly since; procedures continually updated as operational conditions evolve

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What is shift?



- "Control Room" / Detector Monitoring shifts:
 - Two blocks per week: Mon-Thurs (4 days) & Fri-Sun (3 days)
 - Shifts per block: Night (12a-8a), Day (8a-4p), Swing (4p-12a)



Shifters arrive 10-15 minutes early for overlap w/ previous shifter

- Expert shifts: 1-week block for on-call Detector Systems Experts
- Shadow shifts: training for first-time shifters

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TPC CE (3.0)	Tingjun Yang					
DAQ (3.0)	Amy Filkins					
DQM (3.0)	Mun Jung Jung					
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Control Room (10.0)	Anna Beever			Control Room (10.0)	Lucca Longhitano Pagli	uso
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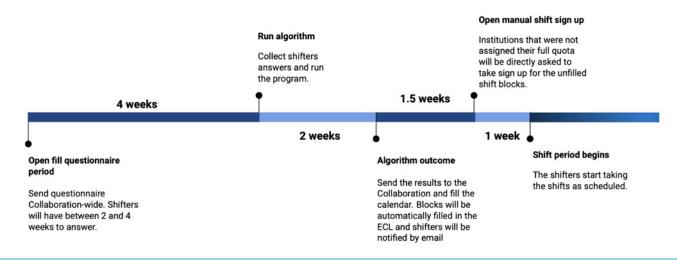


Coordinating shifts





- Shift Coordinator **Diana Mendez**: assigns shifts, maintains records of completed shifts and institutional quotas
- Shift allocation algorithm (used by ICARUS and NOvA) fairly determines assignments using collaborator preferences collected in questionnaire
- Shifts assigned in 6-month periods





Who does shifts?

SBND CONTRACTOR

Institution	Location	No. of Shifters (1/2024
Argonne National Laboratory	USA	3
Universität Bern	Switzerland	1
Brookhaven National Laboratory	USA	10
University of California, Santa Barbara	USA	6
Universidade Estadual de Campinas	Brazil	5
University of Chicago	USA	12
CIEMAT	Spain	4
Colorado State University	USA	3
Columbia University	USA	8
University of Edinburgh	UK	7
Universidade Federal do ABC	Brazil	2
Universidade Federal de Alfenas	Brazil	1
Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory	USA	33
University of Florida	USA	6
Universidad de Granada	Spain	8
Illinois Institute of Technology	USA	4
Imperial College London	UK	3
Lancaster University	UK	7
University of Liverpool	UK	8
Los Alamos National Laboratory	USA	5
Louisiana State University	USA	2
University of Manchester	UK	9
University of Michigan	USA	2
University of Minnesota	USA	3
University of Oxford	UK	2
University of Pennsylvania	USA	3
Queen Mary University of London	UK	1
Rutgers University	USA	2
São José dos Campos	Brazil	1
University of Sheffield	UK	7
University of Sussex	UK	2
Syracuse University	USA	3
Texas A&M University	USA	1
University of Texas at Arlington	USA	8
Tufts University	USA	5
University College London	UK	2
Virginia Tech	USA	4
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38 institutions → 193 shifters

- Quota per institution based on # of authors
 - − ~1 shift block needed per non-expert group member per 6-months
- Expert shifts
 - Accessible by phone 24/7 (<15 min delay ideal)
 - Run Coordinator fills in if expert can't be reached

→ See Sec 3.2 of SBND EOP for more details

Table 3: Detector System Expert categories and collaborating institutions with members who are currently experts	
for each detector system.	ı

Detector Subsystem	Institutions with committed experts
TPC high voltage	Fermilab, Queen Mary, Chicago
TPC cold electronics	BNL, Fermilab, Florida
Photon Detectors	Fermilab, Florida, Michigan, Unicamp, CIEMAT, Tufts
Cosmic Ray Tagger	Fermilab, Liverpool, Syracuse
Trigger/Timing/Beam	Penn, Liverpool, UCSB
DAQ	Fermilab, Columbia, Syracuse
Slow Controls & Online Mon.	Fermilab, Chicago, UCL



Shift infrastructure

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- Shifting infrastructure set up by Bruce Howard
 - Modeled after ICARUS
 - Two dedicated screens in Fermilab's ROC-West
 - Shared VNCs w/ persistent slow monitoring to enable remote shifters



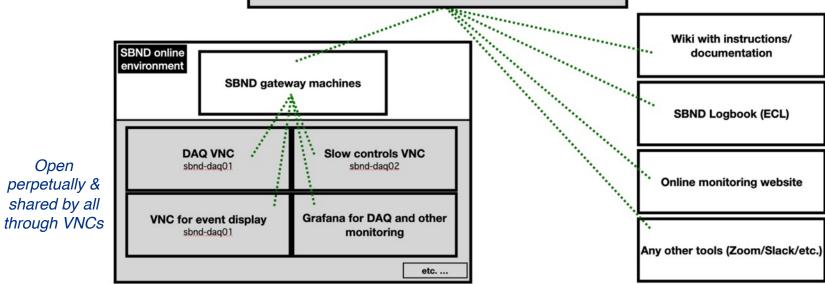


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Shift infrastructure







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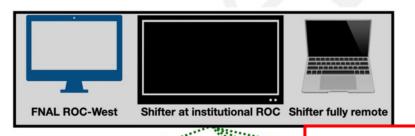
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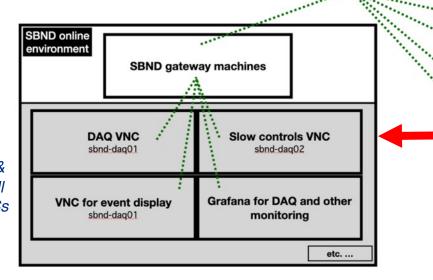
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Shift infrastructure







'NoVNC' allows one to use web browsers to view VNC screens once SSH connection is established through a terminal

Automated scripts available for download that will launch the necessary commands

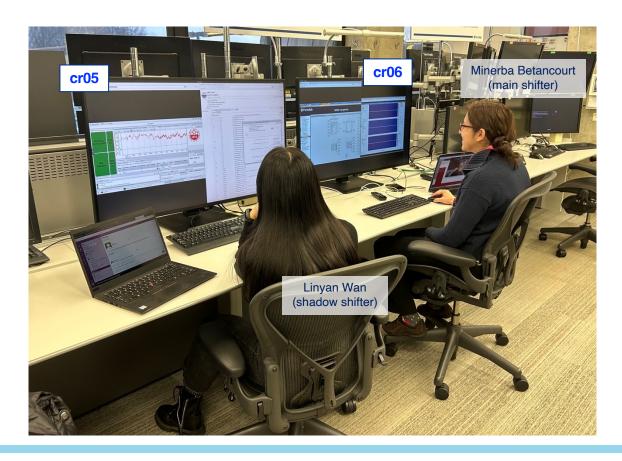
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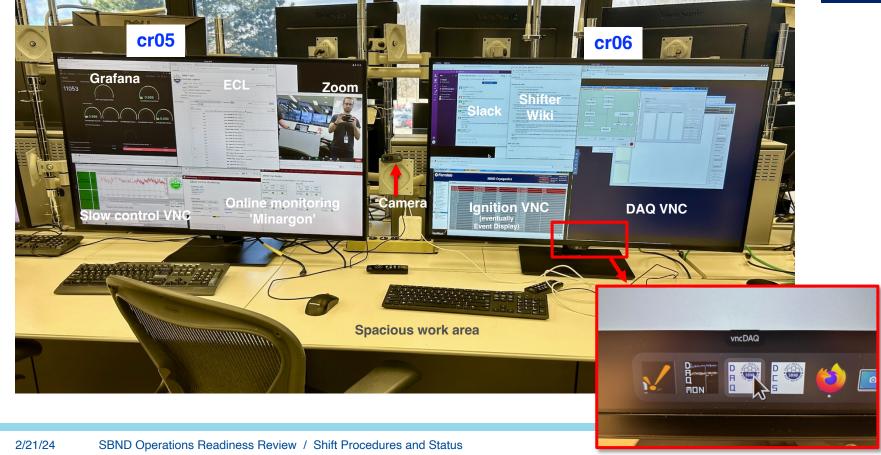






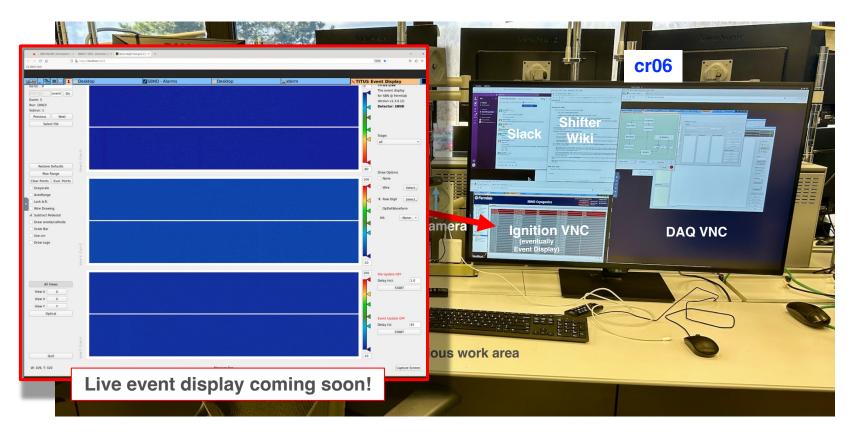
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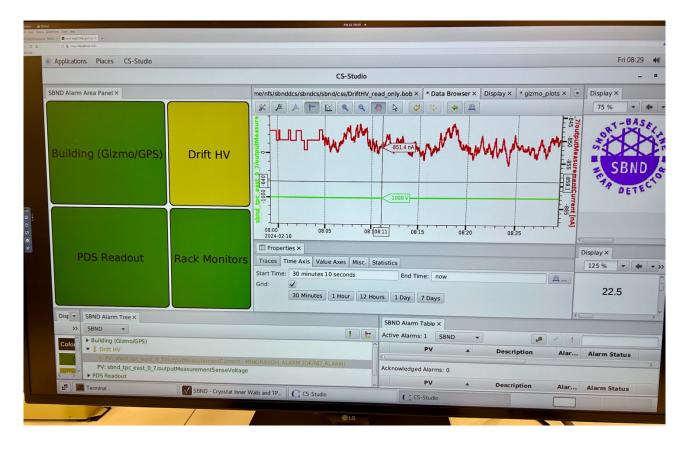






DCS viewer



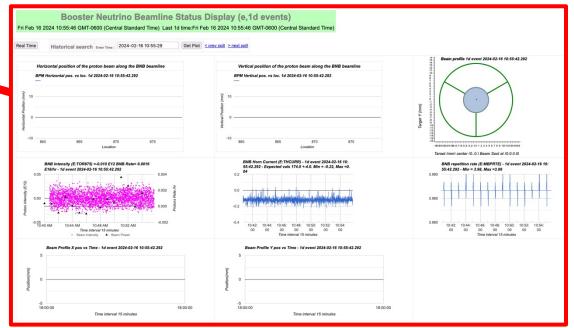




Shared BNB Beam Monitor screens

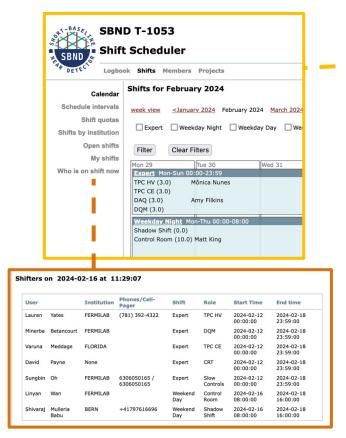


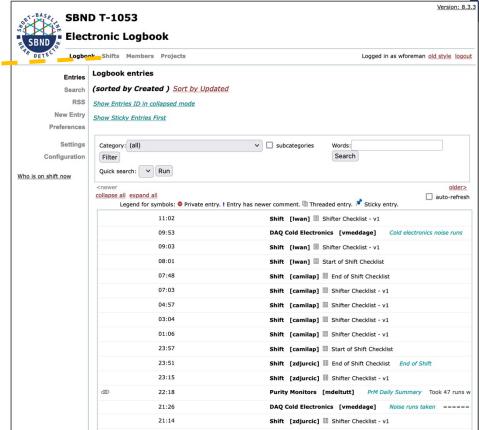
- Shared screens between SBND and ICARUS will eventually display BNB beam monitoring
 - See Sungbin's DCS talk





Electronic Logbook / "E-Log" / ECL







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Shift procedures

Instructions written guiding all new shifters in getting their FNAL accounts and setting up the shift station

https://cdcvs.fnal.gov/redmine/projects/sbnd-operations/wiki

Quick Links

Shift Bulletin Board

SBND E-Log: Thttps://dbweb0.fnal.gov/ECL/sbnd

Beam monitoring: Thttps://dbweb0.fnal.gov/ifbeam/app/ then click on BNB Charts

Minargon SBN Online Monitoring webpage: Thttps://sbn-online.fnal.gov/cgi-bin/minargon/minargon.wsgi/introduction

For Shifters

Accounts & Connections

- Accounts at Fermilab: This page describes aspects of accounts at Fermilab and some of their uses, the accounts you will
 need, and some instructions to set up the Fermilab VPN. IF YOU WILL BE TAKING SHIFTS IN THE COMING MONTHS AND
 ARE NOT A FERMILAB USER YET, YOU SHOULD PUT IN THE REQUEST TO BECOME A USER ASAP.
- Connecting from an Operations Center: Instructions for connecting to the SBND VNC sessions and monitoring pages from a Remote Operations Center (ROC) using ROC-West at Fermilab as the example.
- Connecting Remotely: Instructions for connecting to the SBND VNC sessions and monitoring pages remotely.
- NoVNC: how to interact with the SBND screens: Instructions and tips for interacting with the screens once you are connected, i.e. how to use NoVNC.
- Troubleshooting for Setup: Some thoughts and synopsis of troubles encountered and solutions.
- Shifter Communication Tools: Various communications tools available to and anticipated to be used by the shifter.

Shift Procedures

- . Shift Instructions: Standard shifting procedures (what forms to check, when, etc.) ("What to do while on shift" page)
- Shift Bulletin Board: This page contains the info for the Run Coordination team at the given moment, as well as providing
 info on situations, settings, shifter activities, etc. which deviate from the nominally expected shift procedure. The shifter
 should read this page at the start of EVERY shift. Even from day to day during shift, the shifter should quickly
 look at the page to see if there are new conditions not passed along by the out-going shifter.
- Running the DAQ from Run Control GUI: Instructions on running the DAQ using the RunControl GUI
- . Online Monitoring From the Shifter's Perspective: Running and using the Online Monitoring, for shifters.

Manuals for Shifters

Slow Control Manual for Shifters



Shift procedures

Shift Instructions

 Step-by-step instructions for what to do before and during shift

Shifter Bulletin Board

- Current detector conditions, alarms, and who to contact
- Changing constantly as shifter duties evolve

Setting up for your shift

- . Make sure you have already set up your needed FNAL accounts and have tested out your connections (ROC-West or remote), or have participated in a shadow shift.
- . Refresh this page if already open in the browser.
- . Refresh and read the Shift Bulletin Board
- . Arrive or log in at least 10 minutes early, and set up the needed screens, elog, etc...
 - For remote shifts, follow the Remote Connections instructions For shifts in an operations center like ROC-West, follow the Operations Center setup instructions
- . Join the #sbnd-shift-operations channel in the SBN Slack group. This is the primary channel of communications between shifters and Run Coordinators / on-call experts.
 - · Make sure this channel is visible at all times and NOT muted! This setting is found by right-clicking on the channel name in the left column of Slack.
- · When your shift has ended, feel free to mute the channel
- . If you are not at ROC West, login to the Remote Shifter telefone: This illows you to call an expert if needed and allows us to contact the person on shift easily.
 - You can find the login information in the Projects tab of the E-log page, then click on Configurations. The user and password information is in the Shifter Phone description
 - Make sure you have the volume up and you give the permissions for the website to use your microphone/sound.
- Remember to logout after your shift!
- . Communicate with the previous shifter about the events of the shift, anything unusual going on, etc. For remote shifts, you can use Slack or the SBND Operations Zoom Room. Connection details are available

During your shift

- . You should always have these screens open and visible
 - Slack channel #sbnd-shift-operations
 - o SBND E-Log and Shift Bulletin Board open in browser tabs or windows
 - Show Controls machine VPNs: See instructions here. This includes the two VNC windows
 - · CS-Studio / Phoebus window with alarm panel, heartbeat, and alarm list visible . On this screen, you should keep mostly the tab with the Drift HV voltage and current plots up. Navigate between the others, but keep this one up for most of the time. · Ignition cryogenics readout GUI
 - o @ 'Minargon' SBND Online Monitoring page and @ Archive Engine summary page
- . At the beginning of your shift, fill out the Start of Shift Checklist form on the SBND E-Log and post it under the category 'Shift' in the drop-down menu.
- · Periodically check on key metrics and respond to alarms
 - Follow the guidelines on the Bulletin Board page for the current relevant alarms.
 - o For minor alarms or questions, first try communicating through Slack by "@"-mentioning the Run Coordinator or relevant subsystem experts.
 - · For major alarms or pressing existential crises, call the Run Coordinator directly. Phone numbers are available on the Shifter Bulletin Board.
- Every 2 hours (starting 1 hour into your shift and every 2 hours after), fill out the Shifter Checklist v1 form in the E-Log and post it under the category 'Shift'.
 - This checklist is used to ensure shifters are focusing on the right things during their shifts, to help track issues as they develop over time, to catch things that "slip between the cracks" of our slow monitoring alarms, and to provide a summary of who to contact in case problems come up.
 - · If you have trouble finding a metric, please let the Run Coordinator know over Slack! During these early shift periods, we will be continually improving these instructions to streamline the process for future shifters, so any feedback you have will be greatly appreciated!
- . At the end of your shift, fill out the End of Shift Report form on the E-Log and post it under the category 'Shift' in the drop-down menu.
- Meet with the incoming shifter (who should arrive 10-15 minutes prior to the end of your shift) and communicate any important information

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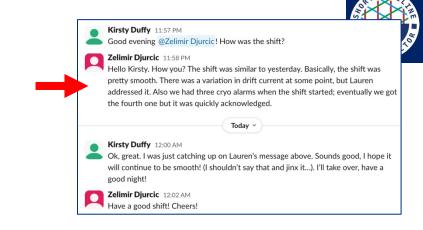
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A day in the life of a shifter

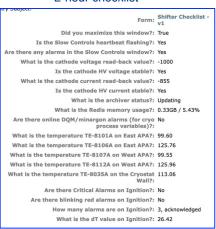
- New shifters arrive 10-15 minutes early to touch-base with previous shifter and to receive any special wisdom
- Open VNC windows + browser tabs
- Read the Bulletin Board and identify most relevant variables / alarms
- 'Start-of-Shift Checklist' filled out on ECL
 - Shifter provides location & phone number, identifies on-call experts, goes through the steps for setting everything up
- 'Shifter Checklist' every 2 hours
 - Check Slow Controls heartbeat, alarms, archiver status, etc
 - This is versioned, since we expect this to change often
- Run a DAQ TPC noise run (8am, 12pm, 7pm)
 - Associated checklist to record RTD temps and LAr level
- 'End-of-Shift' Checklist
 - Shifter is prompted to log out of all VNC sessions and summarize the shift



Start-of-Shift checklist



2-hour checklist





Shift management



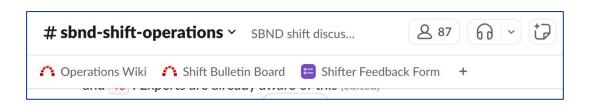
- Shifters reminded a full week prior to the start of their shifts
 - Remote shifters required to follow the instructions to set up their VPN, test their connections by opening the VNC screens, and confirm with us that it all worked
 - Onsite shifters required to visit ROC-West and go through the procedure
- Shadow Shifting will become required when we begin physics data-taking
 - Pool of "experienced" shifters will then be large enough to make this widely feasible



Shifter communication channels



Slack is primary means of communication between shifters/experts



Role	@-mention Keyword for Slack
Run Coordinator	@sbnd-runco
TPC HV Experts	@sbnd-hv-experts
TPC Cold Electronics Experts	@sbnd-tpc-ce-experts
PDS Experts	@sbnd-pds-experts
Purity Monitor Experts	@sbnd_prm_experts
AQ Experts	@sbnd-daq-experts
Slow Controls Experts	@sbnd-sc-experts
DQM Experts	@sbnd-dgm-experts

- Software phone also being set up
 - Static numbers to contact current shifter or Run Coordinator
 - Flexible phone number assignment \rightarrow can swap out which # it forwards to when RC duties are transferred temporarily to someone else
 - Facilitates contact with AD Main Control Room for remote shifters
- Dedicated shifter Zoom room available



Non-shifter communication channels



- Requests for lab resources/experts handled by Run Coordinator through contacts with
 - Accelerator Division Main Control Room
 - ROC-West Manager Zarko Pavlovic
 - FLO Carrie McGivern
 - Facilities Manager Harry Ferguson
 - Service Desk (for SLAM, etc)
- Weekly presentations at All-Experiments Meeting
- Various internal meetings
 - Commissioning Meeting
 - Operations Task Force Meeting
 - 'Toolbox' Meetings

Weekly **SBND Run Coordination Meeting** will be held when physics running begins

- Meet with ELO, subsystem and operations experts
- Receive beam news
- Coordinate weekly priorities for tests/improvements to take advantage of beam down-time



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Preparing for the unexpected



- If a problem arises that prevents us from collecting good beam data
 - Subsystem Expert shifters should already be 'on-call' and ready to respond, and able to make it to SBN-ND in an emergency (if applicable)
 - Otherwise, Run Coordinator will respond / travel to SBN-ND to investigate issue under remote guidance of Expert
- Guidelines documented for addressing sudden shifter unavailability and shift exemptions for medical/family situations



Conclusion



- SBND has been taking shifts successfully for almost a month!
 - Shifts covered both remotely and in ROC-West without any major issues
- Easy to follow procedure in place, updated constantly as we get closer to full operations and shift responsibilities evolve

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