

SUMMARY FOR FE-03-06
SELECTED AND POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

SELECTED FACTORS

Railroad: Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation (BNSF)

Location: Berwyn, Illinois

Region: 4

Month: March

Date: March 3, 2006

Time: 5:45 a.m., CST

Data for Fatally Injured Employee(s)

Ticket Agent

58 years old

40 years of service

Last rules training: None

Last safety training: October 2004

Last physical: Unknown

Data for All Employees and Others (Craft, Position, Activity)

Craft: Transportation and Engine

Positions:

Ticket Agent

Automobile Driver (not associated with the railroad)

Activity

A Ticket Agent was performing office duties as the time of the incident.

EVENT

A Ticket Agent was fatally injured when struck by a collapsing building.

POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

PCF No. 1

An automobile driver lost control of his vehicle and crashed into the building where the Ticket Agent was working.

REPORT: FE-03-2006

RAILROAD: Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation (BNSF)

LOCATION: Berwyn, Illinois

DATE & TIME: March 3, 2006; 5:45 a.m., CST

EVENT¹: A ticket agent was fatally injured when struck by a collapsing building.

EMPLOYEE: Craft: Transportation and Engine

Occupation: Ticket agent

Age: 58

Length of Service: 40 years

Last Rules Training: None

Last Safety Training: October 2004

Last Physical: Unknown

CIRCUMSTANCES PRIOR TO THE ACCIDENT

A Ticket Agent reported for duty at 5:30 a.m. on March 3, 2006. This was her scheduled reporting time at the Berwyn, Illinois train station. At the time of the accident, the employee was in her office performing her regular duties.

THE ACCIDENT

At approximately 5:45 a.m. on March 3, 2006, an out-of-control automobile struck the southeast corner of the train station. This impact caused the brick wall to collapse onto the employee, fatally injuring her.

POST-ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

The Coroner's report stated the cause of death was multiple injuries. The driver of the automobile was subsequently arrested and charged for the incident. He was originally charged with leaving the scene of an accident. Other charges were pending as of this report.

¹ "Event" is defined as "occurrence that immediately precedes and directly results in the fatality." Possible contributing factors are identified in the following report and attached summary.

Analysis and Conclusions

An investigation by the Berwyn Police Department and BNSF concluded that the driver lost control of the automobile and crashed into the train station, causing the employee fatality.

APPLICABLE RULES

There are no rules that applied to this incident.