

REPORT: FE-35-97
RAILROAD: CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX)
LOCATION: Fairmont, West Virginia
DATE, TIME: Aug. 17, 1997, 8:59 p.m., EST

PROBABLE CAUSE:

Tractor-Trailer Driver lost control of his truck, crossed the median, and struck the Brakeman's vehicle head on.

EMPLOYEE:	Craft.....	Transportation
	Activity.....	Brakeman was en route to training from his parents' home and was driving a personal vehicle.
	Occupation.....	Brakeman
	Age.....	24 years
	Length of Service.....	One year, seven months
	Last Rules Training.....	Jan. 10, 1997
	Last Physical Examination.....	Feb. 13, 1996

Circumstances Prior to the Accident

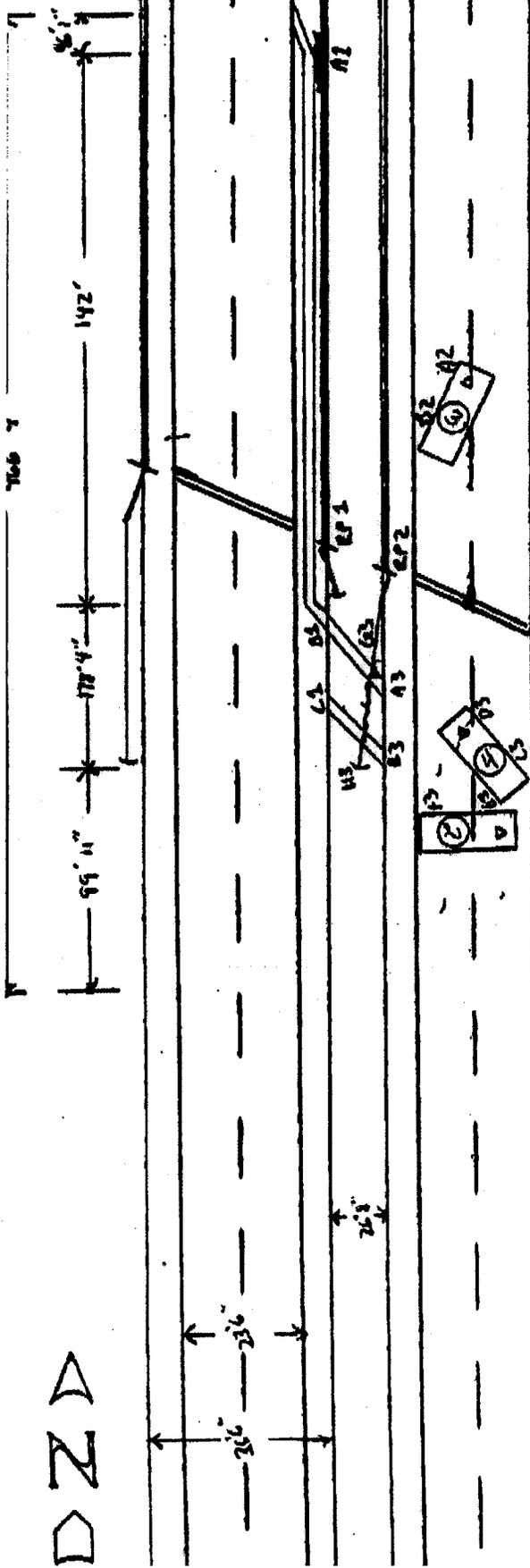
A CSX Brakeman was en route from the home of his parents in Morgantown, West Virginia to attend CSX Engineer Training School in Cumberland, Maryland, when he was involved in a 4-vehicle highway accident. At the time of the accident, it was dark and raining quite heavily.

The Accident

The Brakeman was driving north on Interstate 79 near Fairmont, West Virginia at approximately milepost 130, when the Driver of a tractor-trailer rig lost control on the southbound side, crossed the median, and struck his vehicle head on. The Brakeman was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident. *(Please see the attached diagram of the accident scene to better visualize the chain of events that led up to the fatality.)*

Post-Accident Investigation

The Brakeman's death was due to injuries sustained in an automobile collision. West Virginia State Troopers from Fairmont investigated the multiple vehicle accident. The Investigators determined that the Tractor-Trailer Driver, traveling at 60 mph, was exceeding the safe speed for poor weather conditions.



RP3	MS	EW
A3	21 1/2	0
B3	6 1/2	0 0
C3	21 1/2	M 1/2
D3	10 1/2	1 1/2
E3	20 1/2	0 1/2
F3	18 1/2	7 1/2
G3	14 1/2	11 1/2
H3	55 1/2	4 1/2
I3	10 1/2	13 1/2
J3	20 1/2	1 1/2
K3	20 1/2	2 1/2
L3	14 1/2	4 1/2
M3	10 1/2	11 1/2

RP2	MS	EW
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B2	6 1/2	0

RP1	MS	EW
A1	10 1/2	3 1/2
B1	17 1/2	0
C1	17 1/2	0

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