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NTSB Hearing Focuses on Roadway Worker Safety

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, the National Transportation Safety Board held a hearing and issued a special investigation report regarding the recent surge in railroad and rail-transit fatalities to roadway workers. In 2013, 11 railroad industry roadway workers lost their lives in the line of duty, which represented nearly 80 percent of the total number of railroad employee fatalities that year. There were also four roadway worker fatalities in rail transit, bringing the total number of roadway worker fatalities in 2013 to 15. The 15 fatalities included strikes from moving equipment, falls from bridges, incidents involving bucket lifts, heat strokes, and a mudslide.

Several members of the Fatality Analysis of Maintenance-of-Way and Signal Employees (FAMES) Committee attended the hearing, which included BMWED Director of Safety Rick Inclima, Vice President Dave Joynt, and General Chairman Jed Dodd. FAMES is a collaborative rail industry safety effort among railroads, BMWED, BRS, and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

“... if you’re a roadway worker, your safety, and your co-worker’s safety, will always be in your hands.”

Acting Chairman Christopher Hart opened the public hearing by acknowledging the families, loved ones, and co-workers of the fallen. “On behalf of my fellow Board members and the entire NTSB staff, I offer our condolences to the families and friends of the workers who lost their lives in these accidents and wish a speedy recovery to those who were injured,” he said.

NTSB’s investigative report then overviewed the 15 roadway worker fatalities, discussed the circumstances of each fatality, and emphasized



The NTSB held a special investigation on rail worker safety in light of a spate of worker fatalities in 2013, with a goal of eliminating such tragedies.



the importance of job safety briefings and hazard recognition/mitigation in preventing roadway worker fatalities. The report also highlighted issues related to safety culture, regulation, safety management systems, and the role of roadway workers and their unions in preventing accidents and fatalities.

Acting Chairman Hart then appealed directly to roadway workers in his closing statement, saying:

“I would like to direct a plea drawn from this report’s findings to any roadway worker who hears my voice or reads these words:

Be your brother’s and sister’s keeper. Be their reminder. Have their backs. It might mean saving their lives, and it might mean that they can help save yours.

Identify a hazard even if it slows down a job. Talk over hazards persistently until you work out the ways to reduce your risk on the job. In

another mode of transportation, aviation, this principle of accountability between crew members has become standard: The crew must all be accountable to each other and communicate hazards for flights to be safe.

In recent years we have lost too many good people on the wayside – notwithstanding that inspections have turned up fewer defects and fewer violations. One of our recommendations today is to bolster the FRA’s national inspection program.

But at the end of the day, it is the individual roadway worker who has to make it back home. At the end of the day, if you’re a roadway worker, your safety, and your co-worker’s safety, will always be in your hands.

Your railroads, regulators and unions – working together – can provide better rules, training, and inspections. But they cannot replace your vigilance or your watchful eye on the tracks.”

In a press release issued on September 25, BMWED President Freddie Simpson thanked the NTSB for conducting the public hearing on Roadway Worker safety.

“On behalf of the BMWED and all roadway workers nationwide, we sincerely thank Acting Chairman Hart, members of National Transportation Safety Board, and the NTSB staff for their compassion and concern, and for elevating the issue of roadway worker safety on a national level,” said President Simpson. “BMWED joins the NTSB in the call to improve roadway worker safety and reverse this alarming and unacceptable trend in roadway worker accidents.”

A webcast of the NTSB’s investigative hearing will be available for viewing for a limited time on the NTSB website at www.nts.gov. Click on “Webcast of Events” and then click the “September 24, 2014 Board meeting: Special Investigation Report on Rail Roadway Worker Protection.” A copy of the NTSB Investigative Report and recommendations will be published on the BMWED website as soon as it becomes available.

Wisconsin Central System Division re-elects Letizia and Dake

The Wisconsin Central System Division of the BMWED held its System Convention Oct. 16 in Minocqua, Wisc.

General Chairman Joe Letizia and Vice Chairman/Secretary-Treasurer John G. Dake Jr. were re-elected to their respective positions, which was oversaw by BMWED Secretary-

Treasurer Perry K. Geller Sr. and Vice President (At-Large) David D. Joynt.

Brad Wardas was elected as WCSD Vice Chairman-North and Tom Daffinson as Vice Chairman.

The WCSD Executive Board includes three members: Tom Hamilton, Jon Dixon, and Randy Bolen Jr.





Allied Fed First Vice Chairman Bubba Foehr Retires

Brother W.G. "Bubba" Foehr, most recently the First Vice Chairman in the Allied Federation, retired July 31 after a 40-year railroad career. Brother Foehr has been a member of the BMWED since 1975.

Bubba started on the Southern Pacific as an Assistant Signalman on July 22, 1974. About a year later, on May 16, 1975, Foehr started as a machine operator helper on the Southern Pacific. Having held various positions in his Local Lodge 1338, among them President, Secretary-Treasurer and Local Chairman, Brother Foehr assumed a Vice Chairman position with the Southern Pacific Atlantic Federation on July 15, 2005. When his Federation merged with the Allied Federation in December 2008, Foehr assumed his First Vice Chairman duties, which he held up until his retirement.

"On behalf of the entire Allied Federation, I'd like to wish our

friend Bubba a very happy and healthy retirement," General Chairman Dennis Albers said. "Bubba is a strong union supporter and contributor, who did an awful lot of good work for this Brotherhood. We will miss working alongside him, but we wish him all the best in his retired life."

Brother Foehr said he plans for retirement are to enjoy them "one day at a time."



Allied Fed First VC Bubba Foehr shows off his retirement cowboy hat (right) and plaque (above).



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Fundraiser for ill BSD Brother raises \$11,000

They came from near and far, some driving up to four hours one way, to support their BMWED Brother, co-worker, and friend.

Brother Hobart "Hobie" Henning has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer. On Saturday, Oct. 4, many of Hobie's friends and family held a benefit dinner and auction to help raise money for his medical costs.

The benefit was spearheaded by Brother Tony Grubbs, a member of Burlington System Division Local 1142 in Guernsey, Wyoming, and friend of Brother Hobie. Gathering the help of several other BMWED Brothers and Sisters, many items were donated by Guernsey-area merchants. Two volunteer auctioneers helped bid off the items and ultimately raised over \$11,000 in

just four hours. The BMWED and BSD are incredibly proud of the fundraising efforts put forth by its members in support of one of their own. It gives the words unity and brotherhood a true sound.

Brother Hobie is a United States Navy veteran. He served aboard the USS Nimitz from 1976 to 1980 and remained in the inactive reserves until 1982. He has been a member of the BSD Local 1142 since 1995.

Those wishing to contribute to Brother Hobie's health care fund are encouraged to contact BSD General Chairwoman Staci Moody-Gilbert at her office: (402) 463-0234.

Our best wishes and thoughts go out to Brother Hobie for a speedy recovery. Stay strong, Brother!



If you would like to help Brother Hobie Henning (pictured in green shirt and green hat), please contact BSD General Chairwoman Staci Moody-Gilbert at (402) 463-0234.

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A Vice President Speaks

With oil revenues at record heights, the Railroads should hire more BMWED MOW workers



Bruce G. Glover
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The Bakken oil boom, the result of around-the-clock shale fracking in oil-rich North Dakota, is providing the Railroads with a new source to fuel their record-breaking profits, quarter after quarter. Consider this: since 2008, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad has gone from hauling 1.3 million barrels of crude oil by rail in that calendar year to a presently estimated 1 million barrels a day. It is filling the railroad coffers with brand new money while simultaneously frustrating the farmers and all other rail customers trying to get their product to market on oil tanker-congested rail lines.

Whoo-wee, that's a lot of oil money. Sing it with me now. You know the tune. It's probably Warren Buffet's ringtone. "And up from the ground come-a bubblin' crude."

The hauling of crude oil makes BNSF's contribution to Berkshire Hathaway grow beyond even Mr. Buffet's imagination. And, frankly, it's also making every other rail carrier extremely lucrative. They are all setting new record profits off the sale of Bakken crude. But all this new money has made for some bumps along the way. First, the Bakken Crude oil is highly volatile. The explosive product has already caused 57 deaths and leveled a small Canadian city from a tragic derailment of oil tankers. There have been several other Bakken crude-carrying train derailments around the country, in which some were pinned on track maintenance. We know that on BNSF, one in three derailments is a track-caused derailment.

The location of the Bakken oil fields, while not that far from the hub of Chicago, are nowhere close to any coastal port or refinery. This

means that the mile-long oil trains, each made up of a 100 or more cars of highly-combustible fuel tankers, travel thousands of miles across American railroad tracks each and every day. Railroad tracks that our Members are tasked with inspecting, maintaining, and repairing.

To handle the new business, the railroads have hired a great number of trainmen and women to operate these oil trains. Sadly, the same is not true for Maintenance of Way employees. For instance, from 2009 to 2013 on BNSF's Twin Cities Division (heart of the Bakken oil territory), BNSF has increased its trainmen rosters by 709, a 58 percent overall increase. Yet, throughout the very same period, BMWED forces were reduced.

During this same five-year 2009-2013 timeframe, on the same BNSF Twin Cities Division, BMWED core track maintenance forces were reduced – yes, you read that correctly — reduced. Comparing the month of July 2009 to July 2013, in 2009 there were 694 BMWED-represented employees in active service holding various Maintenance of Way positions on the Twin Cities Division. In July of 2013, that number had been reduced to 589 employees, 105 fewer maintenance employees, a 15 percent reduction during the period.

What is equally disturbing is, during the July 2009 period, in addition to the 694 filled positions, we had 55 unfilled vacant positions. About 7 percent of the positions, at that time, were vacant, unfilled with no one to fill them. In July of 2013, in addition to the 589 filled positions, we had 94 unfilled positions. About 14 percent of the positions were vacant, unfilled, with no one to fill them. Keep in mind, this is July, a period of time where we do not have anyone on furlough and, hopefully, any "new hires" are already "on property." These are carrier-supplied numbers, and this is the alarming truth.

Using the BNSF Twin Cities Division employment numbers is not an exercise in exaggeration. According to Inside Energy, a collaborative journalism project of National Public Radio, approximately 70 percent of Bakken oil passes through Minnesota. In fact,

so many Bakken trains traverse the Twin Cities Division railways in a given day that the state government has installed "disaster prevention" initiatives, which include rail inspections. All while we are asked to maintain the track carrying highly volatile oil with less help.

The Bakken oil rush has been extremely lucrative for the railroads, and our Union sees no problem with the Carriers making money. But, please, not at our expense. We must insist that our Members not become the scapegoats when the Carrier's plan to transport the oil with less basic track maintenance inevitably "goes south," due to having the BMWED Member numbers inexplicably decreased.

The BMWED is supportive of a safe and successful crude by rail business segment for the Carriers. And, BMWED will demand that the profit from that success convert to personal success of the employees in our upcoming bargaining efforts. But, we are not supportive of a business segment building on the reduction of basic track maintenance that puts the employees, the communities in which we live and, frankly, Planet Earth at risk. And, we are not supportive of a business effort that will ask its reduced maintenance force to "keep the trains on track" and then blame them first when something happens. We are often treated as the low craft on the totem pole and are usually the first to take the blame when the "plan" doesn't work. We are not going to take it, not given the facts here. We have all seen too much of that. We will not be easily convinced a 7,000 percent increase in the shipment of highly volatile oil will require less basic track maintenance today than it did five years ago, when very little to no oil was shipped.

We have asked the rail Carriers to get serious about MOW hiring, especially now in light of record-breaking profits fueled by Bakken oil trains. Get those contractors off the property and restore BMWED-represented forces. Provide us some help to ensure slow orders can be repaired and the track made safe, not just for the shipment of oil, but all other products as well. That includes farm products that are so vital to the American economy and are today being forced to take a back seat to the shipment of oil.

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From your Apple device, open the App Store, single click the Search button that is in the bottom, right corner. At the top of the screen, type "rss" in the search field and click Search. Scroll down the results until you get to XFeed RSS Reader and click it. You will be presented with more info on the application. Single click the Free button so it changes to say Install. Single click the Install button so the app is added to your phone. Once finished, click the icon to start the app. Single click the Plus button at the bottom of the screen and type <http://www.bmwe.org/rss.xml> in the feed URL box. Single click Search so the feed can be found.

Android Setup Instructions

Open the Market. Single click the Search button in the upper, right hand corner. At the top of the screen, type rss in the search field and click Search. Scroll down until you get to "gReader (Google Reader / RSS)" and click it. Single click the Download button. Single click the "Accept & download" button. Once downloaded click the "Open" button. Select your Google account and click "Allow." Single click the + in the upper right-hand corner and type <http://www.bmwe.org/rss.xml> in the feed URL box. Select Search. Once the feed is found click the + sign to add the feed.



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Perry K. Geller, Sr.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

On July 28, 2014, the FRA published a Notice of Proposed Rule-making (NPRM) to expand its alcohol and drug testing regulations

in order to cover employees who perform maintenance of way (MOW) activities. This is the first step in the regulatory process that will ultimately bring the vast majority of BMWED members under federal drug and alcohol testing. Based upon the information currently available, it is anticipated that the final rule governing drug and alcohol testing for MOW employees will become effective sometime in the summer/fall of 2015.

BMWED has spent the past several months pouring over the nearly 100 pages of preamble and proposed regulatory rule text and is preparing comments for submission to the rulemaking docket. In a joint letter dated Sept. 15, 2014, the Association of American Railroads, American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, American Public Transportation Association

and the National Railroad Construction and Maintenance Association requested a 60-day extension of the comment period. FRA subsequently extended the public comment period from the original due date of Sept. 26 to Nov. 25, 2014.

The rule, projected to be finalized sometime in the summer/fall of 2015, will subject virtually all BMWED-represented employees to random drug and alcohol testing, as well as testing for reasonable cause, reasonable suspicion, and post-accident testing. The inclusion of MOW employees under FRA's drug and alcohol testing rules was mandated by Congress in the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008.

BMWED's comments to the docket will emphasize fair and equal treatment for both unionized members of the BMWED and contractor employees. BMWED is adamant that there should be no

preferential treatment of contractor employees, and every person performing MOW work must be held to the same standards regardless of title or who signs their paycheck.

There are certainly some issues with the NPRM that we will seek to rectify during the comment period. There are also some unique circumstances surrounding MOW work, such as the lack of suitable toilet facilities, that will need to be addressed in the final rule.

In addition to a prohibition on alcohol use while on duty or subject to duty, FRA/DOT rules prohibit the use at any time or in any quantity the following substances: marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines (including methamphetamine, MDMA, MDA, MDEA), opiates (including heroin, codeine and morphine) and phencyclidine (PCP). FRA/DOT is considering

expanding this panel of drugs to include newer synthetics and designer drugs in a future rulemaking.

It is also important to note that while some states have legalized or decriminalized marijuana for medical or recreational use, it is still considered a banned substance under federal law, even if you have a prescription or bought it legally in your state.

While there are some uncertainties about the when and how of MOW coverage, it is a certainty that this coverage will extend to BMWED members and others performing MOW activities in the months ahead. Therefore, I urge every member to be aware of these pending rules and, if you have issues with substance use or abuse, seek qualified medical help to protect your health, your safety, and your livelihood.

Brother T.J. Nemeth, General Chairman of the CRSF, Retires

Brother T.J. Nemeth, most recently the General Chairman of the Consolidated Rail System Federation and a member of the BMWED Executive Board, retired Sept. 1 after 38 years with the railroad and BMWED.

Brother Nemeth started with Conrail as a Trackman on June 21, 1976 and joined BMWED a month later on July 20, 1976. T.J. worked various positions while with Conrail, including Vehicle Operator, Machine Operator, Assistant Foreman and Foreman. He worked on section crews all over Ohio and surrounding states, and on tie and surfacing gangs for many years. However, inspired by his father's union activism, T.J. really found his passion with the work he did with the BMWED.

In Brother Nemeth's early years in the tie gang, brothers would come to him while working and ask for his help on issues they had with Supervision. Eventually, T.J. became a type of representative in the Tie Gang even before he served the union in an official capacity. It wasn't long before Brother Nemeth officially became Local



Brother T.J. Nemeth and wife Gail.

Chairman of Lake Erie Lodge 1657, and shortly after, on Jan. 1, 1984, became Local Lodge Vice President. On Oct. 1, 1995, T.J. became an Assistant General Chairman of the Consolidated Rail System Federation (CRSF) under then General Chairman, Perry K. Geller Sr.

BMWED Secretary-Treasurer Geller recalls his initial meeting with his friend, T.J., fondly. "I met Brother Nemeth for the first time on a tie gang over 38 years ago. Brother Nemeth was walking the track while I was installing ties with a backhoe. He approached me with a big smile and his hand out to introduce himself as 'T.J.' From that day forward we became friends taking up the battles we had with rail management."

Brother Nemeth was very involved with BMWED's legislative issues and was Assistant State Legislative Director from 1995 to 1999, and then State Legislative Director from 1999 to 2011. In November 2006, T.J. became Secretary-Treasurer of the CRSF under General Chairman Bradley Winter and in September 2009, proceeded to the role of First Vice Chairman. Only two years later, in April 2011, Brother Nemeth became the General Chairman of the CRSF — a position he held until his retirement.

This upcoming April, T.J. and his wife Gail will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. He plans on spending his retirement enjoying time with his two wonderful children and he "cannot wait" to become a grandfather this November.

NOTICE

Article XV, Section 8 – Transfer Refunds

Sec. 8. Refunds of monthly dues, fees and assessments for those who transfer outside the jurisdiction of BMWED will only be allowed for the months following the month the applicable General Chairman involved receives a written request and/or a valid revocation of the Dues Deduction Agreement wage assignment authorization. A notice pertaining to the Brotherhood's dues refund Bylaws provision will be published semi-annually in the Secretary-Treasurer Report of the Journal or its successor publication.

"It's amazing we both ended up local, system and national BMWED officers," Secretary-Treasurer Geller said. "T.J. has always had a heart as big as they come. He is a great friend. My best goes out to T.J. and Gail for and long, healthy retirement. They surely deserve it."

"My best wishes for a happy and wonderful retirement go out to Brother T.J., who is a good friend and a great advocate and servant to our Brotherhood," BMWED President Freddie Simpson said. "Good luck and Godspeed to T.J. and Gail."



North Carolina switch panel facility, comprised of BMWED members, hits year anniversary

A full year after opening its doors, the CSX switch panel plant in Hamlet, N.C. is producing an average of two turnouts per day with BMWED-represented members.

The turnout facility, which employs 18 BMWED members, plus two managers, will build over 300 switches in 2014, according to the carrier's numbers. Before opening the plant on Nov. 22 of last year, CSX bought its switch panels from contractors. The majority of the 18 employees brought on to work in the Hamlet facility were new hires and added to the BMWED seniority roster.

"The hard work and skill our members exhibit everyday at the Hamlet switch panel plant is first-rate and we remain proud to call them our Brothers," BMWED Vice President of the South Region Roger Sanchez said. "It is excellent that CSX officials and the officers of the BMWED could come together and ensure that more track work, in this case the construction of switch panels, would be performed by union labor. We are proud to represent these fine railroaders."



The CSX switch panel facility in Hamlet, N.C. (above) has employed 18 BMWED members since last November.



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REPORT OF DEATH BENEFIT CLAIMS PAID DURING JULY AND AUGUST, 2014

NAME	CITY/STATE	LODGE/SYSTEM/RR	D.O.D.
NICHOLAS P. ARAGON	LOS LUNAS, NM	1862 USD/LIFE	04/05/14
PAUL E. BALLEW	WILLIAMSVILLE, MO	0450 AF/LIFE	07/09/14
EUGENE E. BOONE	BERLIN HEIGHTS, OH	1396 CRSF/LIFE	07/15/14
LEROY C. BUCHTER	LITITZ, PA	1923 CRSF/LIFE	02/23/14
ANTHONY COLASURDO	CLYDE, NY	1042 CRSF/LIFE	06/30/14
ARVIN T. GRAVES	MARSHALL, TX	1193 AF/LIFE	08/07/14
IGNACIO N. JAQUEZ	NORTHLAKE, IL	0227 USD/LIFE	07/17/14
RICHARD L. LANDERS	OTIS, KS	1517 USD/LIFE	06/25/14
LOUIS V. SALVADOR	BATAVIA, NY	0362 PENN/LIFE	07/23/14
ERVIN H. SCHNEIDER	SALEM, IL	2834 ICGF/LIFE	06/21/14
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JAMES E. WHEELER	AVON, OH	1664 CRSF/LIFE	05/19/14

PAID JULY 1, 2014 TO AUGUST 31, 2014	\$ 6,000.00
AMOUNT PREVIOUSLY PAID	\$45,483,807.75
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TO DATE	\$45,489,807.75
NUMBER OF CLAIMS PAID - 12	

REPORT OF DEATH NOTICES RECEIVED DURING JULY AND AUGUST 2014

FREDDIE AUGUSTINE JR.	BLOOMFIELD, NM	1020 USD/UP	07/09/14
C. R. GALLION	KEYSVILLE, VA	0523 SOU/NS	06/24/14
LAVELL D. JONES	LOS ANGELES, CA	0875 USD/UP	07/26/14
PATRICK J. KLUESNER	ELLISTON, MT	0158 BURNOR/MRL	07/26/14
TOMMY OGLETREE JR.	FRANKLIN, GA	0536 SOU/NS	08/26/14
DAVID A. SENESAC	WATSEKA, IL	2401 ATSFF/BNSF	07/24/14

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Legal Aid Program List

Here is an updated list of the approved attorneys in the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division's Legal Aid Program who can be called on for advice and assistance when needed in case of on-the-job personal injury or death.

Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division members who are injured on the job, or the dependents of members killed as a result of such injuries, should ascertain their rights and protections under the Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA) before attempting any settlement with a railroad company.

Under the Legal Aid Program, in case of personal injury or death while employed on a railroad, a Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division member or his family has access to competent legal counsel in making claims under the FELA.

The Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division-approved legal aid attorneys are well qualified to handle cases under the FELA.

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In this day of specialization, most lawyers, like most doctors and other professionals, tend to specialize. If you have tax problems, you go to a lawyer who knows the tax laws. If you have family matters to be handled, you go to a lawyer who knows the laws about wills, estates, probate, divorce, etc. That is why, if you're injured on the railroad, you need to go to a lawyer who knows the Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA).

FELA became law in 1908. Under FELA, an injured railroad employee or his/her family survivors have the right to recover damages in court (state or federal). They have the right to a jury trial which can award damages based upon the railroad's negligence that resulted in the employee's injury or death.

Choosing a Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division-designated FELA attorney is important because, as one court case stated, "injured workers or their families often fall prey ... to persuasive claims adjusters eager to gain a quick and cheap settlement for their railroad employ-

ers, or to a lawyer either not competent to try these lawsuits against the able railroad counsel or too willing to settle a case for a quick dollar."

Since most people don't deal with lawyers except in a time of need, the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division has a long-standing policy of evaluating FELA law firms. Using established guidelines, the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division chooses the best to be on its approved or designated list which is printed twice yearly in the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division *Journal*.

Criteria used for evaluating FELA law firms include:

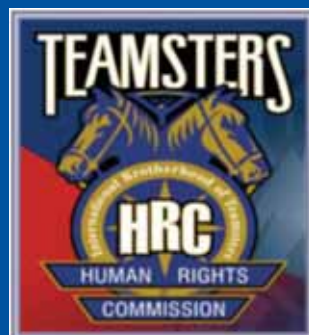
- Must have an established record of successful litigation experience.
- Must furnish National Division with a summary of cases handled (insofar as such disclosure is consistent with "attorney-client" privilege).
- Must charge a contingency fee that has been established by BMWED Policy.
- Must give injured members free advice in connection with their injury and render free assistance to them in related matters.

Because the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division recognizes the importance of competent and fair legal counsel for its members, it regularly monitors the activities of the law firms on its list and makes changes when needed.

If you do not have a copy of the approved list of attorneys when you need it, just call your system division or federation office and they will give you names and other necessary information. In addition, all approved attorneys are issued official Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division credentials each year. If an attorney contacts you, be sure to ask for his credential.

Learn more about the Teamsters Human Rights Commission and how you can participate.

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ROBERT L. CHRISTIAN	BURL	2643	BNSF	05/31/2012	JOSE HERNANDEZ	ASF	0224	NS	06/03/2014	PEDRO CANO	USD	1046	UP	07/02/2014					
HAROLD W WOODRUFF	BURL	1489	LSI	08/02/2013	ROBERT E HULL	ASF	1599	NS	06/03/2014	FRANCISCO CASTILLO	USD	0508	UP	07/02/2014					
					JOSEPH S MITCHELL JR	ASF	0599	NS	06/03/2014	SHELDON D GUSS	BURNOR	1326	BNSF	07/03/2014					
*** September 2013 ***					A OSEGUERA	ASF	0224	NS	06/03/2014	ROBERT M WINTER	CRSF	0704	CSXT	07/03/2014					
LARRY M OWENS	AT&SFF	0493	BNSF	09/01/2013	TERRENCE J BRADSHAW	BURNOR	0104	BNSF	06/03/2014	DAVID L FICKE	BURL	1320	BNSF	07/04/2014					
TIMOTHY A TYNER	BURL	1489	LSI	09/30/2013	JUAN A ROMO	USD	0134	UP	06/03/2014	IAN P DAVIDSON	BURNOR	1426	BNSF	07/04/2014					
					ROBERT SMITH	USD	2431	DMER	06/03/2014	LARRY T VANCE	BURNOR	0706	BNSF	07/04/2014					
*** October 2013 ***					DALE E ELHARD	BURNOR	0303	BNSF	06/04/2014	LEWIS WALLER	SOU	0529	NS	07/04/2014					
FREDERICK J SMITH	BURL	1903	NICT	10/01/2013	MICHAEL A SMIETANA	USD	0874	UP	06/04/2014	RONALD L SHAW	USD	2428	DMER	07/04/2014					
					CHARLES E WILSON	BURL	1320	BNSF	06/05/2014	LARRY G PRALLE	BURL	1316	BNSF	07/05/2014					
*** November 2013 ***					JERRY L HOLBROOK	AF	0112	CSXT	06/06/2014	GEORGE HOMMEL	CRSF	1997	NS	07/05/2014					
C M BYARS	SOU	0536	NS	11/20/2013	THOMAS A LEICESTER	BURL	0961	BNSF	06/07/2014	GLEN T CARLSON	BURNOR	1426	BNSF	07/07/2014					
					WILLIAM T SCHMIDT	BURL	0928	SOO	06/07/2014	REFUGIO M CARREJO	CRSF	0507	IHB	07/07/2014					
*** December 2013 ***					GARY R MILLS	BURNOR	1763	BNSF	06/07/2014	JOSEPH M HOLLANDER	CRSF	0895	NS	07/07/2014					
J D PHELPS	SOU	0636	NS	12/01/2013	JOHN S FONSECA	BURL	0014	BNSF	06/09/2014	JOHN F BRADY	PENN	3089	NRPC	07/07/2014					
					MARK L DERSHAM	CRSF	0887	NS	06/10/2014	WILLIAM P STICKNEY	BURL	1320	BNSF	07/08/2014					
*** February 2014 ***					ANTHONY N SCAVO	USD	0342	UP	06/12/2014	LAWRENCE S PAPALAS	CRSF	1234	NS	07/08/2014					
ARTHUR S ALESSI JR	PENN	3012	NRPC	02/01/2014	ALOARN J FREDLUND	BURL	0928	SOO	06/13/2014	BRUCE A KISH	PENN	3082	NRPC	07/08/2014					
JAMES E REGISTER	SOU	0619	NS	02/28/2014	STEVE P CONRADT	BURL	1320	BNSF	06/14/2014	LARRY D PENMAN	PENN	3041	NRPC	07/08/2014					
					JAMES R CROOKS	BURL	0788	BNSF	06/14/2014	MARVIN B HEIMER	SOU	0034	NS	07/08/2014					
*** March 2014 ***					JOHN P FORSYTH	CRSF	0166	GTW	06/14/2014	NEIL T REES	CRSF	0895	NS	07/11/2014					
RONALD L EELLS	BURL	1906	SOO	03/03/2014	JOHN C MEYER	BURL	1965	SOO	06/15/2014	GEORGE D TRAINOR	USD	0922	UP	07/15/2014					
STEVEN C WHITE	WCSD	2929	WCL	03/05/2014	WILLIAM A PAYNE	ASF	0301	NS	06/19/2014	GARY L WILLEY	USD	1847	UP	07/15/2014					
					CHRIS A RIDDELL	CRSF	0160	ST	06/20/2014	RONALD D BRUBAKER	USD	0381	UP	07/16/2014					
*** April 2014 ***					RONALD B GERMAN	BURL	1320	BNSF	06/21/2014	LUCIO P TORRES	USD	0922	UP	07/18/2014					
ALVIN D RAMSEY	BURL	1552	SOO	04/01/2014	EARL BOSTICK	CRSF	1657	CSXT	06/21/2014	CHARLES E BENNETT	AF	0682	CSXT	07/21/2014					
CARLOS A ARCHULETA	BURL	1351	BNSF	04/15/2014	LARRY FRANCIS	AT&SFF	2400	BNSF	06/23/2014	RONNIE G CARR	AT&SFF	0493	BNSF	07/22/2014					
TERRANCE N BAUKNECHT	WCSD	2932	WCL	04/22/2014	BOBBY J WOODY	SOU	0525	NS	06/24/2014	JERRY E GENGLER	BURNOR	0303	BNSF	07/24/2014					
					MARK S DOUGLAS	BURL	1832	BNSF	06/25/2014	REYNALDO H MENDOZA	USD	1402	UP	07/24/2014					
*** May 2014 ***					GARY A BUCKLEY	CRSF	2307	NS	06/28/2014	JOHN F WONDERLY	USD	0381	UP	07/24/2014					
LARRY J BLUEL	BURL	0014	BNSF	05/01/2014	SCOTT T MC CULLAH	BURL	1302	BNSF	06/29/2014	THOMAS N TINTINGER	BURNOR	1092	BNSF	07/26/2014					
JAMES MALIN	USD	1034	UP	05/22/2014	EDWARD R BRASSELL	AF	0670	BMWE	06/30/2014	WILLFRED G FOEHR	AF	1338	BMWE	07/31/2014					
MICHAEL D HENNIGH	AF	0688	UP	05/29/2014	JOHN D YOUNGBLOOD	AF	2167	CSXT	06/30/2014	OSWALD MC GLORIE	AF	1048	BNSF	07/31/2014					
DAVID S BOLEN	USD	0381	UP	05/29/2014	BRIAN S DAIGLE	CRSF	0347	ST	06/30/2014	STEVE M SANDERS	AF	2388	CSXT	07/31/2014					
BILL D BUSSELL	USD	2429	DMER	05/29/2014	PAUL S YOUNG	CRSF	1362	NS	06/30/2014	GARY L BURDICK	AT&SFF	0361	BNSF	07/31/2014					
JOSE L GAYTAN	BURL	2857	NIR	05/30/2014	SAMUEL BLACKIE	USD	0918	UP	06/30/2014	MIKE E MILLER	BURL	2852	BNSF	07/31/2014					
KYLE A JOHNSON	SOU	0567	NS	05/30/2014	ROBERT D HILL JR	USD	0473	UP	06/30/2014	BRADLEY L FRISK	BURNOR	0706	BNSF	07/31/2014					
FREDDIE ROBINSON	SOU	0567	NS	05/30/2014	*** July 2014 ***					PETER N HUTCHINS	N E	2957	NYSW	07/31/2014					
RAFAEL A FIGUEROA	USD	0875	UP	05/30/2014	HAROLD E JONES	BURL	0800	BNSF	07/01/2014	EMMETT MARTINEZ	USD	0918	UP	07/31/2014					
ROBERT H MAES	USD	1862	UP	05/30/2014	JUAN G MARTINEZ	BURL	0042	SOO	07/01/2014						*** August 2014 ***				
GALE D JACKSON	AT&SFF	0493	BNSF	05/31/2014	ALVIN D WINKELMAN	BURL	1214	BNSF	07/01/2014	REGE W RILEY	AF	0737	CSXT	08/01/2014					
RANDY J BARTELS	BURL	0331	SOO	05/31/2014	GUY W JARVI	BURNOR	0706	BNSF	07/01/2014	L R TIMBS	AF	0667	CSXT	08/01/2014					
THOMAS D BROWN	BURL	1965	SOO	05/31/2014	TERRY J SHOOP	BURNOR	0144	BNSF	07/01/2014	THOMAS E RUDOLPH	BURNOR	0016	BNSF	08/01/2014					
REX E KRIEDEMAN	BURL	1498	SOO	05/31/2014	GREGG R WOODS	BURNOR	0104	BNSF	07/01/2014	DAVID L SMITH	BURNOR	1055	BNSF	08/01/2014					
BRADLEY A HILBERT	CRSF	0505	CSXT	05/31/2014	ANTHONY J MARCELLA	CRSF	2307	NS	07/01/2014	MICHAEL J MARGE	N E	0090	NRPC	08/01/2014					
ROGER G EVANS	USD	2429	DMER	05/31/2014	JOSE VILLANUEVA	CRSF	0427	CR	07/01/2014	HENRY W WISE JR	PENN	0935	BMWE	08/01/2014					
DAVID S MC CREIGHT	USD	1517	UP	05/31/2014	DENNIS L WAGNER	CRSF	1362	NS	07/01/2014	CHARLES L COPELAND	SOU	0804	NS	08/01/2014					
RICARDO R MORALES	USD	0875	UP	05/31/2014	FRED C BRUNER II	USD	1020	UP	07/01/2014	CLEVELAND J DAY	SOU	0567	NS	08/01/2014					
					GERALD D BRYANT	USD	2431	DMER	07/01/2014	KARID A BAUER	USD	0874	UP	08/01/2014					
*** June 2014 ***					STEVE LEHMANN	USD	1034	UP	07/01/2014	MARK T CARTER	USD	0918	UP	08/01/2014					
RICHARD L PROCISE	ASF	0598	BMWE	06/01/2014	RICHARD R MC DONALD	USD	0757	UP	07/01/2014	FILIBERTO E CASTORENA	USD	0325	UP	08/01/2014					
CHRISTOPHER A GADDIS	BURNOR	0104	BNSF	06/01/2014	RAFAEL S TORRES	USD	0875	NRPC	07/01/2014	GARY D ELLIS	USD	0239	UP	08/01/2014					
MICHAEL E PANNELL	C&EI	1003	UP	06/01/2014	HERBERT D FITZER	AF	0885	CSXT	07/02/2014	JOHN P EPPENBACH	USD	0369	UP	08/01/2014					
JAY D CROW	CRSF	1363	NS	06/01/2014	JOEL A DIEMERT	BURL	1552	SOO	07/02/2014	ROGER D WOHLK	USD	0239	UP	08/01/2014					
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JOSE A MOJICA	BURL	1302	BNSF	06/02/2014	JIM D FOX	BURNOR	1426	BNSF	07/02/2014	JEFFREY A DIXON	CRSF	1657	NS	08/20/2014					
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A Reminder on Holiday Rules

If you are a furloughed employee of a railroad covered by the U.S. National Agreement with at least 60 days of seniority or 60 calendar days of continuous service preceding a covered holiday, and if you had compensation paid by the carrier credited to 11 or more of the 30 calendar days immediately preceding the holiday, you may be entitled to pay for that holiday even though you are furloughed.

For detailed information
contact your General



Brotherhood recognizes the lasting work of U.S. Rep. James Oberstar



Director of Government Affairs
Charlie Hogue

BMWED Directors Charlie Hogue and Rick Inclima presented a copy of the resolution passed at last convention that recognizes the work of Congressman James Oberstar to his family in Washington, D.C. this October.

Former U.S. Rep. Jim Oberstar (Minn.) passed away in his sleep May 3, 2014 at the age of 79. His accomplishments in the field of transportation were unparalleled. He was

also a tireless advocate for working people.

Congressman Oberstar's signature legislation was the Rail Safety Act of 2008 that conferred whistleblower protection on rail workers who were disciplined for reporting safety defects, reporting injuries and just generally standing up for a safer and more humane workplace. Those BMWED members who have obtained judgments and settlements in their favor after being disciplined for reporting an injury are the true beneficiaries of Mr. Oberstar's tireless work.

Congressman Oberstar also was a strong advocate for Amtrak and the folks who worked for that carrier. In the darkest depths, before PEB 242, when everyone said "settle" and some unions were caving – BMWED Director of Strategic Coordination Don Griffin remembers telling everyone he could collar, "Jim Oberstar hasn't told us that backpay for 8 years is off the table. Until that happens, stay the course." As you know, PEB 242 recommended full backpay and Mr. Oberstar helped swing that supplemental appropriation through Congress. He, along with the late Senator Ted Kennedy came to the signing of the agreements with Amtrak after PEB 242. Now both of them are gone.

The world is a bit worse today, than it was before Mr. Oberstar's passing. If you are a union-represented railroad worker, please keep him forever in your thoughts.



Former U.S. Congressman Jim Oberstar (pictured here with BMWED Director of Safety and Education Rick Inclima and Director of Government Affairs Charlie Hogue) passed away May 3.

RESOLUTION NO. 58 RE: JAMES OBERSTAR (ADOPTED)

- WHEREAS, Former Congressman James Oberstar represented Minnesota's 8th District for 36 years; and
- WHEREAS, Congressman Oberstar was a son of an Iron Range miner who also worked in the mines laying and repairing the mine's railroad tracks; and
- WHEREAS, Congressman Oberstar understood the rigors of Maintenance of Way work and stood with BMWED in our efforts to reduce the retirement age for railroad workers under the Railroad Retirement Act; and
- WHEREAS, Congressman Oberstar fought for Amtrak funding throughout his years in office; and
- WHEREAS, Congressman Oberstar was Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure from 2007-2011; and
- WHEREAS, Chairman Oberstar supported BMWED's efforts to gain a fair settlement and back pay for our Amtrak members under PEB 242; and
- WHEREAS, Chairman Oberstar was instrumental in gaining Congressional appropriation of supplemental funds to pay wage increases and back pay for Amtrak members under PEB 242, and
- WHEREAS, Chairman Oberstar was the author and chief architect of the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008, which transferred jurisdiction for Whistleblower Protection under the Federal Railroad Safety Act from FRA to OSHA, and
- WHEREAS, Many railroad workers have obtained justice against railroad retaliation for reporting injuries and safety and security concerns due to Chairman Oberstar's wisdom in drafting the RSIA, and
- WHEREAS, Chairman Oberstar was scheduled to address this Third Regular Convention of the BMWED, but unexpectedly passed away in his sleep at his home on May 3, 2014 at the age of 79; Therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Third Regular Convention of the BMWED go on record to express our great respect and honor for Chairman Oberstar's life work as a champion of working men and women and a great friend of the BMWED; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That our union and our nation remember his legacy as one of the leading infrastructure experts of our time; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That Chairman Oberstar be posthumously awarded an honorary life membership in the BMWED as a sign of our enduring respect and gratitude for his life's work and his friendship to the BMWED.



Congressman Oberstar's family, daughter Noelle Oberstar Tower and granddaughter Coryn Tower, proudly display the Brotherhood's Resolution, adopted at Convention, honoring U.S. Rep. Oberstar.





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IN MEMORIAM

Rich McLean

The BMWED lost a dear brother when Richard McLean passed away Aug. 20 at the age 63.

Brother Rich retired from the BMWED on Nov. 1, 2010 after a railroad and union career of 35 years. He began his railroad career in 1975 as a trackman on the Penn Central Railroad. In 1993, he was elected to the position of Assistant General Chairman for the Consolidated Rail System Federation, which he held until his retirement.

Rich loved to play golf, although it occasionally, hilariously frustrated him, and was an avid Detroit Red Wings hockey fan. He loved his friends and always spoke fondly about them, even in the latest stages of his terminal disease. Brother McLean will be remembered for his kind spirit, his razor sharp and lightning quick wit, and his ability to always make his fellow brothers laugh. Rich was

"one of a kind" and will be deeply missed by all.

"I will miss my good friend and Brother, Rich McLean, and I know I speak for many in the CRSF and the BMWED when I say that we've lost a good man," BMWED Secretary-Treasurer Perry Geller Sr. said. "My deepest and most sincere condolences go out to his wife, Mary, and Rich's entire family and many friends. While Brother Rich touched everyone with his humor and wit, he possessed a deep passion for the members he represented. He was a close friend of mine and a fellow warrior for the BMWED."

Brother Rich McLean leaves behind his dedicated wife Mary, his daughters Kristen Shinkonis and Lauren McLean, grandsons Bronson and Leo, his sister Julie Saunders and many nieces, nephews and cousins.



Brother Rich McLean, former CRSF Assistant General Chairman, stands atop the roof of the National Mediation Board building in Washington, D.C. during negotiations with Canadian National Railroad in 1988.

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THOSE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE
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WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY
2010-2014**

In Memoriam

On June 19, 2011, Brother Brent Cooper, age 21, of Harviell, MO died from complications related to heat stroke while performing track work for the Union Pacific Railroad near Dexter, MO. Brother Cooper was in his first year of railroad service and a member of Allied Federation Local Lodge 450 at the time of his passing.

Our hearts go out to the Cooper Family and the many loved ones, co-workers, and friends he left behind.

Brother Cooper's name was inadvertently not included in the memorial service held at the 2014 BMWED Convention. We sincerely apologize for this oversight and take this opportunity to honor his life, memory, and service with our deepest sympathy and upmost respect.





Freddie N. Simpson

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



BMWED: The time has come to fight for our union way of life

This past Election Day, several candidates across the country ran and won on policies that undermine the Middle Class way of life. They openly campaigned on principles that shamelessly advocated tax cuts to corporate tycoons making 10 times your salary, while taking from those of us who work for a living. They ran on destroying labor unions, eliminating working people's right to bargain with their employer, limiting access to affordable health insurance and eradicating defined benefit pensions. Republicans like Mitch McConnell, Scott Walker, Rick Snyder, Joni Ernst and scores of others made no apologies for this agenda. They didn't even bother to hide from it. They were all elected to office on a platform that promises to give more power and profits to the wealthy. A policy agenda that will enrich their corporate donors at the expense of all the rest of us.

And they won. They won on an economic message of "forget you, I got mine."

That is a tragedy.

This year's elections were a terrible blow to organized workers.

Again, just to reinforce the severity of this election, the following is a list of the troubling, horrific and selfish ideals that Republican party candidates won on:

- A lowering of taxes on the top earners, resulting in the massive accumulation of wealth for the top one percent, all at the expense of the majority of our citizen's priorities (reductions in public education investments, affordable health insurance, infrastructure and transit improvements, the list goes on and on).
- A relentless downward pressure on American wages and job security. All the leverage is handed to the CEO.
- Shifting costs to the worker and away from the corporation. Killing all remaining retirement pension security. Eliminating company cost-defrayed health insurance. Making you come out of your pocket for everything, even if your pocket has no money left in it. All so the corporation can make greater profit. The CEO needs another Jaguar convertible, after all.
- Ensuring that the average American is more easily exploitable by business. Reducing government oversight. Weakening regulations of business, so that they can more easily screw you over. Restricting your ability to negotiate with your employer. Eradicating union protections.

I look forward to learning how reducing taxes and regulations will cause businesses to magically decide to hire more workers, rather than simply pocketing the difference. Forgive me for my skepticism. I strongly suspect this will only result in the rich getting richer.

What I would like to know is this: How do we untangle decades of destructive "trickle down" economics? When do we realize that Ronald Reagan was wrong and Franklin Roosevelt was right? How do we get back to a place and time where we invested in America? Where we created state-of-the-art infrastructure? When we provided a real and honest path to betterment and success and insisted education be affordable? Where we ensured that if you become ill, it will not lead to loss of income, bankruptcy or home foreclosure? Do we mandate, require, absolutely insist that our corporations chip-in, or do we continue on the current path and allow them to ship their profits offshore, enriching their coffers at the expense of the USA?

This year's elections were a terrible blow to organized workers. Our numbers are dwindling, and our opposition is out to kill us off. The U.S. Senate, now under the control of the Republican Party, has a bill on its floor that, if enacted, would make National Right-to-Work (for less) the law of the land. It would also decimate the Railway Labor Act, a law passed in 1926 that provides our union the ability to operate, bargain, and settle disputes with the carrier. National Right-to-Work was drafted by Sen. Rand Paul, who is going to run for president.

Sen. Paul represents Kentucky, the state from which I hail. There are many great railroaders from the Bluegrass state. I am fortunate enough to be personal friends with a large number of them. As president of the BMWED, I am proud to say that railroading is one of the strongest, fair-paying, stable and coveted professions in all of Kentucky. This is why I am saddened by Sen. Rand Paul's determination to decimate our ability to maintain our strong, union-backed railroad jobs. With an identical bill on the floor of the Republican-controlled House of Representatives, the only thing standing between the complete ruination of organized rail labor is President Obama's veto pen.

Brothers and sisters, we are in a jam. It is imperative that we stand up in solidarity against this ruthless attack on our Middle Class way of life. The elections in 2016 will be of utmost importance. Corporate money is stacked against us. Our only option is to educate our membership to turn the tide, to flush out the greed and restore power to working men and women. I have confidence that we can do it.



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DALE W LABAR	WCSD	2929	2004
BRIAN W LABOUBE	AF-SW	1353	2004
RODNEY R LANAVILLE	WCSD	2926	2004
JASON L LANE	WCSD	2932	2004
DAVID A LARSON	WCSD	2926	2004
NATHAN L LEE	SOU	0536	2004
DENNIS A LEONARD	SOU	0586	2004
MARK R LERCHER	AF-SW	0996	2004
SCOTT D LEWANDOWSKI	WCSD	2932	2004
ADAM E LILLIOCK	AF-SE	0737	2004
RONNIE D LINBERG	WCSD	2929	2004
GARY M LINQUIST	USD	1879	2004
STEPHEN L LIPE	ICGF	0017	2004
ABEL R LOPEZ JR	CRSF	0507	2004
ROBERT V LOWERY	SOU	0567	2004
MIGUEL S MAESE	USD	0508	2004
PETER J MAGER	WCSD	2926	2004
DENNIS C MAHONEY III	WCSD	2926	2004
SCOTT W MAKI	WCSD	2926	2004
JOHN L MALLEK	WCSD	2931	2004
ANDREW R MALLEK JR	WCSD	2931	2004
NICHOLAS J MALONE	AT&SFF	2418	2004
DANIEL L MARCUM	CRSF	0076	2004
DWIGHT L MARKS	BURL	1498	2004
JOSE A MARTINEZ	AF-SW	0044	2004
ARTURO R MARTINEZ	AF-SW	0644	2004
GREGORY F MARTINEZ	USD	0922	2004
TRAVIS L MASON	AT&SFF	0526	2004
AMOND R MAYFIELD	AF-SW	2762	2004
CHAD S MC CARTHY	WCSD	2927	2004
LUCAS R MC GRAW	ASF	0580	2004
CODY P MC MULLIN	USD	0922	2004
ABELARDO J MENDOZA	AF-SW	1099	2004
BRUCE N MERRIFIELD II	USD	0342	2004
GLENN R MILANOWSKI	WCSD	2931	2004
KYLE D MILLER	AF-SW	1048	2004
TRISTEN MILLER	ICGF	0017	2004
SETH O MILLER	BURNOR	1763	2004
DAVID B MILLER	AF-SE	1028	2004
RICHARD D MITCHELL	AT&SFF	2410	2004
DANIELE D MOREHEAD	AT&SFF	2409	2004
RICK A MORENO	USD	0922	2004
ADAM D MORREIM	USD	0278	2004
THOMAS W MORRISSEY	USD	0922	2004
WALTER T MORROW	SOU	0525	2004
ADAM J MUELLER	WCSD	2927	2004
BRIAN K MUNCY	ASF	0551	2004
GREG NAVA	USD	1096	2004
CURTIS B NEWPORT	SOU	0546	2004

MICHAEL L NICHOLS	BURL	1662	2004
RANDY C NICHOLS	WCSD	2929	2004
C J NICKESON	AF-SW	1254	2004
GARY L NITZ	WCSD	2932	2004
TRAVIS T NOEL	PENN	3009	2004
LEE A NORDMAN	USD	1757	2004
MICHAEL D O CONNELL	AT&SFF	2417	2004
BRENT A OGLE	WCSD	2929	2004
BARDOMIANO T ORTEGA JR	AF-SW	2754	2004
SERGIO PALOMINO	USD	0875	2004
DUANE A PALUBICKI	WCSD	2932	2004
TONY L PARKER	AF-SW	0564	2004
ROY R PAULSMEYER	BURL	0788	2004
DERLE L PAXTON	AF-SW	1058	2004
KEITH A PENNINGTON	ICGF	2834	2004
RICHARD PENTONEY	AF-SE	0993	2004
MCARTHUR V PEREZ III	AF-SW	1571	2004
TONY L PERKINS	AF-SW	0965	2004
CHRISTOPHER F PETERS	WCSD	2931	2004
RANDY W PETERSON	WCSD	2929	2004
CORY S PORTER	PENN	3089	2004
FLOYD N POWELL	AT&SFF	2419	2004
TIM PULKAS	WCSD	2932	2004
MATTHEW J QUIGLEY	WCSD	2929	2004
JOSEPH D RAAB	WCSD	2931	2004
MICHAEL P RAPP	WCSD	2927	2004
ASHLEY B RATCLIFF	ASF	1464	2004
ADAM J RAWLS	SOU	0034	2004
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JAROD K RHUDY	AT&SFF	2409	2004
MARK D RICHARDS	WCSD	2929	2004
GUY T RICKARD	SOU	0567	2004
STEVEN M RIEHL	WCSD	2931	2004
JAMES M RINEHART	SOU	0808	2004
PAUL A RITTNER	CRSF	1356	2004
THOMAS R RIVERA	USD	0686	2004
JUSTON RODMAN	BURL	1481	2004
ROGER D ROMICK	USD	0381	2004
RALPH A RONALD II	AF-SE	1432	2004
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STEVEN L RUCKS	WCSD	2929	2004
JAMES J RUFFO	AF-SE	0737	2004
KEIDRELL D RUSSELL	AT&SFF	2417	2004
THOMAS F SALISBURY	AT&SFF	2410	2004
STEVEN A SALMONS	AF-SE	0112	2004
FRANKLIN E SALMONS JR	ASF	1464	2004
JAMES L SAN PEDRO	USD	0875	2004
LEONARD J SANCHEZ	SOU	0636	2004
WILLIE E SANDERS	CRSF	1259	2004
HECTOR R SANDOVAL	AF-SW	0644	2004
VINCENT SANTELLANO JR	USD	1096	2004
BRANDON SAVOY	PENN	3012	2004
MICHAEL E SCHNEIDER	WCSD	2927	2004
CHRIS J SCHOENHOFEN	USD	1879	2004
ANDREW J SCHUMACHER	WCSD	2927	2004
MICHAEL J SCHWAB	CRSF	1562	2004
EMEAL T SCOTT	AF-SW	1048	2004
WALTER S SCOTT	ASF	0568	2004
MICHAEL A SELF II	AF-SE	0547	2004
MARK V SEMANDE	BURL	0798	2004
TON G SHEASBY	CRSF	1037	2004
JOHNNY L SHULTZ	AT&SFF	1251	2004
NICHOLAS R SIDWELL	BURL	1302	2004
PATRICK L SKOUG	WCSD	2929	2004
RONALD E SLAGOSKI JR	WCSD	2929	2004
STEVEN F SLIGER	WCSD	2926	2004
BRANDON S SMITH	AF-SW	0450	2004
JOSHUA M SMITH	AF-SE	0466	2004
JACK D SMITH	BURNOR	1763	2004
STEVEN T SMITH	CRSF	0507	2004
TIMOTHY T SMITH	ASF	0580	2004
DEWEY SMITH III	ASF	0580	2004
GARY J SNYDER	WCSD	2927	2004
RUDY O SOTO	AT&SFF	2418	2004
GARRETT A SPAULDING	ASF	1464	2004
GREGORY N STEFFISH	PENN	3011	2004
CHRISTOPHER G STELZNER	WCSD	2928	2004
ERIC G STENDEL	WCSD	2929	2004
PAUL L STEPHENS	AT&SFF	1251	2004
DAVID F STEWART	SOU	0034	2004
ROBERT L STREET	ICGF	0017	2004
ERIC C STREET	CRSD	2910	2004
CASEY A STRINGFELLOW	USD	0922	2004
OSCAR A SUAREZ	AT&SFF	2418	2004
RYAN J SULLIVAN	AF-SW	0965	2004
SCOTT W SUMMERS	SOU	0808	2004
ANDREW M SWARTZ	CRSF	1037	2004



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ANDY O SYLVESTER	WCSD	2929	2004
NICHOLAS TARPLEY	ICGF	0017	2004
WILLIAM E TATEM JR	PENN	3028	2004
KURAYAKIN TAYLOR	AF-SE	0547	2004
DENNIS B TERRY	SOU	0529	2004
JEREMY M THEDENS	BURL	0928	2004
DALE R THOMAS	AF-SW	0965	2004
LARRY P THOMAS	AF-SW	1048	2004
BOBBY J THORNE	AF-SW	0965	2004
STEPHEN R THURMAN	ICGF	0017	2004
AARON K THURMAN	USD	1054	2004
ROBERT B TODD	WCSD	2931	2004
JOSE C TORNERO	USD	1002	2004
LEON E TORRES	USD	1054	2004
BRAD A USEA	AF-SW	1048	2004
JASON W VICKERS	AF-SE	0466	2004
AARON A WAGNER	AF-SE	2705	2004
ANDREW L WALDBURGER	WCSD	2932	2004
PETER A O WALDBURGER	WCSD	2932	2004
JASON J WALDSCHMIDT	USD	1148	2004
CLIFFORD L WAMPOLE	WCSD	2929	2004
WESLEY L WARD	AF-SW	2717	2004
DUANE L WEBER	USD	0941	2004
DOUGLAS K WEBSTER	WCSD	2929	2004
DUANE E WEBSTER	WCSD	2929	2004
RICHARD L WEBSTER	WCSD	2929	2004
TIMOTHY E WELCH	WCSD	2929	2004
DONALD WEST	USD	1020	2004
JOEL W WICKLUND	WCSD	2927	2004
CRAIG E WIEMER	WCSD	2927	2004
MARIOUS K WILBER	WCSD	2926	2004
KIRK S WILCOX	USD	0918	2004
MATTHEW D WILFONG	AF-SW	1353	2004
KERRY L WILLIAMS	USD	0325	2004
BOBBY L WILLISON	AF-SE	1556	2004
CHAD D WILSON	USD	1054	2004
CHRISTOPHER L WINKLER	BURL	1490	2004
ERNEST M WIRTZ	USD	1879	2004
SCOTT D WOJCIK	WCSD	2932	2004
KEVIN WOODS	BURL	1903	2004
SCOTT M WOODS	BURL	0798	2004
J A YAZZIE	USD	0508	2004
RAY YORKER JR	SOU	0627	2004
CHAD D ZELASNEY	USD	0278	2004
VASHAN L ZINZ	AF-SW	2762	2004



SID Q AAMOLD	BURNOR	0735	1994
RICHARD F ACITO	CRSD	2905	1994
BRIAN A ALBRO	BURNOR	0735	1994
SCOTT T ALEXANDER	BURL	2857	1994
MICHAEL J ALEXANDRE	N E	1718	1994
CLINTON G AVIS	AT&SFF	0745	1994
FRANKLIN T BAILEY	AT&SFF	2033	1994
DWIGHT L BAILEY	AF-SW	1176	1994
JEFF W BARTON	AT&SFF	2433	1994
EDDIE BENALLY	AT&SFF	2400	1994
JOHNSON BENALLY	AT&SFF	2400	1994
DEREK B BIDWELL	BURNOR	0389	1994
LAURENCE R BLACK	PENN	3005	1994
CHRIS V BLACKWELL	AT&SFF	0493	1994
SHANE A BOGGS	BURNOR	1092	1994
ROBERT F BOYLE	ICGF	1393	1994
RALPH S BROOKS	BURNOR	0104	1994
TIMOTHY K BUNCH	AT&SFF	2433	1994
CHRISTOPHER J BURGEL	BURNOR	2825	1994
DEVON C BURT	PENN	3012	1994
BRIAN E BYRD	AF-SW	0564	1994
GERALD CARRINGTON	USD	0377	1994
IKE R CARTER	ICGF	0637	1994
LARRY D CASTENS	AT&SFF	0745	1994
ARTEMUS D CHEE	AT&SFF	2400	1994
DARRICK E COKER	AT&SFF	0493	1994
VIRLIUS CORNELIUS	PENN	3068	1994
FRANCIS J COYNE	CRSF	2820	1994
PETER J CRAWFORD	N E	0228	1994
DONALD W CROWE	USD	1152	1994
TOMAS CRUZ	CRSFNP	2307	1994
DAVID W DEAN	CRSF	0109	1994
L GALEN DEAN	AT&SFF	0493	1994
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SEAN D DIAMONTE	PENN	3005	1994

JERRY DIXON SR	PENN	3028	1994
ADAM E EMERLEY	USD	1216	1994
EDD L ENNIS	AT&SFF	0493	1994
LUIS R ESCUTIA	BURL	2857	1994
SAUL ESTRADA	N E	0228	1994
ROY A FALDALEN	BURNOR	0750	1994
SEAN T FARRELL	AT&SFF	2402	1994
CHAD E FERRY	AT&SFF	2402	1994
RODNEY E FORTENBERRY	AT&SFF	2413	1994
DENNIS J FREED	BURNOR	0297	1994
EUGENE F GAINES	CRSF	0109	1994
DARREN P GARRETT	BURNOR	0735	1994
JORGE GOMEZ	USD	1002	1994
JOSE A GONZALEZ	PENN	3014	1994
ANGEL L GONZALEZ	PENN	3014	1994
RALPH L GUFFEY JR	AT&SFF	2402	1994
WILLIAM J HAGA	BURNOR	0306	1994
NICHOLAS J HAISTON	AT&SFF	2418	1994
BRAD L HALL	CRSF	0109	1994
RANDAL J HARDENBROOK	BURNOR	0735	1994
CARL M HARWELL	CRSD	2906	1994
PATRICK J HILL	ICGF	1067	1994
BRUCE E HOEMBERG	BURNOR	0706	1994
RAY HOSTEEN JR	AT&SFF	2400	1994
GREGORY C HOWELL	AT&SFF	2433	1994
BART L IKERD	AT&SFF	0361	1994
ERIC J JACKSON	AT&SFF	2433	1994
JOHNNIE JONES	BURL	0036	1994
CECIL JOSEPH	CRSD	2905	1994
MARK J KAVANAUGH	ASF	0226	1994
VINTON K KESCOLI	AT&SFF	2400	1994
STEVEN J KMEIC	BURL	2857	1994
RUSSELL K KOELEWYN	AT&SFF	2419	1994
FRED J KOLLETZKI	PENN	3039	1994
ARON K LARNED	BURNOR	0908	1994
KENNETH L LONAK	BURNOR	0104	1994
ERNEST L LOWERY	CRSD	2905	1994
RICHARD W MAHAN	CRSD	2910	1994
CHRISTOPHER D MARTINEZ	BURNOR	1763	1994
ANTHONY R MARTINEZ	AT&SFF	2419	1994
C ALLEN MATLOCK	AT&SFF	0355	1994
THOMAS D MATTHEWS	USD	0686	1994
JOHN D MC CAMPBELL	AT&SFF	2402	1994
STEVE J MC CARTHY	BURL	0099	1994
DWAYNE B MC DOWELL	PENN	3082	1994
TIMOTHY R MC GAHRAN	CRSD	2906	1994
PHILLIP L MITCHELL	AT&SFF	2413	1994
JOSEPH E MITCHELL	AT&SFF	2600	1994
KELLY L MONSON	BURNOR	1189	1994
GERALD D NESET	BURNOR	0750	1994
STEVEN S NEWTON	AT&SFF	2404	1994
TRAVIS J NICHOLAS	BURNOR	0249	1994
DAVID H NILSEN	BURNOR	0297	1994
KYLE L NORTON	ICGF	1393	1994
MICHAEL J NOWLIN	CRSD	2907	1994
TRACY D OGLE	AT&SFF	2402	1994
CHRISTOPHER D OLIVER	BURL	0230	1994
GLEN A OWENS	AT&SFF	2433	1994
GERARD A PALUMBO	CRSD	2905	1994
WILLIAM PARISE JR	N E	0228	1994
CHARLES E PATTERSON	AT&SFF	0493	1994
WILLIAM P PERRO	N E	0633	1994
ELLIS L PERSON	USD	0407	1994
BRETT A PETERSEN	BURNOR	1189	1994
RICHARD S PRINCIPATO	N E	0633	1994
JOEL L REAGOR	BURNOR	0297	1994
CLINTON B REHAK	BURNOR	0750	1994
JULIUS H REIF	AT&SFF	0518	1994
JACK D RINGER	AT&SFF	2419	1994
STEPHEN B RHODES	BURNOR	0750	1994
CHRISTOPHER A RICE	CRSF	0347	1994
ANDRE A ROBINSON	PENN	3012	1994
SHAWN D ROBINSON	CRSF	0109	1994
STEPHEN P ROBINSON	CRSF	1934	1994
HOWARD D RORIE	AT&SFF	0493	1994
JEFFREY E RUNGE	BURL	1488	1994
JAMES M SAVAGE	BURL	1302	1994
GARY A SCHLIEVE	BURNOR	1189	1994
JEFFREY L SCHWINDT	BURNOR	0306	1994
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WILLIE J SHUMATE	CRSD	2906	1994
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RICHARD L SMITH	AT&SFF	2402	1994
FREDDIE G SOENNICHSEN	BURNOR	0297	1994
DELBERT SONNY	AT&SFF	2400	1994
THOMAS W STEELE JR	PENN	3095	1994
STEVEN R STEINMAN	BURL	1108	1994
TIMOTHY B SWILLEY	BURNOR	1092	1994

ERIK D TOTTEN	AT&SFF	2410	1994
ANTHONY T TRABUCCO	N E	0228	1994
ARTHUR R TUPPER	AT&SFF	2433	1994
JOSEPH R WADE	CRSD	2906	1994
ERIC J WALD	BURNOR	1326	1994
RONALD B WASHBURN	AT&SFF	0493	1994
PAUL WETZELL	USD	1152	1994
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GREGORY WILLIAMS	PENN	3012	1994
EUGENE A WILSEY	CRSF	1934	1994
DAVID L WILSON	AT&SFF	0493	1994
BRAD A YOUNG	BURNOR	1092	1994



ANASTACIO ACOSTA	AT&SFF	2415	1984
J D AHMANN	AT&SFF	2417	1984
ALVIN W ANDRES JR	AF-SW	0376	1984
WILBERT ATENCIO	USD	1020	1984
ISMAEL P ATKINSON	AF-SW	1021	1984
MARVIN J BACA	AT&SFF	2415	1984
TIMOTHY E BAILEY	SOU	0523	1984
MICHAEL E BELT	AT&SFF	2405	1984
LARRY J BEN	USD	1020	1984
RICARDO C CANCHOLA	USD	0922	1984
JAMES D CASON	SOU	0636	1984
JUAN M CAZARES JR	USD	0508	1984
GASPAR M CHAVEZ	USD	1227	1984
A H CHAVEZ	AT&SFF	2415	1984
CURTIS CHEE	USD	1020	1984
ROBERT L CHRISTNER	USD	0686	1984
THOMAS A COAR	AF-SW	2286	1984
RICHARD R CONTRERAS	AT&SFF	2412	1984
WILLIAM A COPPIN	USD	0922	1984
JEFFERY S COTNER	AF-SW	0965	1984
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DENNIS M CUDE	AF-SW	2286	1984
TIM L DAUGHERTY	USD	0922	1984
STEVE D DE TOMMASO	AT&SFF	2405	1984
HERSHAL J DEPUTY III	USD	1516	1984
CHARLES DIXON JR	AT&SFF	2410	1984
WARREN D EARNEST	SOU	0524	1984
JOE ESQUIVEL JR	AF-SW	1021	1984
L A FLORES	AT&SFF	2412	1984
JOSEPH P GARCIA	AT&SFF	2415	1984
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GILBERT GARCIA	AF-SW	1021	1984
FERNANDO GARZA	AF-SW	2754	1984
ROBERT H GOMEZ	AF-SW	1021	1984
JOSEPH J GONZALES	USD	0899	1984
GREGORY K HAWKINS	AF-SW	0450	1984
BOBBY HERRERA	USD	1020	1984
PATRICK W HOEFT	USD	0473	1984
DONALD L HORN	SOU	0585	1984
M L HUELSTER	AT&SFF	2413	1984
CHARLES A HUFFMAN JR	AF-SW	1193	1984
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GIBSON R IGNACIO	USD	1020	1984
SCOTT A KELLOGG	AT&SFF	2405	1984
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RANDY J LIGHTFOOT	AF-SW	1011	1984
KENT M MALZNER	AF-SW	1041	1984
ERNESTO G MARTINEZ	USD	1227	1984
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TODD B MILBURN	PENN	3082	1984
ROGER NEZ	USD	1020	1984
KEITH A NULIK	AT&SFF	2405	1984
ARTURO F OLIVAS	USD	0941	1984
LUIS C OLIVAS	USD	0941	1984
LEE R OSBAN	AF-SW	1099	1984
JAMES A OSWALD	AF-SW	1041	1984
MARIANO C PANIAGUA JR	USD	0686	1984
JAMES D PARRISH	AF-SW	2717	1984
B G PERALES	AT&SFF	2416	1984
LONNIE J PORTER	AF-SW	2717	1984
H S QUEENSBERRY	SOU	0523	1984
JERRY D REED	ASF	0558	1984
GLAFIRO REYNA	AF-SW	2754	1984
LUPE RODRIGUEZ	AF-SW	1021	1984
DENNIS SANCHEZ	AT&SFF	2409	1984
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PATRICK N SOLIS	AT&SFF	2413	1984
BRIAN R THIES	AF-SW	0965	1984
ROGER TOLEDO	USD	1002	1984
ALVIN F TOLEDO	USD	1227	1984
JOSE M TORRES JR	AF-SW	1563	1984
GERALD A USHER	AF-SW	2286	1984
MOSES T VALADEZ	USD	0407	1984
JAVIER H VALDEZ	AF-SW	1099	1984
TOMAS T VALENZUELA	USD	0508	1984
ALAN L WALKER	AF-SW	1025	1984
DALE L WALLIS	USD	1020	1984
STANLEY WELLS	SOU	0524	1984
MATT N WHITEFORD	AT&SFF	2405	1984
STEVEN P WOODRUFF	AF-SW	1099	1984



MANUEL ACOSTA	USD	0377	1974
RONALD R ADAMS	BURL	0014	1974
STEVE G ALLEY	BURNOR	1654	1974
ARMANDO C ALMENDAREZ	BURNOR	0389	1974
MICHAEL T ANDERSON	BURNOR	0706	1974
GERALD R ANNONSON	BURNOR	0706	1974
MICHAEL R ANZO	USD	1054	1974
PETER C ARCHIBALD	PENN	3068	1974
ALFONSO L AREVALO	AT&SFF	2401	1974
GARY F BAHR	AT&SFF	0745	1974
DANNY E BALLINGER	PENN	3043	1974
JAMES P BEACOM	BURL	1105	1974
JAMES M BECK	USD	1847	1974
UBALDO L BERNADINO	ASF	0301	1974
TIMOTHY H BEVEROTH	USD	1152	1974
LARRY G BLAKEY	ASF	0301	1974
GARY R BLANKENSHIP	AF-SW	2286	1974
LARRY J BLUEL	BURL	0014	1974
TERRY L BODEY	PENN	3017	1974
JEFF W BORMET	PENN	3043	1974
JAMES P BOYD	SOU	2003	1974
TERRY L BRANDT	BURL	1316	1974
RANDY K BRENNER	PENN	3017	1974
ROBERT D CARUTHERS	AF-SE	1300	1974
FILIBERTO E CASTORENA	USD	0325	1974
CLAYTON M CHAPMAN	AF-SE	0112	1974
DAVID H CHRISTIAN	CRSF	0201	1974
C E COLE	AT&SFF	0361	1974
KENT R COLEMAN	BURL	2621	1974
JAMES P COLEMAN	AF-SW	1715	1974
JIM S COLLURA	BURL	0099	1974
ALEXANDER COOLEY	AF-SW	1176	1



Fatality Analysis of Maintenance-of-Way Employees and Signalmen

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September 15, 2014

Fourth Quarter Safety Alert

Twenty-five years of data shows 4th Quarter spike in fatal roadway worker incidents

A comparison of available roadway worker fatality data over a span of 25 years (1986–1994 and 1997–2012) indicates that the highest number of roadway worker incidents occur in the 4th Quarter.

Roadway worker fatality data reviewed by FAMES for the 8-year period between 1986 and 1994 (pre-RWP rule) indicates 43 fatal roadway worker incidents. Of these 43 fatal incidents, 34.8 percent (15 of 43) occurred in the 4th Quarter (October–December).

FAMES also reviewed 42 fatal roadway worker incidents which occurred between 1997 and 2012 (post-RWP rule). Of these 42 incidents, 40 percent (17 of 42) occurred in the 4th Quarter, with October having 9 of the fatalities.

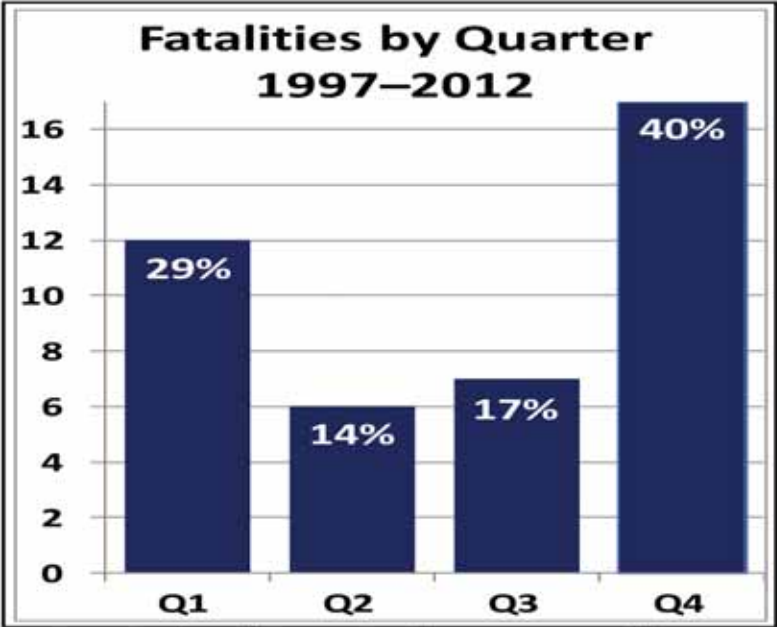
FAMES has not determined the reasons for the 4th Quarter spike in roadway worker fatalities, but the pattern is undeniable and alarming.

In recognition of these trends, FAMES takes this opportunity to remind all roadway workers to be hyper-vigilant with regard to the application of on-track safety protection, especially during the 4th Quarter. If you see someone fouling a track without on-track safety protection, say something to them. If you have concerns regarding the application of on-track safety at the job site, invoke your legally protected right to make a good faith challenge and remain clear of the tracks until the challenge has been resolved.

Let's work together and watch out for each other, so we can save lives!

Dedication: The FAMES Committee dedicates its efforts to all roadway workers who have lost their lives in the performance of duty and to the families, loved ones, and coworkers they have left behind.

Mission Statement: The Mission of the Fatality Analysis of Maintenance-of-way Employees and Signalmen (FAMES) Committee is to analyze all fatalities and selected related incidents in order to make recommendations to reduce the risk of future occurrences and eliminate fatalities to roadway workers.



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DENNIS HESS	PENN	3008	1974
TIMOTHY HOFFMAN	CRSFNP	2307	1974
RICHARD HOOK	CRSF	0076	1974
DALE C HUDYMA	BURNOR	1189	1974
CARLETON J HURLEY	USD	0519	1974
GARY F IACONO	PENN	3004	1974
T R JAMES	AF-SE	2163	1974
EDWARD M JAMES	ASF	1701	1974
ALVIN J JARREAU	AF-SW	1715	1974
JOE JELKS	ICGF	1069	1974
WINSTON JOHNSON	USD	1517	1974
ROBERT L JOHNSON	AF-SW	0927	1974
DONALD W JOHNSON	CRSF	0887	1974
JAMES D JOHNSON	USD	1196	1974
DAVID L JOHNSON	AF-SE	0112	1974
ARLESS B JOHNSTON III	AF-SE	0665	1974
STEVEN A KARLI	BURNOR	0908	1974
GARY J KARNOWSKI	BURNOR	1296	1974
LARRY E KELLER	ICGF	1069	1974
KARL P KNUTSEN	BURNOR	0144	1974
PHILIP J KOLCAN	CRSF	1657	1974
KURT M KVALE	BURNOR	0706	1974
DANIEL J LAUER	PENN	3063	1974
JAMES H LEFFLER	AF-SE	0885	1974
LEANDREW LEWIS	AF-SE	0885	1974
LARRY R LIBERATORE	PENN	3006	1974
CHARLES F LILE	BURL	2621	1974
BRUCE D LIPPERT	USD	0216	1974
RICHARD P LONG	CRSF	1980	1974

EDWARD W LONG III	CRSF	0482	1974
RAFAEL A LOZADA	SOU	0804	1974
ROGER D LUTHER	ASF	0580	1974
NEIL F MAGOULICK	CRSF	1657	1974
LEO W MARCY JR	BURNOR	1326	1974
CURTIS L MARTIN	AF-SE	0130	1974
THOMAS S MC CULLOUGH	AF-SE	2162	1974
MICHAEL S MC DONALD	CRSF	1562	1974
ERNEST D MC GIRR	USD	1196	1974
RANDY D MC KEE	CRSF	1900	1974
RUSSELL MC KENZIE	ASF	1464	1974
ALAN M MC MENAMIN	CRSF	0612	1974
EDDIE L MC MILLIAN	AF-SE	1857	1974
ANTHONY L MENDENHALL	CRSFNP	1363	1974
JAMES L MERRITT	AF-SE	2162	1974
DREW A MEYER	BURL	0420	1974
H E MEYER	AT&SFF	2402	1974
RAY H MINOR	BURNOR	0159	1974
LOUIE G MONGENEL	CRSF	1650	1974
RONALD E MOORE	AT&SFF	2402	1974
DAVID A MOWREY	AF-SE	0670	1974
KELLY R NIELSEN	USD	1709	1974
DONALD D NYBERG	BURNOR	0706	1974
DOUGLAS L PALMITER	CRSF	1629	1974
PAUL C PARKER	AF-SE	0993	1974
DONALD D PASSEY	USD	0918	1974
FRANK R PAULEY	ASF	1464	1974
DEWEY E PERDUE	USD	0381	1974
MARK D PETTY	BURL	1351	1974
MIKE R PFIESTER	ICGF	1069	1974
EDWARD W PIERSON	CRSF	1980	1974
WILLIE R PORTER	AF-SW	0927	1974
CHARLES W POWERS JR	CRSFNP	1362	1974

TIMM A PRETZER	BURL	1481	1974
JAMES M PRICE	AT&SFF	2405	1974
BLOYCE D PRUETT	AF-SW	2729	1974
KENNETH W RAGLAND	AF-SE	0153	1974
REUBEN R RANGEL	USD	0899	1974
BARRY RAYE	N E	0633	1974
M C REYES	AT&SFF	2401	1974
PETER A RIPPERGER	BURL	1888	1974
THOMAS F ROLL	BURNOR	0306	1974
ROBIN P ROPER	AF-SE	0670	1974
KENNETH ROTH	USD	1246	1974
JAMES N ROZELL	BURNOR	0320	1974
JAMES SALAIZ	AF-SW	0644	1974
MARK E SANDOVAL	BURNOR	0306	1974
RON J SARE	AT&SFF	2405	1974
JEFFREY T SCHMIDT	BURNOR	0144	1974
ALBERT E SCHNEIDER	USD	0278	1974
MICHAEL E SCHROEDER	AT&SFF	2600	1974
JERRY W SENSENICH	BURL	2621	1974
JOHN C SHELLNBARGER	AF-SE	0885	1974
RONALD J SHIMEK	BURL	0420	1974
DONALD E SHOWALTER	CRSFNP	1664	1974
HAROLD J SINGLETON	AF-SW	1048	1974
MILTON L SMITH	BURL	2643	1974
KENNETH R SORRELLS	ASF	0599	1974
GREGORY P STOUDE	CRSFNP	1363	1974
CONARD R STRATTON	AF-SE	0112	1974
LLOYD E TAYLOR	AF-SE	2162	1974
KEITH TEAGUE	SOU	0525	1974
JESUS N TERRAZAS	CRSFNP	1363	1974
RANDY L THOMAS	CRSF	1900	1974
DAVID TOLOMEO	CRSF	0612	1974
JOHN P TRACY	N E	0633	1974

CECIL O TUCKER	CRSF	0076	1974
ERNEST VALDEZ	AF-SW	1571	1974
LESTER R WAGERS	PENN	3097	1974
DOUG J WALKER	USD	2430	1974
DENNIS L WALL	CRSF	1980	1974
LARRY D WATSON	AT&SFF	0493	1974
WARREN W WHITCHER	CRSF	0201	1974
RAYMOND J WIEGE	BURNOR	0306	1974
CARL W WILCHER JR	AF-SE	0075	1974
LEON WILKERSON	AF-SE	1643	1974
MICHAEL T WILLETT	AF-SE	1155	1974
RICHARD C WILLIAMS	BURNOR	1763	1974
GARRY K WILLIS	ASF	0558	1974
JOHN D WITSTINE	BURNOR	0144	1974
ROBERT R WYMAN	ASF	1599	1974
ROBERT P YONKI	PENN	0935	1974
RODNEY L YOUNG	USD	1402	1974



KENNETH R AABERG	BURNOR	1055	1964
ERNEST J BROWN JR	BURNOR	0706	1964
JAMES P CHVALA	USD	1071	1964
ANTONIO HERNANDEZ	AT&SFF	2415	1964
DUANE J KLOSTREICH	BURNOR	0303	1964
RON L LOCH	AF-SW	1365	1964
WILLIAM D NICKLOW JR	CRSF	1657	1964
FREEMAN O WILSON	CRSF	1657	1964



Around the Brotherhood

CRSF Local Lodge 881 meets in Fort Plain, N.Y.

Members from Consolidated Rail System Federation Local Lodge 881 met in Fort Plain, N.Y. for union discussion and fellowship last month.



BMWED-AF Local 1338 meets in Texas

Members of the BMWED Allied Federation Local Lodge 1338 gathered this August in Giddings, Texas for a union meeting. In attendance were BMWED Vice President Roger Sanchez and Allied Fed General Chairman Dennis Albers.



Lodge 1718 (New Haven, Conn.) Holds Meeting

The members of Local Lodge 1718 in New Haven, Conn. held a quarterly meeting on Friday, Oct. 10. During the meeting, Lodge 1718 held elections and elected incumbent officers, as well as new officers to the Local Lodge. In addition to the Local Lodge elections, those in attendance also discussed issues affecting the membership on Amtrak in the New England Division with Vice General Chairman Renato Rufo and General Chairman Dale Bogart.

Photo taken by Dale Bogart



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Allied Fed Lodge 2162 meets in Starke, Fla.

Allied Federation Local Lodge 2162 held its regular quarterly meeting in Starke, Fla. on Aug. 23. Vice Chairman Russell Farmer was on hand to discuss a pending federation vote on a matter that will be coming before the membership, and spoke on other matters as well. The membership also received a report on the BMWED National Division Convention held in Las Vegas in June.



BMWED-AF Nashville Local 670 recognizes Brother Brassell

BMWED Allied Fed Local Lodge 670, headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., held its regular quarterly meeting on Aug. 28. Vice Chairmen Andrew Shelton and Nate Trawick were in attendance to discuss issues and answer questions for the membership. Local Chairman Jeff Joines also presented retired BMWED Director and former Allied Fed General Chairman Randall Brassell with a retirement pocket watch.



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Allied Local 75 presents retirement plaques to Brothers Anglin and Downey

Allied Federation Local Lodge 0075 held its regular quarterly meeting Aug. 22 in Covington, Va. During the meeting, Vice Chairman Roy Griffith (middle) presented retirees Larry Anglin (left) and Ezekiel "Zeke" Downey (right) with plaques commemorating their retirement and their many years of membership in the BMWED.



BMWED Diversity Committee meets at Teamster Hispanic Caucus banquet in Florida

Members of the BMWED Diversity Committee attended the Teamster Hispanic Caucus Florida Chapter's Fifth Annual Gala Banquet in Orlando on Oct. 11. Pictured here with Teamster Hispanic Caucus Florida Chapter President Olga Gonzales (center) are BMWED Diversity Committee members Jorge Flores, BMWED Vice President Roger Sanchez, Tim Hoffman and Murphy Evans.



Brother Roger Duncan Retires

Lodge officers of BMWED Local Lodge 2729 presented Brother Roger Duncan with a plaque upon his retirement on Aug. 31. Brother Duncan began his career with the Missouri Pacific Railroad on Aug. 28, 1972. Congrats, Brother Roger!



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BMWED sends its largest-ever contingent to Teamsters Women's Conference

The BMWED sent 10 female members — its largest group to date — to this year's Teamsters Women's Conference in Chicago. These 10 women, track workers and BMWED members from various parts of the country, participated in pro-labor demonstrations downtown, took in speeches from IBT leaders and several pro-labor politicians, and participated in several workshops aimed at strengthening our union.

The BMWED Women's Committee raised \$1,655 from raffle tickets sold at the conference. The winning ticket holder won a quilt made by Sister Jennifer Ross (Burlington System Local 788) and three homemade baskets full of hair care products donated by Ms. Jan Alexander. The money raised will be used to send an additional BMWED female member to next year's IBT Women's Conference in Boston this coming August.



The BMWED sent 10 female members to this year's IBT Women's Conference in Chicago, a record attendance for our union.



A quilt made by Sister Jennifer Ross netted \$1,655 in proceeds, which will be used to send an additional BMWED Sister to next year's conference in Boston.



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