

Train Times - Close Calls and Incidents

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Semi vs. train accident knocks out power to hundreds in Winona

Winona, MN, January 31, 2019

“More than two hundred residences on Winona’s west end are without power after a train collided with a tractor-trailer Thursday night.”

Train, tractor collide near Minto

Minto, ND, March 18, 2019

“No one was injured when a train hit a tractor Monday afternoon near Minto, N.D., officials said. Sherlock said the incident could have been much worse and ‘anytime anyone walks away from an accident, it’s a good day.’”

Central Minnesota sugar beet truck driver dies in crash with train

Raymond, MN, October 23, 2018.

“The driver of a semi hauling sugar beets died Monday evening, Oct. 22, in collision with a Burlington Northern Santa Fe train near Raymond in west-central Minnesota...”

Four treated after semi carrying anhydrous ammonia, train collide near Murdock, Minn.

Murdock, MN, May 7, 2013

“Authorities said they believe the semi was carrying anhydrous ammonia. The National Safety Council says anhydrous ammonia is a source of nitrogen fertilizer for crops and improper handling can cause severe respiratory injuries. Residents within a 2-mile radius were asked to stay away.”

CRASH BETWEEN SNOWPLOW, TRAIN AVOIDED WHEN SHERIFF LEARNS OF EMERGENCY NUMBER AT RAIL CROSSING.

Day County, SD, March 10, 2019

Only minor injuries reported after freight train/semi crash in Oconomowoc

Oconomowoc, WI, March 27, 2019

“The driver of a semi truck that was struck by a freight train March 22 in Oconomowoc has been issued with several citations, according to police. ‘We had 94 cars of ethanol on that train, which is highly flammable,’ Buerger said. ‘If we would have had a derailment or a puncture, the circumstances would have changed significantly. The fact we had a train versus semi collision and we had the entire scene cleaned up and the roadway open within seven hours says a lot.’”

Person killed in train-tractor crash identified

Clay County, NE, September 27, 2018

“NSP officials added that Unger's tractor had been in a convoy of farm equipment and was pulling a grain cart. There was also one farm vehicle in front of the tractor with another behind it, and both were also affected in the crash.”

25-Year-Old Man Dead in Illinois Tractor-Train Crash

Wyanet, IL, November 23, 2018

“An Illinois man who was killed on Thanksgiving when his farm tractor collided with an Amtrak train was newly married and 25 years old.”

Hibbing Man Dies When Road Grader Collides With Train

Zim, MN, July 7, 2017

“Authorities say a Hibbing man died when a train struck a road grader in the northeastern Minnesota town of Zim.”