

Protocol for Railway Personnel involved in Suicide Incidents

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Case Number	Interview Date
Relationship to Incident Train Driver Conductor Other Specify:	ID Number of Interviewer
	Interview Venue
Comments:	Time Interview Started _____ Time Interview Ended _____

1. Train driver details:

- a. Name:
- b. Age:
- c. Gender:
- d. Race/Ethnicity:
- e. Years of experience with railroad:
- f. No. of railroad suicides witnessed:
- g. No. of other railroad deaths witnessed:

2. Train Characteristics:

- a. Type: Units Pushing, Units Pulling, Standing,
- b. Function: Freight, Passenger, Yard Switching, Other (mixed trains, work trains, light locomotives, single car or cut of cars)
- c. Regular Time: Delayed, On time

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3. Location of suicide:

- a. City, State:
- b. Proximity to railroad crossing: _____ miles
- c. Track Class: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, unknown

4. Conditions at time of suicide:

- a. Time of day: Dawn, Day, Dusk, Night
- b. Weather: Clear, Cloudy, Rainy, Foggy, Sleet, Snowy, Other
- c. Temperature: <25 degrees, 25 - 50 degrees, 50 – 75 degrees, >75 degrees
- d. Visibility: Unlimited Somewhat limited Quite limited
 Severely limited

5. Speed of train at time of impact: _____miles/hour

6. Eye-witnesses present:

- a. Railway personnel: Employee on Duty, Employee Not on Duty, Contractor, Other
- b. Non-railway personnel: Passenger, Bystander, Other

6a. Interviewee as eyewitness:

- a. Estimated number of seconds that interviewee saw decedent prior to impact: ____
- b. Did decedent make eye contact with interviewee?
- c. Describe interviewee's efforts to prevent impact:
- d. Describe decedent's approach to tracks (e.g., deliberate walk, running, sitting or lying on tracks...):
- e. Describe decedent's demeanor/behavior (e.g., confused, frantic,...):

7. Events following the incident:

8. Injuries sustained (other than those to decedent):

- a. Railway personnel: Employee on Duty, Employee Not on Duty, Contractor, Other
- b. Non-railway personnel: Passenger, Bystander, Other

9. Possible prevention mechanisms:

10. Notes:

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