Protocol for Railway Personnel involved in Suicide Incidents

OMB No. 2130-XXXX

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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