

special employee advisory

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Amtrak Statement on Employee Fatality

The following statement was released today with permission from the family of Steven Rychwalski, the Engineering department employee who passed away as a result of being struck by an *Acela Express* train yesterday:

Amtrak is saddened to announce the death of Steven Rychwalski, the employee struck Wednesday morning by an Acela Express train near New Carrollton.

“On behalf of all Amtrak employees, I offer my deepest condolences to the family of Steven Rychwalski,” said Alex Kummant, Amtrak’s President and CEO. “Steven was an exceptional member of the Amtrak family, and we mourn his untimely passing.”

Rychwalski, of White Marsh, Md., was injured early Wednesday, August 20 when he was struck by an Acela Express train north of the New Carrollton station. He was transported to a local hospital where he passed away.

Rychwalski, 22, joined Amtrak in 2005 and was working as an inspector for the Communications & Signals department at the time of his death.

Acela Express 2150 was traveling from Washington to Boston at the time of the incident. There were no injuries on board the train.

Please distribute at all safety meetings and post on all employee bulletin boards.



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