

Federal Railroad Administration  
Office of Safety - Headquarters  
Employee on Duty Fatality Investigation Assignments  
January - December, 2003

1. January 14, 2003-Tuesday- CSX Transportation (CSX), Waycross, Georgia  
A 46-year-old bridge mechanic who was working on the counterweight of an American Crane, crushed his finger, was taken to the hospital, and died the next day after surgery.
2. January 30, 2003-Thursday- New Jersey Transit Rail (NJTR), West Secaucus, New Jersey  
A 47-year-old maintenance-of-way machine operator suffered an apparent heart attack while performing his duties.
3. February 11, 2003-Tuesday- Canadian National/Illinois Central (CNIC), Flat Rock, Michigan  
A 57-year-old brakeman was struck and killed by a cut of cars being shoved by another crew.
4. February 16, 2003-Sunday- CSX Transportation (CSX), Syracuse, New York  
A 36-year-old switchman was struck and killed by a free-rolling car kicked into a track by his own crew.
5. February 18, 2003-Tuesday- CSX Transportation (CSX), Cheektowaga, New York  
A 51-year-old conductor was crushed and killed when the car he was riding struck a four-car cut out to foul.
6. February 20, 2003-Thursday- Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), Galesburg, Illinois  
A 47-year-old switchman suffered an apparent heart attack and died while performing his duties.
7. February 25, 2003-Tuesday- Union Pacific (UP), Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
A 56-year-old carman suffered an apparent heart attack and died while performing his duties.
8. April 4, 2003-Friday- Belt Railway of Chicago (BRC), Chicago, Illinois  
A 56-year-old machinist in the locomotive roundhouse suffered an apparent heart attack and died while performing his duties.
9. April 11, 2003-Friday- Union Pacific (UP), Pocatello, Idaho  
A 55-year-old conductor was killed when the car he was riding derailed and crushed him.
10. April 25, 2003-Friday- Norfolk Southern (NS), Danville, Virginia  
A 54-year-old conductor suffered an apparent heart attack and died while performing his duties.
11. April 29, 2003-Tuesday- Union Pacific (UP), Piedmont, Missouri  
A 61-year-old maintenance-of-way work equipment mechanic suffered an apparent heart attack and died while performing his duties.
12. June 6, 2003-Friday- CSX Transportation (CSX), Kingsport, Tennessee  
A 35-year-old brakeman was killed when the box car he was riding was struck by a semi-tractor trailer truck. The brakeman was directing the shove move through town to an industrial spot.
13. June 8, 2003-Sunday- Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), La Mirada, California  
A 34-year-old conductor was killed when he jumped from the cab of the lead locomotive of his train while it was moving at approximately 25 MPH.
14. June 6, 2003-Friday- CSX Transportation (CSX), Tullahoma, Tennessee  
A 51-year-old trackman suffered an apparent heart attack and died while performing his duties.
15. June 26, 2003-Thursday- Conrail Shared Assets (CSA), Sterling Heights, Michigan  
A 54-year-old car inspector suffered an apparent heart attack and died while performing his duties.

16. June 27, 2003-Monday- Norfolk Southern (NS), Wauseon, Ohio  
A 46-year-old maintenance-of-way employee suffered a stroke and died while performing his duties and operating a motor vehicle.
17. July 31, 2003-Thursday- Metro North Commuter Railroad (MNCW), New York, New York  
A custodian suffered an apparent heart attack and died while on duty.
18. August 2, 2003-Saturday- Union Pacific (UP), Marshall, Texas  
A road conductor was inspecting his train and was later found by the locomotive engineer in the prone position and unresponsive. EMS personal pronounced him dead at the scene.
19. August 23, 2003-Saturday- Union Pacific (UP), Portland, Oregon  
A 51-year-old carman suffered an apparent heart attack and died while on duty.
20. August 25, 2003-Monday- Lancaster and Chester Railway Co. (LC), Chester, South Carolina  
A 29-year-old conductor was killed while switching a plant.
21. August 28, 2003-Thursday- Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), Minneapolis, Minnesota  
A 56-year-old engineering department employee became ill during a rules class and, after being taken to the hospital, died eleven hours later.
22. September 12, 2003-Friday- Georgia Central Railway (GC), Dublin, Georgia  
A 45-year-old trainman was struck and killed by his own cut of cars while performing switching operations at a local plant.
23. September 14, 2003-Sunday- Union Pacific Railroad (UP), Ogden, Utah  
A 54-year-old switch foreman fell from two cars he was riding down a track in the yard, was severely injured, and died later on at a local hospital.
24. September 19, 2003-Friday- Port Terminal Railroad Association (PTRA), LaPorte, Texas  
A 74-year-old switchman suffered an apparent heart attack and died while on duty.
25. September 24, 2003-Wednesday- Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), Fresno, California  
A 36-year-old switch foreman fell off a cut of cars he was shoving into a track and was killed when the cars rolled over him.
26. October 2, 2003-Wednesday- Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), Gillette, Wyoming  
A 57-year-old track laborer suffered an apparent heart attack and died while on duty.
27. October 15, 2003-Wednesday- Norfolk Southern (NS), Baltimore, Maryland  
A 53-year-old switchman suffered an apparent heart attack and died while on duty.
28. October 20, 2003-Monday- Long Island Railroad (LIRR), Copaigue, New York  
A 41-year-old electric traction employee was struck and killed by a passing train operating on an adjacent main track.
29. October 21, 2003-Tuesday- Norfolk Southern (NS), Roanoke, Virginia  
A 53-year-old clerk suffered an apparent heart attack and died while on duty.
30. October 22, 2003-Wednesday- Canadian National/Illinois Central (CNIC), Grenada, Miss.  
A 39-year-old bridge worker was performing duties on the Yalobusha River Bridge when he fell from the bridge into the river and was later found dead.
31. October 26, 2003-Sunday- Union Pacific Railroad (UP), Sioux City, Iowa  
A 52-year-old conductor suffered an apparent heart attack and died while on duty.

32. October 30, 2003-Thursday- Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), Argyle, Iowa  
A 60-year-old maintenance-of-way foreman was struck and killed by a passing train while providing flag protection for a crew performing work on an adjacent main track.
33. November 12, 2003-Friday- Norfolk Southern (NS), Conway Yard, Pennsylvania  
A 57-year-old maintenance-of-way employee suffered an apparent heart attack and died while on duty.
34. December 6, 2003-Saturday- Massachusetts Bay Commuter Rail (MBCR), Wellesley, MA.  
A 50-year-old bridge & building employee was struck and killed by a passing CSX freight train while clearing snow from the Wellesley Farms passenger station platforms.
35. December 7, 2003-Sunday- Union Pacific (UP), San Antonio, Texas  
A 36-year-old remote control locomotive switching foreman was struck and killed by his own locomotive while working at the West end of UP's East yard.
36. December 11, 2003-Thursday- Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), Valley City, N.D.  
A 54-year-old welder suffered an apparent heart attack and died while on duty.