

Federal Railroad Administration  
Office of Safety - Headquarters  
Employee on Duty Fatality Investigation Assignments  
January - November, 2006

1. February 7, 2006-Tuesday- BNSF Railway (BNSF), Tacoma, Washington  
A 55 year old carman, working with others to re-rail a derailed car, was killed when the freight car shifted.
2. February 8, 2006-Wednesday- Union Pacific (UP), Ranger, Wyoming  
A conductor suffered an apparent heart attack and died while performing his duties.
3. March 3, 2006-Friday- BNSF Railway (BNSF), Beryn, Illinois  
An on duty ticket agent was killed when an automobile collided with the wall of the building in which she was working, knocking it down and crushing her.
4. April 2, 2006-Sunday- Lake Superior & Ishpeming (LSI), Palmer, Michigan  
A conductor, while riding the leading end of a shove move, fell off and was struck and killed by the car he had been riding.
5. May 2, 2006-Wednesday- BNSF Railway (BNSF), Memphis, Tennessee  
A conductor suffered an apparent heart attack and died while at his away from home terminal.
6. April 22, 2006-Saturday- Union Pacific (UP), Los Angeles, California  
An electrician suffered an apparent heart attack and died while performing his duties.  
(Late Report)
7. May 11, 2006-Thursday- Norfolk Southern (NS), Roanoke, Virginia  
A track worker suffered an apparent heart attack and died while performing his duties.
8. June 22, 2006- Thursday- Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA), Gloucester, Ma.  
A track worker, serving with a tie installation gang, was crushed and died when he was caught between two pieces of on-track equipment.
9. July 11, 2006-Tuesday- BNSF Railway (BNSF), Memphis, Tennessee  
A 55 year old railcar repairman was struck and killed by a free rolling railcar as he was preparing to get into his Wheel Truck repair vehicle.
10. August 14, 2006-Monday- CSX Transportation (CSX), Green Cove Springs, Florida  
A 41 year old conductor suffered an apparent heart attack and died while performing switching duties.

11. August 16, 2006-Wednesday- Union Pacific (UP), Atwater, California

A track foreman, performing his duties, was hit and killed by a passing rental truck while parked on the shoulder of highway 99.

12. August 21, 2006-Monday- Florida East Coast (FEC), Bona Venture, Florida

A 45 year old conductor was riding the leading end of a cut of cars into a plant and over a road crossing in the plant when the movement struck a truck fatality injuring the conductor.

13. August 25, 2006-Friday- Norfolk Southern (NS), Chicago, Illinois

During a flat switching operation, the conductor attempted to couple cars attached to his locomotive with 2 cars standing on a track. The coupling did not occur and a short time later, the conductor was found run over by one of the two standing cars.

14. September 10, 2006-Sunday- Alton & Southern (ALS), East St. Louis, Illinois

A two-person crew was in the process of making up a locomotive consist using two adjacent tracks. After having set over one of the locomotives, the conductor was riding the leading end of the two locomotives into the adjacent track when his hand signals went out of sight, the movement was stopped and the engineer went back to discover the conductor had been crushed between the locomotive he had just set out and the locomotive he was riding.

15. September 12, 2006-Tuesday- Norfolk Southern (NS), Elkhart, Indiana

A carman suffered an apparent heart attack and died while performing his duties.

16. September 27, 2006-Wednesday- METRA Commuter Rail, Harvey, Illinois

An on-duty police officer was fatally shot while parked in his patrol car and observing the Sibley Station passenger platform.

17. October 5, 2006-Thursday- Union Pacific (UP), Golconda, Nevada

A 63-year-old conductor suffered an apparent heart attack and died while performing his duties.

18. October 13, 2006-Friday- Union Pacific (UP), Pajaro, California

A two-person crew, performing switching operations with a remote control locomotive, were in the process of shoving three cars with the intent of cutting them off and letting them free roll into a track at Watsonville Junction. The two men were working on opposite sides of the on-track movement. The cars were cut off, the conductor noticed something under the cars and, upon further investigation determined that his helper had been run over.

19. October 26, 2006- Thursday- Union Pacific (UP), Cisco, Utah.

A machine operator, serving with a tie installation gang, was killed when the piece of machinery he was operating was struck by another piece of on-track machinery that had been following him.

20. November 4, 2006-Saturday- Conrail (CR), South Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

A 61-year-old machinist suffered an apparent heart attack and died while performing his duties.