



Fatality Analysis of Maintenance-of-way
Employees and Signalmen

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January 7, 2025: At approximately 8:38 am (PDT) Amtrak Train 11 struck a Roadway Worker at Richmond Station in California. The workgroup was notified to occupy the Pre-determined Place of Safety, and the on-track protection was released. Train 11 was traveling south at 63.9 MPH when the engineer placed the train into emergency to avoid striking the worker who was fouling the track. The worker was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries to their right arm and shoulder.

Take Away

Although this recent incident has not yet been analyzed, FAMES reminds all roadway workers:

- There is no work that is worth losing your life.
- When workers are notified that they will no longer have on-track protection, they must stop any work requiring this protection and clear to the Pre-determined Place of Safety (PPOS).

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