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CP train conductor killed in workplace accident in downtown Calgary

Internal bulletin to employees warns man's death 'serves as a reminder to remain vigilant'

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A Canadian Pacific Railway conductor was killed Monday in downtown Calgary after possibly being struck by moving equipment, according to an internal bulletin to employees.

The CP bulletin, obtained by CBC News, says preliminary details indicate the conductor was walking to the front of his train, No. 201-18, when he was fatally injured by equipment on the adjacent track.

The accident occurred on the CP tracks adjacent to 9th Avenue S.W. in downtown Calgary, the union says.

Transport Canada is leading an investigation, which also involves federal labour officials, into what the union calls "a workplace accident."

CP Rail confirmed the death in a press release Thursday afternoon.

"The company's deepest sympathies go out to the employee's family and friends. CP is offering counselling to the family and our employees," it read in part.

News of the man's death first came to light publicly when Teamsters Canada issued a press release.

"As we prepare to enter the holiday season, I am sad to report that one of our Teamster families will be in mourning," François Laporte, president of Teamsters Canada, said in the news release.

"On behalf of our over 125,000 members, I would like to express my sincerest condolences to the victim's loved ones and co-workers.

"Once the facts have been determined, the union will sit down with CP and Transport Canada to address the issue more broadly," reads the news release.

'Remain vigilant,' CP warns

In the short internal notice, CP offered condolences before warning employees of safety.

"It is imperative that all employees working on or about tracks must always expect movement at any time from any direction," the internal note said. "This incident serves as a reminder to remain vigilant when it comes to your safety and the safety of your colleagues."

CP Rail has not responded to interview requests from CBC News.

The Calgary Police Service says it was called just before noon Monday but the matter is now in the hands of the Canadian Pacific Police Service, a private force that services rails and CP facilities.

The final investigation report will be shared only with the affected workplace parties, including management and union representatives, according to Employment and Social Development Canada, which is responsible for the Canada Labour Code.

<http://teamsters.ca/en/blog/2018/11/21/fatal-accident-at-cp-in-calgary/>

FATAL ACCIDENT AT CANADIAN PACIFIC

Calgary, November 22, 2018 – A train conductor employed by Canadian Pacific (CP) died as the result of a workplace accident on Monday afternoon. The accident occurred on the CP rail tracks adjacent to 9th avenue in downtown Calgary. His union, the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC), has been advised that a Transport Canada investigation is ongoing.

"As we prepare to enter the holiday season, I am sad to report that one of our Teamster families will be in mourning," said François Laporte, President of Teamsters Canada, the largest transportation union in the country. "On behalf of our over 125,000 members, I would like to express my sincerest condolences to the victim's loved ones and co-workers."

Teamsters will cooperate fully with Transport Canada and monitor the investigation's progress closely. Once the facts have been determined, the union will sit down with CP and Transport Canada to address the issue more broadly.

"While the loss of a fellow railroader is always tragic, it seems even more so at this time of year," said Doug Finnson, President of the TCRC. "Over the holidays, I hope we will all keep a place in our hearts to remember our deceased co-worker."

"Once again, we remind everyone to stay vigilant and aware of their surroundings at all times while at work," added Finnson.

Out of respect for the victim's loved ones, and because of the ongoing investigation, the Teamsters will make no further comment at this time.

Teamsters represent close to 125,000 workers across Canada, including over 12,000 workers in the rail industry. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, with which Teamsters Canada is affiliated, has 1.4 million members in North America.

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Local rail workers feel the loss of Calgary conductor killed in accident

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A Canadian Pacific train conductor who died after an accident in downtown Calgary on Monday was not based out of Medicine Hat, local union officials tell the News, but add that all rail workers consider it a loss.

"It's very sad to hear about this happening to one of our brothers," said Bo Sadownick, the local union president with Teamsters Rail Conference Div. 322.

It represents about 300 workers at the Medicine Hat marshalling yards who handle runs in and out of Calgary.

"For everyone, it really highlights how dangerous the work can be."

The Teamsters national office announced on Thursday morning that the accident occurred Monday on tracks adjacent to Ninth Avenue in downtown Calgary. No more information is being released, though the union says it will monitor a Transportation Safety Board investigation that is now underway.

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