Worker found crushed to death in suburban rail yard

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A Chicago man was found dead this morning in a southwest suburban rail yard, crushed between two freight cars, officials said.

Killed was Andres Tapia, 34, of the 5600 block of South Keeler Avenue, who the Cook County medical examiner's office said was an employee at the yard.

An autopsy is scheduled for this morning.

Tapia was found sometime this morning on the grounds of the Belt Railway Company of Chicago in the 6900 block of South Central Avenue in Bedford Park, according to a spokeswoman for the medical examiner's office.

He was discovered crushed between two freight cars, the spokeswoman said, though it wasn't immediately clear how that happened.

Tapia was taken to Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, where he was pronounced dead at 1:32 a.m.

Officials with the railway company and Bedford Park police weren't immediately able to provide details on the incident this morning.

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