



Castle Rock train crash victim a friend to many

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LONGVIEW, Wash. -- One of the victims in the deadly crash involving a train and a van in Longview Wednesday was from Castle Rock, Washington.

Steven Sebastian, 60, was driving the shuttle van when it was struck by the train.

Neighbors in Castle Rock said Sebastian was the kind of man who would always help other people out.

“He was somebody that really cared about other people. He wasn’t afraid to come over and help you,” said friend and neighbor Jay Boyd. “All I ever had to do was call him and he’d be over.”

Along with being a handy-man in the neighborhood, Sebastian drove shuttle vans for Coach America as his full-time job. Boyd said his friend was always very safety-conscious.

Coach America officials said Sebastian was an experienced commercial driver. They said he already had several years of experience before they hired him about two years ago.

Coach America often contracts out drivers to shuttle workers at the Burlington Northern Sante Fe rail yard in Longview. That's what Sebastian was doing when he died.

“He’s gonna be missed,” Boyd added.