

## **NJ Transit worker killed by locomotive - NorthJersey.com**

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A locomotive struck and killed a 63-year-old NJ Transit worker Monday at a maintenance yard in Kearny.

Greg Kastner, an employee for seven years at NJ Transit, was pronounced dead after efforts to revive him at the scene were unsuccessful, officials said.

NJ Transit officials, who did not provide Kastner's hometown, said they are investigating the incident in conjunction with the Federal Rail Administration.

Preliminary reports indicate the locomotive's braking system had not been engaged at the time of the accident, officials said.

NJ Transit Executive Director James Weinstein offered condolences to Kastner's family, friends and co-workers and promised to probe the matter thoroughly.

"We are conducting a thorough investigation of this matter to fully understand all of the facts of this unfortunate loss," he said.

After the accident, NJ Transit spoke with agency employees who perform similar tasks to remind them of safety procedures, spokesman Dan Stessel said.

Stessel said counselors were also made available to employees affected by the loss.

Kastner, whose job was to help shuttle engines in the Meadows Maintenance Facility yard, had just completed fueling his engine, and was walking back to another locomotive, when he was struck, officials said.

NJ Transit police and emergency personnel attempted to revive him after immediately responding to the scene around 3:30 a.m., officials said.

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