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In the Line of Duty: Metrolink locomotive engineer Glenn W. Steele

CLEVELAND, March 3 — BLET member Glenn W. Steele, 62, has passed away due to traumatic injuries suffered in a Metrolink collision on February 24, 2015.

"It is with great sadness that the BLET National Division reports this tragic news to our membership," BLET National President Dennis Pierce said. "Brother Steele was a highly-trained and professional locomotive engineer who was dedicated to his craft and his Brotherhood, and to his family whom he loved. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Steele family during this difficult time."

Brother Steele, BLET Division 20 (Los Angeles), was working as a locomotive engineer for Metrolink on February 24, 2015, when his train collided with an abandoned heavy-duty pickup truck on the tracks near Oxnard, Calif. Brother Steele was in critical condition for more than a week following the crash. His heart stopped twice while receiving medical treatment during that time. The train's conductor and Steele's student engineer, also a BLET member, sustained injuries but were released after receiving treatment.

Brother Steele is survived by his wife, three children, and one grandchild. He first joined the BLET nearly 42 years ago, effective October 1, 1973.

BLET Division 20 has established an assistance fund for the Steele family to help with expenses during their tragic time of need. Donations can be made through the link below:

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