Amtrak worker dies from injuries following industrial accident at Beech Grove facility

BEECH GROVE, Ind. (August 24, 2015) – An Amtrak worker at the Beech Grove facility succumbed to his injuries after he was burned Saturday morning.

The Beech Grove Fire Department responded to the Amtrak maintenance facility at 202 Garstang Street around 11:40 a.m. with reports of a person burned.

The man was an employee at the diesel shop, and he was transported to the Richard M. Fairbanks Burn Center at Eskenazi Hospital. He was later identified as Andrew Swanson, 27.

At this point in time it is still unclear how the victim was burned. According to Amtrak Corporate Communications there was an industrial accident, and they are conducting an investigation.

Amtrak released this statement Monday:

Dear Co-workers,

It is with great sadness that I share with you that we lost a member of our Amtrak family this past weekend. The employee was working at our Beech Grove Maintenance Facility when he was injured in an industrial accident, and later passed away at the hospital. Out of respect for the family during this difficult time, we are not naming the employee and will honor his life and Amtrak service in our thoughts and prayers.

We are conducting a full investigation so that we learn from what happened and can take the necessary actions to prevent another such incident.

It is hard to cope with a tragedy like this and I want to remind you that our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) counselors are available to speak with you should the need arise. Assistance is always available by going to [http://www.achievesolutions.net/AmtrakEAP](http://www.achievesolutions.net/AmtrakEAP) and finding a counselor located near you or calling 1 (844)-Amtrak1 (1-844-268-7251).

This is a difficult time for the Amtrak family as we mourn the loss of one of our own. Our prayers and thoughts are with the employee’s family, friends and co-workers. Please redouble your focus on safety so that we can prevent future tragedies.

Sincerely,

Joe Boardman

President and CEO