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Behrend grad, former local firefighter killed in New Orleans train accident

Staff report

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A Penn State Behrend graduate who served on two Erie-area volunteer fire departments while in school died Saturday in a train accident in New Orleans.

Kyle Liebold, 25, an employee of Norfolk Southern, died after being struck by a train along a rail line at 6:22 a.m. Saturday, according to a report in the Greater New Orleans Times-Picayune and on NOLA.com.

Liebold, a Clairton native, graduated from Penn State Behrend in 2014 with a degree in interdisciplinary business with engineering studies, school spokesman Robb Frederick said this morning.

Liebold was a member of the Brookside Fire Co. St 24 in Harborcreek Township for four years while in college. He was also a member of Perry Hi-Way Hose Company in Summit Township and lived at the department's fire station for a time, officials said this morning.