UP engineer suffers fatal cardiac arrest on locomotive in Roseville yard

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A 52-year-old locomotive engineer suffered a fatal cardiac arrest March 5 at Union Pacific's Roseville yard, according to a report from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

The incident occurred at 6:13 p.m. while a train was stationary on the tracks, with rail operations otherwise unaffected. The man was later pronounced dead at a local hospital.

Spokesmen for Union Pacific and the Placer County Sheriff's Office confirmed the deceased man as 52-year-old Peter Poching, a Lincoln resident. Poching's LinkedIn page lists him as having worked as a Union Pacific conductor since 2007.

The company was “deeply saddened by the recent loss” of Poching, according to Union Pacific's Roseville Service Unit superintendent Jim Rawlinson in a written statement.

“Our thoughts are with his family, friends and our entire service unit during this undoubtedly difficult time,” Rawlinson wrote. “He will be missed by all who knew him.”

Brother Poching's viewing was held on March 10th, at the Chapel of the Valley at 97 Vernon Street in Roseville, California from 12pm to 3pm