Yemassee railroad worker struck and killed by train, officials say

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A CSX worker was performing maintenance on the railroad tracks in Hampton County when he was struck and killed on Friday, Nov. 30, 2018. Here's what we know.

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A CSX railroad worker was struck and killed by a train Friday morning near a main street in Estill, officials said Friday afternoon.

The CSX employee was identified as John Youmans, who worked out of Yemassee, according to a statement from CSX.

Youmans died in the incident after 10 a.m. on tracks near Martin Luther King Boulevard, Hampton County Coroner Ernie Washington Sr. told The Island Packet on Friday.

He was performing maintenance on the railroad tracks at the time he was killed, CSX officials said in a media statement.

Youmans worked for CSX for 10 years and is survived by his wife, Kelly, and three children, according to CSX officials.

CSX officials said they are working with law enforcement at the scene of the accident as of Friday afternoon.

“Safety is CSX’s highest priority and our goal is for every employee to return home safely to his or her family at the end of every day,” the statement from CSX said. “Losing a fellow railroader is difficult for everyone at CSX, and we will fully investigate this incident to understand what happened and how it could have been prevented.”

CSX is a major freight transportation company across the U.S.
Man struck, killed by train in Estill

ESTILL, SC —
CSX is investigating after one of its workers was struck and killed by a train Friday morning while working on the tracks.

Capt. Alex Williams with the Estill Police Dept. tells WJCL 22 News that a call came into dispatch just before 10:30 a.m. about an individual being struck by a train.

The accident happened on the tracks alongside Highway 321 between Wyman Blvd. and Baker Blvd. near Estill Gas Company.
CSX identified the victim as John Youmans, of Yemassee.

He had been with CSX for ten years and is survived by his wife, Kelly, and three children.

CSX says Youmans was performing maintenance on the tracks when he was struck.

Company officials did not say how the accident happened but did say that they are working with law enforcement.

"CSX has reached out to his family to offer assistance during this very difficult time, and we extend our deepest sympathies to them," CSX said in a statement. "Safety is CSX’s highest priority and our goal is for every employee to return home safely to his or her family at the end of every day. Losing a fellow railroader is difficult for everyone at CSX, and we will fully investigate this incident to understand what happened and how it could have been prevented."

Williams said another worker was working with the victim but was not injured.
ESTILL, S.C. (WSAV) - Officials say a CSX worker was struck and killed by a train in Hampton County Friday morning. The Hampton County Coroner and CSX have identified the victim as John Youmans.

Youmans is said to have been working on welding on a track near Nixville Road and E. Railroad Avenue around 10:30 a.m. when he was hit.

CSX says Youmans worked for the company for 10 years out of Yemassee. He is survived by his wife, Kelly, and three children.

"Safety is CSX’s highest priority and our goal is for every employee to return home safely to his or her family at the end of every day," the company said in a statement to News 3. "Losing a fellow railroader is difficult for everyone at CSX, and we will fully investigate this incident to understand what happened and how it could have been prevented."

CSX personnel responded to the scene along with local law enforcement.

The incident remains under investigation.

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