Investigation into fatal NW Kansas train accident continues

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LOGAN COUNTY — Authorities continue to investigate a fatal train incident in Oakley. The incident occurred just after 9 p.m. Dec. 30, near U.S. 83 and the East Front Street crossing, according to Union Pacific spokesperson Hannah Bolte.

Union Pacific conductor Jeffrey Hague, 34, Bennington, died from his injuries. He had worked at Union Pacific for 10 years.

Bolte released no additional details Monday as the investigation continues.

OAKLEY — Officials from the Union Pacific Railroad are investigating an accident in Logan County that resulted in the death of a railroad employee.

UP spokeswomen Hannah Bolte said Monday the incident occurred just after 9 p.m. Sunday in Oakley near the crossing of U.S. 83 and East Front Street.

Bolte said she couldn’t go into detail about the incident because the investigation is ongoing and the company is making notifications to family.

“Right now, our thoughts and prayers are with that employee’s family,” Bolte said.

Railroad employee dies in train accident in northwest Kansas

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A Union Pacific Railroad employee has been killed in an accident at a crossing in northwest Kansas.

Railroad officials said the incident happened at around 9 p.m. Sunday near Highway 83 and East Front Street in Oakley. An employee onboard the train died. That person has not been identified.

Details surrounding the incident were not released.

Union Pacific said Monday afternoon that the incident is under investigation and crews were working to get the rail reopened.
Union Pacific employee killed in Logan County railroad accident

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LOGAN COUNTY, Kan. An employee with the Union Pacific Railroad died Sunday night in what the company calls "a train-related incident."

It happened a little after 9 p.m. Sunday near Highway 83 and East Front Street in Oakley. As the accident remains under investigation, Union Pacific isn't releasing details about the employee nor what led to the employee's death.

A spokesperson for the company did say this is something they don't often see. "It's a really difficult situation and our thoughts and prayers are with the employee's family," the UP spokesperson says.

LOCAL 495 MEMBER DIES IN TRAIN ACCIDENT

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Jeffrey Keith Hague, 34, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018, as the result of a railroad accident in Oakley, Kan.

Hague was a conductor for Union Pacific and a member of Local 495 (Salina, Kan.) since 2012.

Hague was the salutatorian of his 2002 graduating class. He went on from high school to receive an associate's degree from North Central Missouri College and then earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Missouri Western University. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and doing farm work.

Hague is survived by his parents, Dale and Kelly Hague; his significant other, Sabrina Jones, and her children, Tyler and Tydus Jones; a brother, Jason Hague, a sister, Krista Hague, a nephew, Marshall Hague; his uncles, Dean (Linda) Hague, Don Hague and Dan (Theresa) Wollenzen; his aunts, Tracy Detwiler, Susanne (Eddie) Crawford and Melissa (Tony) McNear; a step-grandfather, Richard Foster; a step uncle, Steve Foster; as well as numerous cousins and friends.

Hague was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Dale and Shirley Hague; and his maternal grandparents, August Wollenzen and Carolyn Foster.

Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 702 S. 9th St., Salina, KS 67401. Another visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1711 Hillcrest Dr., Trenton, MO 64683. A funeral service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Burial will follow at the Half Rock Cemetery in Half Rock, Mo.

Memorial donations may be made to the Half Rock Cemetry Fund or to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

SMART TD expresses great sorrow at this tragic loss and extends condolences to the family, friends, local and all who knew Hague.