Contractor Dies After Being Found Bleeding at SW Side Railyard

A worker died after being found bleeding at a railyard on Chicago's Southwest Side Wednesday, authorities said.

According to Chicago Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford, first responders were called to the scene around 1 p.m. at the CSX intermodal facility in the 2100 block of West 59th Street. There, they found a man in a pool of blood, he said.

Langford said the man may have been operating a “tug,” or a machine that moves containers between a semi and a train. It appears the man was run over by the wheels of the machine, he said.

The man was taken to Advocate Christ Medical Center where he died just minutes after arriving, officials said.

“CSX is saddened to confirm that a company contractor was fatally injured this afternoon in the course of work at the CSX intermodal facility at 59th Street in Chicago, IL,” the company said in a statement. "CSX and its employees extend their deepest sympathies to the family, friends and co-workers impacted by this tragic event. The safety of our employees and of those who work on behalf of CSX is our highest priority. CSX personnel and local authorities are coordinating to investigate the incident."

Further information on what happened or the man’s identity were not immediately released.
Chicago Paramedics from Ambulance 49 found him in a pool of blood and went to work on him immediately, but he died on the way to Christ Hospital. A Fire Department spokesman said the injuries paramedics found were consistent with being run over.

Police are investigating.


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**Berwyn man dead after being run over by trailer at CSX rail yard on South Side**

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A Berwyn man was pronounced dead after being run over by a trailer Wednesday morning at the CSX rail yard in West Englewood.

Paramedics were called about 11:30 a.m. for a “driver down” at the CSX Intermodal Terminal rail yard at 2101 W. 59th St., according to the Chicago Fire Department. He was taken to Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, where he was pronounced dead.

The Cook County Medical Examiner’s Office identified him as Gabriel Sanchez, 47. An autopsy was conducted Thursday, but a ruling on his death was pending further investigation.

Sanchez was working at the rail yard for Strictly Trailer Repair, Inc., according to Rhonda Burke, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Department of Labor. The Westmont-based company is a contractor at the CSX facility.

Sanchez was operating a “spotter trailer” when he was struck by the driver’s side, rear tandem wheels of the trailer as he was moving a piece of equipment for repair, Burke said. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has open an investigation with his employer.

A spokesperson for the company did not respond to a request for comment Thursday.

Chicago Police described the vehicle operated by Sanchez as a tractor and said he had forgotten to take the vehicle out of drive before getting out. Police said Sanchez tried to get back into the vehicle, but fell and was run over.