Rail yard worker dies in Duryea

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DURYEA — A rail yard worker died inside a rail car Friday at Coxton Yards.

Germania Hose Co. Fire Chief Joe Korea said the man was working inside a tank car Friday afternoon when he apparently lost consciousness.

By the time rescue crews arrived, co-workers were retrieving the man’s lifeless body from the rail car, Korea said.

Korea said the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating.

Luzerne County Coroner Dan Hughes said the man was 29 years old and was not from the area, but he declined to release the victim’s name pending notification of his family.

Hughes said the man was pronounced dead at 3 p.m. at the rail yard. The cause and manner of death is pending an autopsy and investigation, Hughes said.

Rail yard worker who died identified

DURYEA — A rail yard worker who died at Coxton Yards on Friday has been identified.

Justin Fields, 29, of Maryland, died after being found unconscious inside a tank car, Luzerne County Coroner Dan Hughes said. Fields had been using an oxygen supply as he worked cleaning the interior of the tank, he said.

The cause of Fields’ death is still pending further testing, Hughes said.

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