UPDATE | Officials release name of CSX employee hit and killed by train

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WOOD COUNTY, W.Va. (WTAP) -- UPDATE 12/16/19 @ 4:30 p.m.

The Wood County Sheriff has released the name of the CSX employee who died after being hit by a train Saturday.

Sheriff Steve Stephens says Curtis C. McConihay, 32, of Southside, West Virginia was killed in the railroad accident near Parkersburg.

Sheriff Stephens also tells WSAZ.com Mason County deputy Matt McCormick was charged with notifying the McConihay family of their loss Saturday.

Deputy McCormick is the same deputy that was shot in the face just hours later at a home along Whitten Ridge Road. The Mason County Sheriff's Office says McCormick was shot while attempting to serve charges related to a shooting that happened Saturday.

Sheriff Stephens says the department's "hearts and prayers are with McCormick and his family."

ORIGINAL STORY 12/15/19

A person has died after being hit by a train Saturday near Parkersburg.

Our sister station, WTAP reports the person has been identified as a CSX employee, but a name has not been released.

WTAP reports it happened just before 4 p.m. close to DuPont road near the Chemours Washington Works.

"Chemours expresses our deepest sympathy to the family and co-workers of the individual who was killed in a tragic railroad accident near Washington Works late this afternoon," a statement read.

CSX confirmed the death in a statement saying, "A CSX employee was fatally injured following an incident involving a train today near Parkersburg, WV. CSX extends our deepest sympathy to the family, friends and co-workers of the individual. The incident is currently under investigation."

WASHINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — An employee for a freight transportation line was killed in a train derailment in West Virginia, a sheriff’s office said.
The CSX train went off the rails near a Chemours chemical plant in Washington, West Virginia, on Saturday afternoon, the Wood County Sheriff’s Office said in a Facebook post. The sheriff’s office on Monday said the man killed was 32-year-old Curtis C. McConihay of Southside, news outlets reported.

The Wood County Sheriff’s Office, Washington Bottom Volunteer Fire Department, Camden Clark Ambulance, Wood County Coroner’s Office and members of the plant security team responded to the scene.

CSX, the National Transportation Safety Board and other federal agencies are investigating.

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TD LOCAL 1386 MEMBER KILLED IN ACCIDENT
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SMART Transportation Division member Curtis C. McConihay of Local 1386 (Parkersburg, W.Va.) was killed in an accident on CSX property in Washington, W.Va., on Saturday.

Brother McConihay, 32, was a U.S. military veteran and lived in Southside, W.Va., with his wife, Megan, and their two daughters. He joined SMART-TD in May 2015 and was a conductor for CSX.

SMART-TD National Safety Director Jerry Gibson has requested that the National Transportation Safety Board launch an investigation into the accident due to divergences in the reports of the circumstances surrounding the fatal accident. Gibson continues to be in contact with the agency.

CSX and the Federal Railroad Administration are currently the only parties investigating.

However, Gibson states that an internal report into the incident will be performed by SMART-TD.

SMART-TD offers its sincere condolences to Brother McConihay’s family and friends and to the members of Local 1386 who worked with him and knew him.

This post will be updated with additional information as it becomes available.