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June 26, 2023 – A Conductor trainee who was riding the leading end of a shoving movement was fatally injured after falling into the path of the movement.

August 6, 2023 - A Conductor trainee who was riding the side of equipment was fatally injured after encountering a close clearance situation during a shove movement.

Take Away

While these recent cases have not yet been analyzed, the SOFA Working Group is concerned by the two fatalities that have occurred involving employees in training and reminds all employees to remain vigilant while mentoring inexperienced employees. Last, but not least, remember to always hold a job briefing whenever the job or situation changes, especially prior to making a shove movement.

Most Common Findings in Switching Operations Fatalities

Close / No Clearance Inexperienced Employee Industry Hazard Inadequate Job Briefing Struck by Mainline Train

25%

22%

21%

20%

17%

As a cross-industry collaboration for over 20 years, the SOFA Working Group has identified the Possible Contributing Factors for more than 210 switching operations fatalities since 1992. The SOFA Working Group reports its finding and emerging data trends with the goal of zero fatalities in the railroad industry.