

Train vs. Pedestrian

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Incident: Train vs. Pedestrian

Location: RR Tracks East of the Emma Wood Group Camp (Ventura River Area)

Date/Time Occurred: 06/22/16 @ 2:34 p.m.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura City Fire, Union Pacific Railroad Police

Victim(s): Name Withheld, 46 years, Arizona Resident

Report #: 16-8646

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Command Center was notified by Union Pacific Railroad dispatch reporting 3 juveniles that were seen by a train conductor jumping from a railroad trestle and that one of them was injured. Officers arrived on scene and found the victim, a 46-year-old male suffering from several non-life threatening injuries, the most serious being a broken arm. He was treated at the scene by Ventura City Fire personnel and later transported to VCMC.

Officers learned the 46-year-old male, and his 16-year-old niece and nephew, were taking pictures on a railroad trestle, when a northbound Amtrak train travelling at approximately 50 mph rounded a curve in the tracks. All three attempted to get off the trestle, but the victim was struck as the train passed and knocked him to the ground below. The niece and nephew did not get hit and were not injured.

The train continued, although an officer from Union Pacific Railroad was dispatched and responded to the scene.

The Ventura Police Department would like to remind the public that it is illegal to be trespassing on the railroad tracks or the immediate right of away. The public should exercise extreme caution around the railroad tracks, and only cross at authorized locations. Trains can take up to a mile and a half to come to a complete stop. Motorists and pedestrians should be mindful of train signals and not attempt to go under or around these signals until the safety arms have gone completely back up and the red lights have stopped flashing.