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On Monday, February 03, 2014, at 10:58, the St. Croix County Emergency Communications Center received a call from the Union Pacific railroad advising of an accident involving a train and a motor vehicle. This occurred at the railroad crossing on 150<sup>th</sup> St, just north of CTH TT, in Hammond Township. A Union Pacific train was westbound and struck a septic truck that was traveling southbound on 150<sup>th</sup> St. The driver of the truck was pronounced deceased at the scene by the St. Croix County Medical Examiner. There were no injuries to the occupants on the Union Pacific train.

The crossing is signed with a yield sign and railroad crossing sign. The crossing remains closed at this time. The identity of the driver of the truck is being withheld pending notification of family. This accident remains under investigation by the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office.

**Update 02/04/14:**

**The driver of the truck was identified as Benjamin C. Morgan, age 53, of Hudson.**

**Truck info: 1998 Mack Truck (Heavy Duty) listing to Tri County Sanitation Inc. out of Hudson, WI.**

**The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by United Fire and Rescue, Hammond Police Department, railroad police and the St. Croix County Medical Examiner.**