



Fatality Analysis of Maintenance-of-way
Employees and Signalmen

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November 5, 2022: At approximately 8:54 am (CDT) a 54-year-old roadway worker with 18 years of service was fatally injured when the oxygen/propane gases exploded in a compartment housing the cutting torch and hoses on the welding truck. The deceased employee was making a saw cut on the rail for a thermite weld when the sparks from the rail saw entered the truck compartment and ignited the gases.

Take Away

Although this recent tragedy has not yet been analyzed, the FAMES Committee reminds all roadway workers to remain vigilant. Ensure you safely store and transport combustible tanks and compartments are properly ventilated. Close valves when not in use. Ensure all hoses and components are in good condition and free from leaks. Be mindful of the direction of sparks when cutting or grinding.

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