

County Of Laclede



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SITUATION REPORT

06/30/2009 0930 hrs

On Monday June 29th at approximately 0830 hours, a train vs. train collision was reported by BNSF Railroad to the Laclede County Sheriff's Department Communications Center. Initial reports were limited; and local response was initiated. Crews from the Sleeper Fire Department, Laclede County Office of Emergency Management, Laclede County Sheriff's Department and St. Johns EMS made initial contact at the scene and took immediate protective measures; including the extrication of two crew members from the lead engine of the westbound train. Three rail engines and twelve rail cars were derailed from this incident.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Laclede County Sheriff's Department, Laclede County Office of Emergency Management, St. Johns EMS, Sleeper Fire Department, Eldridge Fire Department, and Lebanon Fire Department / Haz-Mat Team provided initial site control pending arrival by BNSF staff. Lebanon Fire / Haz-Mat performed a complete site survey to insure no hazardous materials releases or rail car compromises which could affect public safety. There were no hazardous materials releases from any of the cars involved in the incident.

MO DNR EER & MSHP also responded to the scene to assist in the operations.

Multiple agencies remained on site in a support operations role at the request of the BNSF liaison at the scene; and the last units were released at approximately 0300 hours Tuesday morning.

PUBLIC WORKS

Laclede Electric had one service affected; to a railroad switch house in the area; which was completely destroyed when the rail engine struck the switch house. No other outages are reported.

BNSF has contractors on scene removing the derailed cars and debris; and reconstructing track. BNSF hopes to have the main line reopened to traffic by 1200 hours Tuesday.

HUMAN SERVICES

The Laclede County Chapter of the American Red Cross is supporting emergency services personnel and railroad personnel / contractors through canteening.

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EOC OPERATIONS

The EOC has returned to standby status. Pictures from the site are available on the Office of Emergency Management website at www.lacledeoem.net ; then click on Incidents.

This will be the final Situation Report on this incident; pending significant developments.