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ZERO FATALITIES



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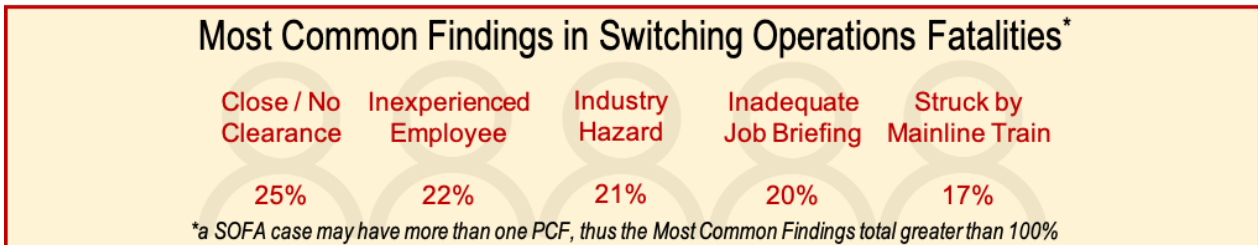
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March 3, 2021: LaMirada, CA –At approximately 03:25 am EDT, a conductor was fatally injured during a shoving operation. The employee was pinned between the rear of a set out Distributed Power (DP) locomotive and the rear car when the rear car struck the DP locomotive. The conductor was 46 years of age with 7 years of service.

Take Away

While these recent cases have not yet been analyzed, the SOFA Working Group is concerned by the 53 SOFA Defined Serious Injuries and 6 SOFA related fatalities that occurred during 2020 and reminds all employees to remain vigilant during switching operations by not only protecting the shove movement, but also protecting themselves by avoiding close or no clearances hazards. Last, but not least, remember to always hold a job briefing whenever the job or situation changes.



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.