



**Confidential  
Close Call  
Reporting System**

**Note: This is a sample of a report that is not helpful to BTS when preparing for an interview. Not much information to work with to prepare for interview.**

## C<sup>3</sup>RS Report Form (NJT Employees)

OMB NO: 2139-0010  
Expiration Date: 08-31-2013

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### Event Description

Please provide your name and at least one telephone number where a C<sup>3</sup>RS rail safety analyst can contact you to discuss your report, if needed. Indicate the best time to call and if you authorize BTS to leave a voice mail message on your answering service. Please provide an address to receive notice which will serve as confirmation of your report.

**DATE OF OCCURRENCE** 01/18/07      **TIME OF OCCURENCE (24 HR.)** 1634      **DIVISION**  
 HOBOKEN      **Line Segment** M&E

NEWARK      **MP or YARD** 147.4

**NAME** K. C. Jones

**ADDRESS/PO BOX** PO Box 142

**CITY** Paradise      **STATE** NJ      **ZIP** 19022

**JOB TITLE** Engineer

**PHONE NUMBER**      **BEST TIME TO CALL**      **CAN BTS LEAVE A VOICE MAIL MESSAGE?**  
**PRIMARY**      (717) 223 - 1234      1700 - 2100       YES       NO

**ALTERNATE**      ( ) - -       YES       NO

**If this was a yard incident, identify here.**

**This sample report is type written. It is important to print clearly, if you are not able type information into a report form.**

### Immediate Co-Workers

Please provide the name and job title of any immediate co-workers involved in the event eligible for protection from discipline. Please encourage your immediate co-worker(s) to file their own report(s) so they receive a receipt confirming their participation in this event. You may send in your reports together or separately.

**NAME** Joe Doe      **JOB TITLE** Conductor

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_      **JOB TITLE** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_      **JOB TITLE** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_      **JOB TITLE** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_      **JOB TITLE** \_\_\_\_\_

*To receive protection from discipline, you must: a) call C<sup>3</sup>RS at 1.888.568.2377 (1.888.LOV.C3RS) within 48 hours of the event to file a report, b) mail the completed C<sup>3</sup>RS Report Form, postmarked within 3 calendar days of the call, not counting weekends and Federal holidays, and c) make yourself available for an interview on the event as needed.*

Mail your report to: C<sup>3</sup>RS  
Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
P. O. Box 23295  
Washington, DC 20026-3295

### 3-Day Work/Sleep History Information

3-Day Work Shift History	Shift Start Time	Incident Time	Shift End Time
Incident Shift Day	<b>0830</b>	<b>1147</b>	<b>1750</b>
Day before Incident	<b>0435</b>		<b>1330</b>
2 Days before Incident	<b>Off</b>		
<b>Please use military time (24-Hour clock) for work and sleep periods.</b>			
3-Day Sleep History	Sleep Start Time	Sleep End Time	Nap – Yes/No
Last Sleep before Incident Shift	<b>2300</b>	<b>0630</b>	<b>No</b>
Sleep Period the Day Before	<b>2200</b>	<b>0230</b>	<b>No</b>
Sleep Period 2 Days Before	<b>2200</b>	<b>0700</b>	<b>No</b>

Engine #'s: 4420

Total # of cars: 8

# of cars in use (open): 5

# of MU's:

# of Multi-levels: 8

#### Event Description

Please use the space below to complete your description of the event or condition you wish to report. Remember: the more detailed your report is, the better prepared the Rail Safety Analyst Team (RSAT) member will be to conduct a thorough interview related to the event/condition. In addition, please help us prevent similar incidents from occurring by providing your suggestions to prevent this event from happening again.

You may find the following questions useful as you think through what information to provide.

- What were you and your crew doing immediately prior to the close call incident?
- What did you notice that made you think a problem was developing?
- What factors (weather, light, terrain, equipment, human error, etc.) may have contributed to the incident?
- What, if anything, was unusual or unfamiliar to you or your crew with respect to this job assignment?
- If anything or anybody interfered with your ability to perform the assigned task safely, describe how.
- What prevented this incident from becoming a more serious accident?

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

Resting	<p>The reporter did not provide any description whatsoever about the event. It seems he attempted to follow the questions suggested above, but without an event description, BTS had no way of knowing what happened. Was this a Close Call, or was it a 6.4 or 6.1 incident. Without a description BTS has no way of knowing or of preparing for an interview with the reporter. Please, describe events in detail and provide a diagram or copies of assignment paperwork, if appropriate.</p>
Cab signals	
Weather, family problems	
In emergency between signals	
See C	
The student	
Have the dispatcher warn crews	

**Please provide a drawing on page 4 depicting the incident. Use additional paper, if needed.**

#### Event Description (continued)

Please use the space below to complete your description of the event or condition you wish to report. Remember: the more detailed your report is,



Use this page for diagrams or additional information.

NOT A REAL EVENT