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Train incident fatality at Bird Point

Dog walker on tracks struck by southbound freight train

Just before 1 p.m. today, a 30-year-old woman was struck by a southbound freight train near Bird Point (about mile 96 along the Seward Highway).

The incident involved two women walking along the tracks with four dogs, near a curve in the tracks. One of the women and one of the dogs were hit and died. The mile-long train had originated from Anchorage and was headed to Whittier.

As an active rail transportation corridor, the track right-of-way — 100 feet on either side of the tracks — is not open to the public. Even so, train crews routinely sound the train horn when approaching the curve in this area.

Alaska Railroad Security Police and the Anchorage Police Department arrived on-scene. ARRC has initiated an investigation. APD will notify next of kin.

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