

News Release

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Freight Train Strikes Car in Aberdeen; No Injuries Reported

ABERDEEN, MD—On February 25, 2025, at approximately 8:45 a.m., the Aberdeen Police Department was dispatched to Beards Hill Road Extended and North Philadelphia Boulevard for a report of a freight train striking a car. Officers arrived and located an abandoned maroon Toyota with rear-end damage off the roadway approximately 30 feet from the tracks. The elderly driver and sole occupant were found walking nearby. He reported no injuries.

A preliminary investigation indicates that the driver failed to obey the automatic crossing device, which alerts motorists of an approaching train. As a result, the CSX freight train, hauling multiple train cars, collided with the vehicle. All train traffic in the area was halted temporarily while officers investigated. No derailment occurred, and the train—which can take over a mile to come to a complete stop—was eventually brought to rest near Havre de Grace. No members of the CSX crew reported any injuries.

The Aberdeen Police Department reminds the public that ignoring or bypassing railway crossing devices is dangerous and illegal. When the crossing signals activate, always come to a complete stop and wait for the train to pass. Remember, safety is everyone's responsibility. Drivers are strongly urged to exercise caution and follow all safety protocols at railroad crossings to prevent accidents and injuries.

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