



Crash Summary

Crozet, VA

HWY18MH005

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**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
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WASHINGTON, D.C.**

CRASH SUMMARY

A. CRASH INFORMATION

Location: Lanetown Rd and Buckingham Branch Railroad Grade Crossing (22470E)
near Crozet, Albemarle County, Virginia

Vehicle 1: 2017 Freightliner refuse truck

Operator 1: Time Disposal of Ruckersville, VA

Vehicle #2: "Congressional Special Amtrak Train 923-31", consisting of 2
locomotives, 10 cars

Operator #2: National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak)

Date: January 31, 2018

Time: Approximately 11:16 a.m. EST

NTSB #: **HWY18MH005**

B. CRASH SUMMARY

About 11:16 a.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 2018, a 2017 Freightliner refuse truck, occupied by a driver and two other occupants was traveling south on Lanetown Road approaching the Buckingham Branch Railroad grade crossing. Congressional Special Amtrak Train 923-31 was traveling westbound at about 61 mph (according to the onboard recorder), activating the grade crossing's flashing lights and crossing gates. The refuse truck went around the gates and was crossing the tracks when it was struck in the left rear by the front of the train. The refuse truck rotated counterclockwise striking a railroad signal bungalow adjacent to the tracks west of Lanetown Road. The rear body separated from the truck and the two passengers were ejected. The refuse truck came to rest off the west edge of Lanetown Road. The front truck of the locomotive derailed as the train continued west before coming to a stop. The train remained upright.

As a result of the crash one passenger in the truck was killed. The driver of the truck minor and the remaining passenger were seriously injured. Three Amtrak crew members and three train passengers were injured.