



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD - **Public Hearing**

Conrail Derailment in Paulsboro, NJ with Vinyl Chloride Release

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## **Gary C. Stevenson**

**Deputy Fire Chief – Paulsboro Fire Dept., Paulsboro, New Jersey  
Councilman & Director of Public Safety – Borough of Paulsboro**

Gary Stevenson, 53, has served as a volunteer fireman in Paulsboro for almost 30 years. He has held all of the officer's positions within the FD including Deputy Chief for 5 years and Fire Chief for 10 years. He has worked for the ExxonMobil R & D Corp. for 27 years as a Lab Technician. Since working for the company he has served on the ExxonMobil Fire Brigade as both a firefighter and as a member of their Hazmat Team. He also has attended a number of firefighting schools throughout the country. These include training at the renown National Fire Academy in Emmittsburg, Maryland, the Texas A&M Brayton Firefighting School in College Station, Texas (refinery firefighter school) and the University of Nevada – Reno Fire Academy. He holds A.S. degrees in Business and Applied Science. He is also a Funeral Director. He is a lifelong resident of Paulsboro and has been married for 35 years. He has 2 children and two grandchildren.

Gary lived within 100 feet of the train bridge where the derailment happened. His wife witnessed the entire event as it unfolded. Gary, who was also home at the time, was the first fire officer on the scene and gave the initial orders. He served as Fire & Safety Operations Chief and Water Supply Officer assisting the CSX Hazmat Teams with their operations during the entire event.