

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

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Investigation of: *

DERAILMENT OF CSX TRANSPORTATION *

TRAIN K42911 WITH SUBSEQUENT *

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RELEASE *

IN DRAFFIN, KENTUCKY, *

ON FEBRUARY 13, 2020 *

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Accident No.: RRD20FR002

CSX Train Dispatcher Recordings

Thursday,
February 13, 2020

R E C O R D I N G

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2 [Audio File: 02-13-2020_06.47.42.6a_-_110019_-_FG_(Voice)_TS.wav]

3 DISPATCHER: CSX FT Jacksonville emergency radio call.

4 CALLER: K429. We hit a (indiscernible) started in Big Sandy
5 River. We've got a big fire.

6 DISPATCHER: All right, K429. Can you give me a mile post on
7 it?

8 CALLER: Yeah, (indiscernible) it's 120 -- 123, 124,
9 somewhere in there. We got cars on fire. They were -- they
10 loaded (ph.) in the river. But we got -- we're going to need,
11 we're going to need help.

12 DISPATCHER: Okay. I understand, K429. Go back to the road
13 channel. Let me get some people called. I'll be right back to
14 you. Over.

15 (End of call.)

16 [Audio File: 02-13-2020_07.01.15.3a_-_110019_-_FG_(Voice)_TS.wav]

17 DISPATCHER: CSX FT Jacksonville Dispatch to K42911. Over.

18 (End of call.)

19 [Audio File: 02-13-2020_07.01.31.6a_-_110019_-_FG_(Voice)_TS.wav]

20 DISPATCHER: CSX FT Jacksonville Dispatch for K42911. Over.

21 (End of call.)

22 [Audio File: 02-13-2020_07.01.57.2a_-_110019_-_FG_(Voice)_TS.wav]

23 DISPATCHER: CSX50 Jacksonville Dispatch for K42911. Over.

24 (End of call.)

25 [Audio File: 02-13-2020_07.02.34.9a_-_110019_-_FG_(Voice)_TS.wav]

1 DISPATCHER: CSX FT Jacksonville Dispatch for K42911. Over.

2 CALLER: Go ahead. Over.

3 DISPATCHER: All right. I've got some emergency personnel
4 called. I've got a -- or how close are you to that road crossing
5 at the 123.3? Over.

6 CALLER: We're going to need a helicopter to get us out of
7 this. There's fire all the way around us. We're on the nose of
8 the engine right now. Oh, god. We're in the river, and
9 everything's on fire. Over.

10 DISPATCHER: Okay. I understand. I got that, I got that.
11 All right. I'm not sure how far out they are. What's the -- what
12 river -- what's the name of the river you're in? Do you know?

13 (End of call.)

14 **[Audio File: 02-13-2020_07.01.43.6a_-_110019_-_FG_(Voice)_TS.wav]**

15 DISPATCHER: CSX FT Jacksonville Dispatch for K42911. Over.

16 (End of call.)

17 **[Audio File: 02-13-2020_07.10.57.4a_-_110019_-_FG_(Voice)_TS.wav]**

18 CALLER: Go ahead. Over.

19 DISPATCHER: So there's no way you can get off those engines
20 without being kind of swept up in a river? Is that correct?
21 Over.

22 CALLER: The locomotive is in the river. We're on fire on
23 both sides. (Indiscernible) on fire and we're out here on the
24 nose. I mean, we hit the river to get to it, but it's swift
25 water.

1 DISPATCHER: Okay. All right. So there's -- you're kind of
2 surrounded by fire. You're out there on the, on the nose of the
3 engine. Is the, is the engine feel like it's, it's -- is it
4 moving? It's not going to float away or anything, is it? Over.

5 CALLER: Don't know what I'd do, (indiscernible) it ain't
6 moving.

7 DISPATCHER: Okay. So trying to get in that river is kind of
8 out of the question? Over.

9 CALLER: Yeah. We need help bad; we need help bad.

10 DISPATCHER: Need help bad. I got you, I got you. Well I'm,
11 I'm trying to get something round up for you. Over.

12 CALLER: Okay. I was able to get a signal. I called 911
13 myself, so I don't know. Hopefully get something going.

14 DISPATCHER: Yeah. I'm, I'm notifying the authorities, and
15 I -- you know, I don't know what they've got available in that
16 area as far as helicopters and boats. But I've, I've notified
17 them of your situation. Over.

18 CALLER: Okay. Yeah. We're, we're not firing (ph.) too
19 good. They need to hurry.

20 DISPATCHER: Okay. I understand, I understand. We'll --
21 we're working on it soon as -- hard as we can. Over.

22 CALLER: Thank you.

23 (Phone dialing.)

24 DISPATCHER: Yeah.

25 FEMALE VOICE: Hi, is this Fred?

1 MIKE AUSTIN: Hey, good morning.

2 DISPATCHER: Yeah.

3 MIKE AUSTIN: Mike Austin, Director of Hazardous Materials.

4 This is who?

5 DISPATCHER: This is Fred Protner (ph.).

6 MIKE AUSTIN: Thank you, sir. All right. Do you have any
7 other information other than the quick information that we've been
8 given of the locomotive's (indiscernible) in the water and ethanol
9 cars are on fire? Is there any other information you got?

10 DISPATCHER: None, no. But yes, what you just said is
11 correct. That is, that is correct. The engines are in the river,
12 and the cars are on fire.

13 MIKE AUSTIN: Okay. Now, did you get that from the crew
14 itself?

15 DISPATCHER: Yes, I did. I just talked to them on the radio,
16 as a matter of fact. Yes.

17 MIKE AUSTIN: Okay. And they're definitely reporting the
18 locomotive's in the river and cars on fire?

19 DISPATCHER: They're in the Big Sandy River, Big Sandy River.

20 MIKE AUSTIN: All right. Got it. Okay. That's what I need
21 to know for now. Thank you, sir.

22 DISPATCHER: All right.

23 (End of call.)

24 **[Audio File: 02-13-2020_07.16.01.4a_-_110019_-_FG_(Voice)_TS.wav]**

25 DISPATCHER: CSX FT Jacksonville Dispatch for K42911. Over.

1 (End of call.)

2 [Audio File: 02-13-2020_07.16.12.6a_-_110019_-_FG_(Voice)_TS.wav]

3 CALLER: Go ahead.

4 DISPATCHER: From where you're sitting, are there some houses
5 kind of to your -- if you're looking to the south, are there some
6 houses over to your right? Over.

7 CALLER: (Indiscernible) expect the fire trucks go by here
8 and make it through the flames. Yeah, we're -- we need, we need
9 help to (indiscernible).

10 DISPATCHER: All right. From where you're sitting, do you --
11 are there some houses over to your right to the -- I guess that
12 would be the west side of the mainline? Over.

13 CALLER: Yeah, (indiscernible). Over.

14 DISPATCHER: All right. Okay. All right. We're trying to
15 get to you. Trying to get -- I'm trying to, trying to pinpoint
16 where you're at where I can get somebody to you there. Over.

17 CALLER: Okay. Yeah. Like I said, we're dealing
18 (indiscernible) tanks bottled (ph.) up to (indiscernible). I
19 don't know. We, we need help now.

20 DISPATCHER: Got it, got it, got it. Coming to you.

21 (End of call.)

22 (End of recordings.)

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