



PEOPLE IN NORTH CAROLINA UNDERSTAND: A TWO-PERSON FREIGHT CREW IS SAFER FOR YOU

Legislation requiring a crew of at least two individuals has been made law in four states and has been introduced in North Carolina. This is a matter of public safety. At all hours, day and night, trains up to two miles long or longer carrying cargo and hazardous materials roll through our communities.

WHY THIS MATTERS

- On July 6, 2013, an unattended freight train carrying crude oil derailed and exploded in Lac-Megantic, Quebec, killing 47 people and destroying the town. The train rolled away because its single crew member could not properly secure it by himself.
- Engineers and conductors each are responsible for a long list of unique duties, most of which must be carried out simultaneously for the train's safe and efficient operation.
- Two-person crews not only help prevent potential accidents or derailments, they play a critical role in emergency situations.
- Having two-person crews is one of the most-effective ways to combat fatigue among operating employees

 the most critical safety issue facing the rail industry today.
- Positive Train Control (PTC), while an important safety technology, cannot replace the vital role a second crew member fills in freight rail operations.

