



For Immediate Release – Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Train Derailment south of Huxley, Alberta

A train derailment was called into 911 dispatch around 5:25pm on Tuesday, October 17th by emergency services for Kneehill County.

The original call was for approximately 25 railcars of an unknown substance which had been tipped off its track just south of the Hamlet of Huxley located just east off of Highway 21 and 6 kilometers north of the Town of Trochu.

First responders from the Trochu Fire Department, Three Hills Fire Department and Kneehill County Emergency Services arrived on scene and noticed there were two lengths of the train that had tipped totaling approximately 67 sea-can container railcars.

Due to the hilly terrain, it was difficult to evaluate the contents of all containers, thus precautionary measures were taken, and three nearby residences were evacuated and roads closed in the immediate area. The residents returned later that night when deemed safe to do so.

There were no reports of injuries that we were made aware of. CN Rail personnel and operations equipment arrived on scene shortly after 6:45pm to begin clean up and recovery work.

Earlier in the day, Environment Canada issued a wind warning for the Kneehill County area including the hamlets of Huxley and Torrington, and the Towns of Trochu and Three Hills. An investigation into the cause of the derailment is being determined by CN Police and agencies.

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