



# Webster Police Department

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**To: All Media Outlets**

**From: Lieutenant Michael D. Shaw**

**RE: Train Accident**

**Date: February 20, 2014**

On February 20<sup>th</sup> at approximately 1023 hours, the Webster Police Department received numerous calls reporting that a train had just struck a motor vehicle. Webster Police responded along with members of the Webster Fire Department and Webster Emergency Medical Services.

Upon their arrival and after a brief investigation, the driver, Reed Rosenberg, 53, from Phoenix Arizona was travelling on Main Street looking for the parking lot for Matte's Hardware. He was driving a rental car, a 2014 Subaru Legacy. His GPS told him to take a turn, which Reed made, however he mistakenly missed the entrance to the parking lot and turned onto the railroad tracks for the Providence and Worcester Railroad.

Realizing he had made an error after going a short distance, he tried to move but couldn't. The railroad bed itself is not plowed, only the tracks are cleared for the train. He went to try and get help and he saw the train coming. He waved to try and stop it, but they were unable to. The train consisted of three locomotives, three loads of plastic pellets. The total number of actual cars was estimated to be 15-20.

The train struck his car and pushed it until it came to rest at 7-Eleven. The vehicle was removed after the Main Street was closed for about 1 hour and 15 minutes. No injuries were reported. Officer Patrick Perry is investigating.



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