



Creating and Maintaining a Culture of Safety

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The best of times...

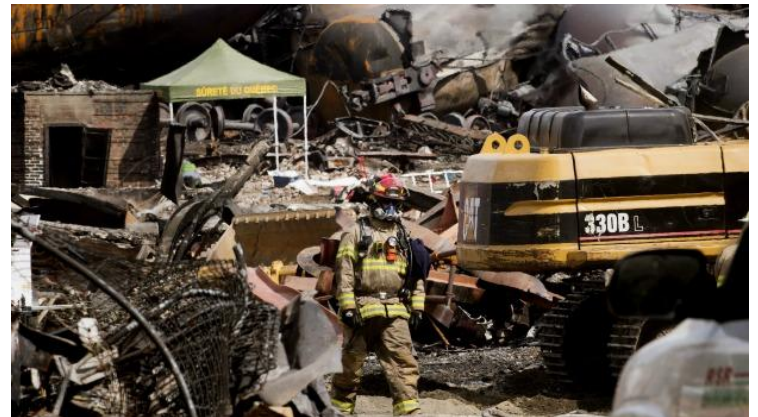
2012 considered the best year ever for rail safety in United States

“While rail is already an extremely safe mode, I’m proud to say that 2012 – by virtually all measures – was the safest year in industry history.”

FRA Administrator Joseph Szabo
ASLRRRA Annual Meeting
Atlanta Georgia, April 29, 2013

...suddenly became a very
challenging time.

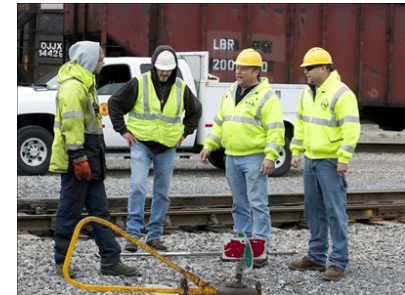
July 6, 2013: Lac-Mégantic derailment



However, safety focus and performance remains strong.

Two straight years of record-breaking safety performance, along with significant reductions in all types of accidents since FYI 2008, proves that FRA's approach to oversight and enforcement is effective.

- *Human Factor Caused Accidents: down 38%*
- *Track Defects: down 37%*
- *Equipment Defects: down 41%*



FRA Safety Fact Sheet
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Our industry and safety

Common themes across all railroads

- A continuous focus on safety improvement
- Learning from past mishaps
- Collaborative efforts to find best practices



So why are some railroads safer?

A common theme with successful companies:

Developing and Maintaining a Culture of Safety

Culture: ...the set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterizes a company or corporation...

Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition

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