

Railway worker dies at Surbiton station – London

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A railway worker has sadly died on the railway line in South West London.

Officers were called to the line near Surbiton railway station at 11.39am this morning (9 February) following reports of a casualty on the tracks.

London Ambulance Service and London Fire Brigade also attended, however sadly the 30-year-old man from Hampshire was pronounced dead at the scene.

His family have been informed.

Andrew Haines, Network Rail chief executive, said: "I am devastated to confirm that a colleague has lost his life following a tragic accident near Surbiton today. This is an incredibly sad time for the railway family.

"My thoughts, and those of everyone at Network Rail, are with the families and friends of the colleague involved. Our immediate priority now is to cooperate fully with the British Transport Police and Rail Accident Investigation Branch to fully understand what happened."

John Halsall, Network Rail's managing director, Southern region, said: "We can confirm that a colleague sadly died after a collision with a train near Surbiton today.

"We are working with the British Transport Police and Rail Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB) to understand the full circumstances of what happened.

"Our thoughts are with our colleague's family, friends and loved ones at this very difficult time."

Rail Minister Chris Heaton Harris said: "My sincerest condolences to the friends, family and colleagues affected by the tragic incident near Surbiton station. While investigations continue, we will ensure lessons are learned."

Officers are now working closely with colleagues at the Office of Rail and Road and the Rail Accident Investigation Branch to establish the full circumstances behind the man's death.

Detective Chief Inspector Paul Langley said: "This is a tragic incident which has resulted in the very sad death of a railway worker. Our deepest condolences are with the man's family who are being supported by specially trained officers.

"We are conducting full and thorough investigation into the incident and I would like to encourage anyone with information to please contact us as soon as possible. You can do this by texting 61016 or calling 0800 40 50 40 quoting reference 146 of 09/02/21."

Manuel Cortes, general secretary at the Transport Salaried Staff's Association, said: "Our thoughts and sympathies are with the worker who has died and their family members. Any loss of life on our railways is a tragedy.

"It would be wrong to speculate at this time about what has gone wrong, but a full and thorough investigation must take place, so lessons can be learned."

The Office of Rail and Road Tweeted: "We are saddened to hear of the death of a railway worker near Surbiton today. Our thoughts and sympathies are with his family & colleagues. A safety inspector attended site this morning and we're working with BTP and RAIB to investigate the full circumstances of what happened."