



ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Commission Investigating BSNF Train Derailment

(Phoenix) The Arizona Corporation Commission's Safety Division is investigating after a Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) train derailed at 19th Avenue and McDowell.

It happened around 10:30 this morning. No one was injured. One car nearly toppled over and the City of Phoenix put out a street advisory that the follow streets will be closed until at least midnight;

- Eastbound and westbound McDowell Road between interstate I-17 and 19th Avenue until at least midnight.
- Access to Grand Avenue from northbound 19th Avenue is closed, and
- Access from Grand Avenue to McDowell is also closed.

The Commission's Railroad Section inspectors have been on the scene most of the day. It is likely that it will take some time before the cause can be determined. The Commission has eight inspectors who inspect railroad operations statewide. Each has a designated practice; mechanical equipment, tracks, hazardous materials, operating practices, and signals. These inspectors not only investigate incidents but inspect crossings to proactively determine where safety upgrades can be made.

For the latest traffic updates follow @PhoenixPolice, @PhxStreetTrans and @CorpCommAZ on Twitter.

Established by Article 15 of the state's constitution, the Arizona Corporation Commission is responsible for the regulation of public utilities, overseeing the incorporation or registration of companies wishing to do business in Arizona. Additionally, the Corporation Commission registers and oversees securities offerings and dealers, and enforces railroad and pipeline safety. The five commissioners that make up the Commission are elected by the people of Arizona for a four-year term, with the option of serving for two consecutive terms. To learn more about the Arizona Corporation Commission and the Commissioners, please check out <http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Administration/about.asp>