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"LESS THAN FIFTY FEET? DON'T GO IN THERE."

Statistics 2026

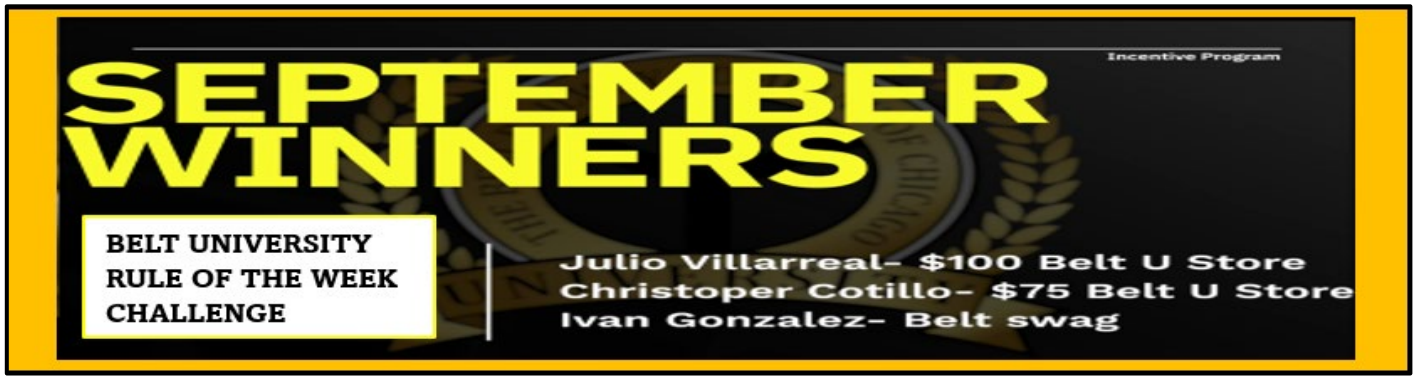
(changes this week highlighted)

2026	Engineering	Mechanical	Transportation	Other	Total (YTD)
Reportable Injuries	1	1	3	2	7
Human Factor Incidents	8	6	35	1	49
Run Through Switches	BRC – 11 Foreign – 11				22

Previous Week (October 19th, 2026.)			
Most Frequent Exceptions	Engineering	SAF-1 11.4 Hard Hats	
	Mechanical	SAF-1 13.7 Seat Belts	
	Transportation	SAF-1 20.2.2 Sufficient Distance	
			Human Factor
Incidents	10/23 Walking in Gauge of Rail (Transportation, Within 50 Feet of a Standing Engine)		NO

Rules of the Week: 10/26/2026

Department	Rules	
Engineering	SAF-1, 13.14 Charging Batteries	SAF-1 pg. 29
Mechanical	GCOR 6.29.1 Inspecting Passing Trains	GCOR pg. 6-15
Command Center	Clerical Rules C-13, Drugs and Alcohol	Clerical pg. 9
Transportation	GCOR 8.10 Switch Point Indicator / 8.11 Switches in Sidings	GCOR pg. 8-5
Critical Rule	GCOR 6.32.1 Providing Warning Over Road Crossings	GCOR pg. 6-17



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COMMAND CENTER: Clerical Rules C-13, Drugs and Alcohol

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while on duty or on company property is prohibited. Employees must not have any measurable alcohol in their breath or in their bodily fluids when reporting for duty, while on duty, or while on company property.

The use or possession of intoxicants, over-the-counter or prescription drugs, narcotics, controlled substances, or medication that may adversely affect safe performance is prohibited while on duty or on company property, except medication that is permitted by a medical practitioner and used as prescribed.

Employees must not have any prohibited substances in their bodily fluids when reporting for duty, while on duty, or while on company property. The full BRC Drug and Alcohol Policy is the governing document for employees on BRC property.

MECHANICAL: GCOR 6.29.1 Inspecting Passing Trains

Employees must inspect passing trains. If they detect any of the following conditions, they must notify crew members on the passing train by any available means:

- Overheated journals.
- Sticking brakes.
- Sliding wheels.
- Wheels not properly positioned on the rail.
- Dragging equipment.
- Insecure contents.
- Signs of smoke or fire.
- Headlight or marker improperly displayed.
- Any other dangerous condition.

When possible, employees inspecting the passing train must advise crew members of the condition of their train. When possible, a crew member on the engine of the train being inspected must notify a crew member on the rear of the train when the train is being inspected by other employees.

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Ground Inspections — When a train is stopped and is met or passed by another train, crew members must inspect the passing train. The trainman's inspection must be made from the ground if there is a safe location. If safe to do so, a trainman must cross the track and inspect the side of the passing train opposite the stopped train.

TRANSPORTATION: GCOR 8.10 Switch Point Indicator / 8.11 Switches in Sidings

8.10 Switch Point Indicator — A switch point indicator displays one of three aspects:

- Green — Switch points fit properly in normal position.
- Yellow — Switch points fit properly in reverse position.
- Red or Dark — Stop and inspect switch.

The indicator governs the spring switches carried on last week's bulletin. Under 8.9.1 a crew must test a spring switch before a facing point movement when a switch point indicator protecting the switch indicates Stop and Inspect Switch, and under 8.9.6 a train in non-signaled territory must approach the facing points of a spring switch prepared to stop until a switch point indicator shows the switch is properly lined.

8.11 Switches in Sidings — The normal position of switches connecting any track, except the main track, to a siding is lined and locked or secured for movement on the siding.

ENGINEERING: SAF-1, 13.14 Charging Batteries

Only fully trained employees, when authorized by a department head, may charge batteries.

When charging batteries, keep the vent caps in place to avoid electrolyte spray, and maintain vent caps in functioning condition. If it is necessary to bring the liquid to the correct level, use approved water.

- The charger must be turned off or unplugged before connecting to or disconnecting from the battery.
- Hook the charger to the positive post first and the negative post last.
- When removing the charger, disconnect the negative post first and the positive post last.

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Smoking is prohibited in battery charging areas. Precautions must be taken to prevent open flames, sparks, or electric arcs in battery charging areas or around exposed batteries, and the area must be adequately ventilated.

Emergency eye wash stations and showers must be located at or near permanent battery charging installations and must be inspected weekly. Plumbed systems must be flushed in conjunction with the inspection, and access must be kept clear. Tools and other metallic objects must be kept away from the top of uncovered batteries. During cold weather, keep storage batteries maintained in a fully charged condition.

Critical Rule October 2026

GCOR 6.32.1 Providing Warning Over Road Crossings

An employee must be on the ground at the crossing to provide warning until the crossing is occupied when shoving equipment (including non-controlling locomotives), kicking cars, or performing a gravity switch move over highway/pathway – rail grade crossings. Movement must only be made as directed by the employee providing warning at the crossing.

Warning is not required when the crossing is equipped with gates in the fully lowered position, or with flashing lights or passive warning devices when it is clearly seen that no traffic is approaching or stopped at the crossing. Leading end of shoving movements must not exceed 15 MPH over crossings.