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"DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE WORDS COMING OUT OF MY MOUTH...OVER?"

Statistics 2026

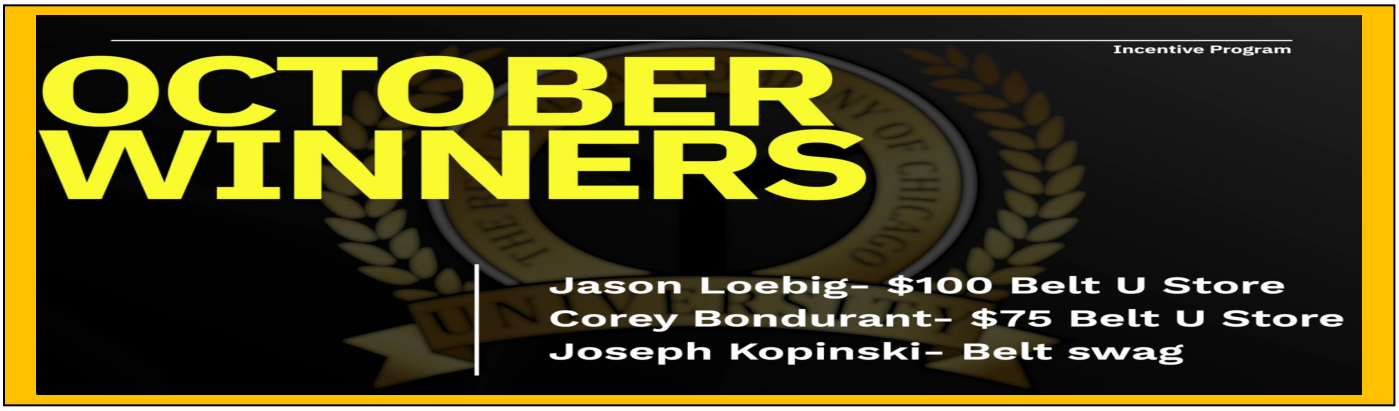
(changes this week highlighted)

2026	Engineering	Mechanical	Transportation	Other	Total (YTD)
Reportable Injuries	1	1	3	2	7
Human Factor Incidents	8	6	36	1	51
Run Through Switches	BRC – 12 Foreign – 11				23

Previous Week (November 9th, 2026.)		
Most Frequent Exceptions	Engineering	No exceptions this week
	Mechanical	GCOR 5.9 Headlight Display
	Transportation	GCOR 7.8 Coupling or Moving Cars on Tracks Where Cars are Being Loaded or Unloaded
		Human Factor
Incidents	No incidents this week	NONE

Rules of the Week: 11/16/2026

Department	Rules	
Engineering	SAF-1, 14.2 Pallets	SAF-1 pg. 32
Mechanical	SAF-1, 13.3 Driver Responsibility	SAF-1 pg. 27
Command Center	Clerical Rules C-17, Appearance	Clerical pg. 10
Transportation	GCOR 6.5 Shoving Movements	GCOR pg. 6-4
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COMMAND CENTER: Clerical Rules C-17, Appearance

Employees reporting for duty must be clean and neat. Employees performing service in an office environment, including the GOB and the Hump Tower, are governed by the following while on duty:

- Always wear a shirt with sleeves; shirts with collars are preferred.
- Do not wear shorts, cut-off jeans, torn jeans, sweat pants, sport pants, or baggy clothing.
- Do not wear a hat indoors, except a hard hat when required due to construction.
- Do not wear footwear that has open toes. Employees leaving the office environment to perform service at other locations must wear proper safety footwear as outlined in SAF-1.
- Do not wear attire with written messages or slogans that may be perceived by anyone in the work environment as offensive in any way.
- Do not wear a sweatshirt hood up over the head.

For determination of rule compliance, employees who are not properly attired to perform work as noted above are considered unprepared for duty.

MECHANICAL: SAF-1, 13.3 Driver Responsibility

Drivers of company vehicles must:

- Know and observe all local, state, and federal laws and regulations governing vehicle operation.
- Use courtesy, consideration, and good judgement to prevent accidents and control situations encountered that cannot be provided for in the law.
- Obey posted speed limits. Regardless of the posted limit, do not exceed a safe and prudent speed for the vehicle when weather, traffic, road conditions, vehicle load or any other prevailing condition requires a lower speed.
- Ensure the headlights are on at all times when the vehicle is in motion.
- Where vehicle inspections are required by departmental instructions, ensure they are done in a timely manner in accordance with applicable instructions.
- Report any and all incidents, regardless of how minor, to your supervisor. The supervisor is responsible for contacting the BRC Police Department to complete required reports.

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Addition, General Order 2026-002 — Unattended vehicles must have the engine turned off. The ignition key must be removed, windows closed, and doors locked.

TRANSPORTATION: GCOR 6.5 Shoving Movements

Equipment must not be shoved until a qualified employee has visually determined that the portion of track to be used is clear of equipment and conflicting movements, that the track will remain clear to the location where the movement will be stopped, and that switches and derails are properly lined for the intended movement. Equipment must not be shoved until the engineer and the employee protecting the movement have completed a job briefing.

When using a radio to direct a shoving movement, communication must include:

- WHO will protect the shove.
- HOW the shove will be protected.
- DIRECTION — described in relation to the orientation of the controlling locomotive (e.g. forward, backward, or north, south, east, west).
- DISTANCE to be shoved, which must not exceed the observer's range of vision and must be acknowledged when the distance is more than four cars.

MOVEMENT MUST STOP WITHIN HALF THE DISTANCE SPECIFIED UNLESS ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS ARE RECEIVED.

The employee must be in a position to provide visual protection of the equipment being shoved and must not engage in unrelated tasks while providing protection. An employee directing movement may utilize cameras to provide visual protection per local instruction. Shoving movements over road crossings must be made in accordance with Rule 6.32.1, Providing Warning Over Road Crossings.

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ENGINEERING: SAF-1, 14.2 Pallets

Only pallets in good condition are to be used. If material is to be banded to the pallet, care must be exercised to apply sufficient tension to secure the load, but not to the point of breaking the bands or damaging the pallets.

In stacking loaded pallets, consideration must be given to the supporting ability of the material and packaging. Stack only to the height that can be safely supported by the material on the bottom of the stack.

Pallets must not be stood or stored on end. The forklift operator must caution others working in the vicinity of the stacking operations.

Critical Rule November 2026

GCOR 1.1.2 Alert and Attentive

Employees must be careful to prevent injuring themselves or others. They must be alert and attentive when performing their duties and plan their work to avoid injury.

1.1.1 Maintaining a Safe Course — In case of doubt or uncertainty, take the safe course.

1.1.3 Accidents, Injuries, and Defects — Report by the first means of communication any accidents; personal injuries; defects in tracks, bridges, or signals; or any unusual condition that may affect the safe and efficient operation of the railroad. Where required, furnish a written report promptly after reporting the incident.