MINNEHAHA COUNTY

Press Release

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August 5th Around 7 a.m. Minnehaha County Sheriffs Office responded to a train derailment near 256th Street and 469th Ave Northwest of Crooks. The Minnehaha Sheriffs Office Patrol division assisted with traffic control until the train was able to clear the crossing on 256th Street. The rail cars were carrying corn and there were no injuries reported. Burlington Northern Santa Fe will be in the area recovering the rail cars and making repairs. The cause is being investigated by BNSF. No timeline for repairs was given. No roadways were damaged however, 469th Ave North of 256th St has been closed. The closed portion is open to local traffic, emergency vehicles and BNSF equipment and staff.

Information from BNSF

BNSF can confirm at approximately 7 a.m. Wednesday, five rail cars carrying corn derailed near Crooks, South Dakota. There were no reported injuries. Crews are working to clear the area and make repairs to the track as quickly and as safely as possible. The cause is under investigation.

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