

Amtrak Tragedy

**Official Statement of BMWED National President
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The National Division of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees (BMWED-IBT National Union) is cooperating with the National Transportation Safety Board to determine the cause of the tragic Amtrak accident and to assure that such a tragedy is never repeated. The BMWED National Union mourns the tragic loss of life and injury that occurred in the derailment of Amtrak Train 188 on May 12, 2015 outside of Philadelphia. Our hearts, thoughts, prayers and sincerest sympathies go out to the families and loved ones impacted by this terrible accident.

BMWED is a railroad labor union representing approximately 35,000 hard-working men and women who build, inspect, maintain, and repair the tracks, bridges and related infrastructure on all Class I freight railroads, Amtrak, and a number of commuter and shortline railroads throughout the United States. BMWED was founded in 1887 and is a Division of the 1.4 million member International Brotherhood of Teamsters.