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Train Derailment

On January 25, 2017, at approximately 11:00 pm, the Weld County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to HWY 392 and HWY 85 to a report of a train derailment. Approximately 25 coal cars were derailed during the incident, some of them have been overturned, spilling their cargo.

We are happy to report that no one was hurt during the incident. One structure has been damaged due to the incident, but the extent of the damage is still unknown at this time.

The cause of the derailment is unknown; Union Pacific Railroad crews from Denver and Utah are responding and will be performing a full investigation of the incident. Colorado State Patrol as well as the Eaton Police Department were on scene as well to assist with traffic control.

Union Pacific Railroad has informed the Weld County Sheriff's Office that HWY 392 will be closed at HWY 85 for approximately 6-12 hours; cleanup of the area will extend beyond that time period.

Any questions regarding the cause for the incident should be referred to the Union Pacific Railroad.

Further information will be released as it becomes available. There is no threat to the safety of the public at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this or any other crime is asked to call the Weld County Sheriff's Office at 970-356-4015 or Northern Colorado Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or 1-800-444-3776. Tips can also be submitted through the Crime Stoppers website at www.crimeshurt.com. Those submitting tips through Crime Stoppers that lead to the arrest and filing of charges on a suspect(s) may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000 from Crime Stoppers.**

Steve Reams – Sheriff