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Coon Rapids Motor Vehicle vs Train Crash

On January 1, 2026, at approximately 3:44 P.M., the Coon Rapids Police Department, Coon Rapids Fire Department, Allina EMS, and BNSF Railway responded to the railroad tracks near 119th Ave NW in the City of Coon Rapids on the report of a motor vehicle hit by a train.

Indications show that a motor vehicle driven by an adult female later identified as Sara Beth Barber, age 43, of Coon Rapids, MN, had stopped on the railroad tracks and was hit by an oncoming freight train. Barber was transported to a local hospital and declared deceased.

This incident is under investigation by the Coon Rapids Police Department, Midwest Medical Examiner's Office, BNSF Railway Police Department, and Anoka County Sheriff's Office. No further information will be released at this time.

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