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Metro-North Employees Save Life of Man Struck by a Train

Six Metro-North employees whose quick thinking and selflessness saved the life of a man who was struck by a train were honored Wednesday by the Executive Director and board of directors of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

On May 16, at 4:04 p.m., the engineer of a Hudson Line train saw a trespasser lying on the ground with his feet on the rail. Although the engineer immediately applied the emergency brakes and sounded the horn, the train couldn't stop in time and hit the trespasser.

When the train came to a stop, Assistant Conductor Guy Sclafani and three other Metro-North employees who were off duty and happened to be riding the train home-Conductors William Marsden and Jeffrey Williams, and Grand Central Terminal Building Maintenance Superintendent Frank Rufino-jumped off the train and ran to find the man.

Seeing the man alive but with severe trauma to his feet and legs, Sclafani and Marsden removed their shirts and used them as tourniquets applying pressure to stop the victim's hemorrhaging. They sheltered the injured man from the pouring rain and kept the man conscious by talking with him.

"In the face of horrific circumstances, these individuals reflexively raced into action to save a life," said MTA CEO and Executive Director Elliot Sander. "Their performance during this incident reflects positively on them as individuals and on Metro-North and the MTA family as a whole. I am honored to recognize and commend these gentlemen for their work that afternoon."

Conductor Tim Boruta and Engineer Mike Maxwell stayed aboard the train and kept the customers calm and informed.

Medical responders, who had a challenge reaching this nearly inaccessible location just south of the Garrison station, said that the Conductors' actions saved the victim's life.

The man was taken to Westchester County Medical Center, where he is now recovering.

Sclafani, a 17-year veteran with Metro-North resides in Walkill, NY; Marsden is a 33-year veteran and resides in Red Hook, NY; Williams, a railroad employee for 32 years, lives in Poughkeepsie, NY; and Rufino, a railroad employee for 11 years, lives in LaGrangeville, NY.