



***Humboldt County, Nevada
Sheriff's Office
Ed Kilgore, Sheriff***

PRESS RELEASE

DATE: October 26, 2009

LOCATION: Valmy, Nevada Union Pacific Rail Line

DETAILS: At about 12:15 am on Monday, October 26, 2009, The Humboldt County Sheriff's Dispatch Center received a 911 call regarding a train derailment along the Union Pacific line between Golconda and Valmy, Nevada. The initial report indicated that there was only one railcar derailed. The call was then updated to a 15 to 20 car derailment. Personnel from the Sheriff's Office, Valmy Volunteer Fire Department and Union Pacific crews from Winnemucca responded to the scene. The actual scene of the derailment was in the area of the Stonehouse off-ramp (exit 212 off of Interstate 80).

Upon the arrival of first responders it was learned that there were no injuries. The train was westbound from Chicago and headed to Oakland, California. There were also no Haz-mat related issues to this accident. Personnel from the railroad are, at the time of this release, currently investigating the accident and are also trying to determine exactly how many cars were involved. Immediately after the accident, Interstate 80 in both directions was closed as a pre-caution, but was soon re-opened.

Specific questions regarding this incident should be directed to The Public Information Officer for the Union Pacific Railroad. His name is Wesley Lujan and he can be reached at (916) 792-9160.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office will be providing nighttime security during the clean-up operation at the site of the accident.

***RELEASING AUTHORITY:
SHERIFF E.R. KILGORE***

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