



ROCKY WATSON, SHERIFF
TAD LEACH, UNDERSHERIFF

KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

On February 3, 2009 at approximately 1411 hours Deputies from the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department responded to a reported Non-injury truck / train accident at the Northwest corner of Seltice and Pleasant View road, in front of the Cenex Plant, in Post Falls Id.

Upon arrival, Deputies discovered that a Union Pacific Train had struck a 2002 Ford F350 pickup driven by 56 year old, Mark Blanchard, of Spokane Valley, Wa. Blanchard stated that he was not injured during the accident and was wearing a seat belt. Blanchard also advised that the vehicle's driver's side air bag was deployed.

Deputies do not believe that alcohol was a factor in this accident.

The accident is still under investigation at this time.

Sheriff Rocky Watson

By Sergeant Barry Alleman
Day Watch Commander
Case #09-02561