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Officials Hoping to Reopen Part of Highway 54 After Train Collision

GOODWELL, Okla. (AP) - Authorities were hoping to reopen part of U.S. Highway 54 in the Oklahoma Panhandle that was closed after two trains collided near Goodwell.

Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper Betsy Randolph says officials were working to open one eastbound lane of the highway, which was closed in both directions between Guymon and Texhoma after the Sunday morning crash.

Randolph says officials had to divert traffic off the highway west onto U.S. Highway 64 in Guymon and then south onto Oklahoma Highway 95.

She said people were being encouraged to pay attention to the traffic and not the train collision to avoid any possible accidents.

Three crewmembers are missing after the two Union Pacific freight trains collided. A conductor of one of the trains survived.

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