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Alaska Railroad train derails near Port of Anchorage

Railroad crews clear traffic blockages within an hour

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – An Alaska Railroad freight train carrying military vehicles from Fort Wainwright’s Stryker Brigade derailed at approximately 11:00 a.m. today as it neared its destination at the Port of Anchorage. Three of the train’s 40 flatcars derailed at 4 mph in the yard, stopping the train, and blocking traffic on the road entering the port and the road to the Boat Launch.

Alaska Railroad crews responded immediately and were able to clear the road blockages within approximately 45 minutes. Railcars were re-railed within two hours.

The derailed flat cars sustained minor damage, however, none of the military cargo was damaged and no one was injured. The track also sustained minor damage and crews are currently working, with repairs expected to be completed by this evening. The incident will not impact the military’s planned unloading, scheduled tomorrow morning.

The train was carrying approximately 200 pieces of military equipment – primarily Stryker vehicles along with a few support vehicles. It is the third of five trainloads involved in the mobilization. The brigade’s military equipment will be loaded onto one Navy ship and two private freight contractor ships late next week. The ships will head to the West Coast, where soldiers will engage in pre-mobilization training prior to a deployment for a mission in Iraq.

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