Two Separate Train-Car Accidents Tuesday in Athens, Albertville

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An 85-year-old Albertville man and a 37-year-old Athens man were involved in separate train-car accidents Tuesday, October 19. According to police, neither man saw or heard the approaching trains.

At around 11 a.m., according to the Albertville Police Department, an 85-year-old man was driving his 1996 Dodge Dakota pickup truck on Brashers Chapel Road in Albertville, which is in Marshall County.

According to Albertville Police Department spokesperson Jamie Smith, the man did not see or hear the oncoming Alabama, Tennessee and Northern Railroad train. When the man crossed the tracks, the train struck his pickup and carried it 200 yards down the track before the train was able to stop.

The man was injured in the train-truck accident and was taken to Marshall Medical Center South. He was later flown to Huntsville Hospital, Smith told the Huntsville Times.

Later that day, at around 4:50 p.m., a 37-year-old man from Athens was involved in a separate train accident. He was driving a 1994 GMC pickup truck along Ingram Road, about five miles south of Athens in Limestone County.

The Athens man apparently also did not see the approaching train, and his pickup collided with the train, according to Alabama State Troopers. The Huntsville Times did not say whether the second train wreck involved a Alabama, Tennessee and Northern Railroad train.

The second driver was lucky. He was not injured in the train-car accident.

It is unknown why the two men failed to notice the oncoming trains, but it is essential for everyone to avoid distracted driving, especially near railroad tracks. Take care out there.

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