



CN has transitioned across most of the network, from transporting dangerous goods (hazardous materials) with paper copies of shipping documents (shipping papers) to electronic shipping documents.

What is a shipping document?

A shipping document contains information on the dangerous goods that are being transported, such as UN Number, Proper Shipping Name and Class of the dangerous good. Under the regulations governing the transport of dangerous goods, a train crew is required to have a paper copy of the shipping documents while they are in transport.

What is changing?

Both the Canadian and US governments have determined that transporting dangerous goods by rail using electronic shipping documents provides an equivalent level of safety as paper copies. Railroads are now authorized to use electronic shipping documents instead of paper.

What are electronic shipping documents?

Electronic shipping documents include all required information for transporting dangerous goods, but in a digital format.

How do I identify the carrier involved in the incident?

Since locomotives are frequently interchanged or pooled among federally regulated carriers and across international borders, a first responder cannot rely on the name appearing on the locomotive to properly identify who is operating the train.

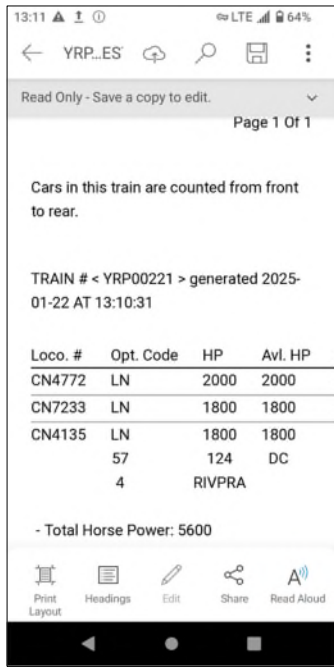
First responders can identify who is operating the train by identifying who operates the track. Consistent with other preplanning activities completed throughout a fire response district, identifying who operates the rail network should be done in advance. The following online GIS systems can be used to quickly identify the rail networks in your community.

Canada: Use the [Railway Association of Canada online Atlas](#) to identify railroads in your community.

U.S.: Use the [FRA GIS Safety website](#) or the FRA crossing Locator app.

If the rail network is not identified in advance, every public railroad crossing identifies the railroad name, mile post and emergency telephone number, either on a mounted post, the crossing signals, nearby signal bungalows, or on decals on masts.





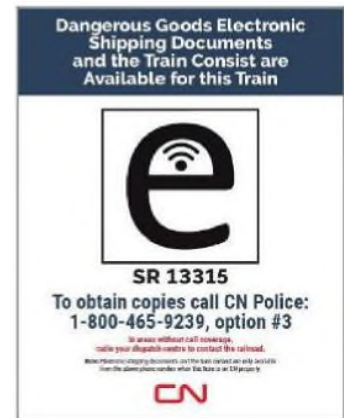
I am on the scene of an incident involving a CN train. How do I get a copy of the train consist / shipping documents?

Locate the train crew. The crew (conductor and engineer) will have electronic devices containing a copy of the train consist and shipping documents which can be shared with you in the event of an incident. The crew may share information directly from their device to you, via email, or Bluetooth to your device (Bluetooth is only available for Android devices).

Be prepared to provide your contact information to train crew to receive the consist electronically.

Historical Decal:

On the inside of the first locomotive of a CN train you might see a decal with instructions on how to obtain electronic shipping documents, which alerts responders about the electronic consist, is being gradually phased out to minimize confusion for first responders. Since locomotives are frequently interchanged or pooled among federally regulated carriers and across international borders, they may display incorrect information. As a result, the marking is no longer required. During an emergency, first responders can call the CN Emergency Communication Center to obtain a copy of the electronic train consist, regardless of whether the electronic shipping document mark is displayed on the lead locomotive.



I cannot locate the train crew / I cannot approach the site of the incident due to safety concerns. How do I get a copy of the consist?

Contact CN Emergency Communication Center at **1-800-465-9239, option 3**. The railroad will provide copies of the train consist and shipping documents to you or your dispatch center.

What other ways can I get information about the dangerous goods on a train?

The AskRail mobile application serves emergency responders who arrive first on scene at a rail emergency and need critical information about the contents of a railcar. The app provides immediate access to accurate, real-time data about individual railcars on a train and dangerous goods information for all Class 1 railroads. You can download the AskRail app from the [Google Play Store](#), the [Apple App Store](#), or the [Microsoft Windows Desktop Application \(sha-512\)](#). If you are an ECC and would like a webapp version, contact 1-877-724-5462 or support@AskRail.us.

