



**Timothy Burton**  
*Chief of Police*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

**DATE: July 16, 2010**

**TYPE OF INCIDENT: Train/Vehicle Accident**

**DATE/TIME OCCURRED: July 16, 2010, approximately 4:30p.m.**

**LOCATION: Business 20 and Reed Rd.**

### **SUMMARY/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

At approximately 4:30 p.m., the Odessa Police and Fire Department responded to Business 20 and Reed Rd to a vehicle struck by a train. The driver of a 1990 Peterbilt truck-tractor with trailer was traveling southbound on Reed. The driver, identified as Jaime Parra, 54yoa of Odessa, told investigators that his truck became stuck on the railroad tracks. A Union Pacific train traveling westbound collided with the truck tractor.

The driver of the truck-tractor exited the vehicle before the collision and no injuries were reported. The collision resulted in damages to a light pole, the truck-tractor and trailer, a one ton Dodge Pick-up associated with the truck-tractor, the railroad crossing arms, several Union Pacific railroad cars and the railroad tracks. The vehicle is registered to Jaime Parra Dump Truck and Backhoe Services.

The railroad crossing at Business 20 and Reed Road will be closed until clean up is complete and is expected to be closed throughout the night.

Investigation continues...

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