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Mexican Nationals Rescued from Train in New Braunfels

New Braunfels, Texas — On today's date (Aug. 18, 2015) at approximately 9:51am, New Braunfels Police 911 dispatchers received an emergency phone call from a Spanish-speaking man claiming to be trapped on board a train traveling through New Braunfels. The man claimed he and several other people were inside a train car and could not get out.

New Braunfels Police notified Union Pacific and the train was immediately stopped near FM 306 in the area of Comal Iron and Metals. New Braunfels Police officers along with New Braunfels Fire and EMS personnel began searching the train cars for the trapped people, and at approximately 10:24am they were located inside a transport bin in the area parallel to Gruene Road between Rock Street and Ervendberg Avenue.

A total of 10 males (ranging in age from 17 to 38 years old) were located inside the transport bin. All 10 were transported by ambulance to local hospitals with five of the men in dire need of medical attention due to dehydration. As of this release, those five males are still being treated locally while the other five men were treated and medically released. Officers searched the rest of the 80-car train for signs of other people on board, but none were found.

Initial information suggests that all 10 men are Mexican Nationals that were put on board the train just outside of Laredo, with Austin as their final destination. Union Pacific Police are now leading the investigation, and all 10 men are in the custody of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which is also investigating the incident.

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