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Automotive terminal marks 15 years without injuries or fatalities

Transnet Freight Rail's (TFR) automotive terminal team in Kalfontein, Gauteng has managed to achieve an injury and fatality-free record for a consecutive 15 years by applying a 'safety first' principle.

The team, which comprises 15 employees, loads vehicles into six trains daily, destined for the Port of Durban and Port of PE.

According to Sibusiso Masikane, the National Automotive Operations Manager, the team's consistency in achieving this record has been made possible by applying safety measures in all working procedures.

The terminal also prioritises safety by making sure that all employees attend safety refresher programmes conducted by the TFR School of Rail. Employees are also encouraged to take up safety courses offered by external service providers.

"The team is known for taking safety seriously and has set a good example amongst its peers in other terminals. The rule is simple but can be hard to follow at times resulting in serious injuries or fatalities. In this team consistency and double-checking are key," added Masikane.

This commendable performance is also linked to strict adherence to the terminal's Standard Operating Procedures, which helps the team to be vigilant when carrying out their responsibilities.

To keep safe, the team also handles all trains that arrive or leave the terminal in full protective personal equipment.

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