Figure 5. Accident Report Form for Federal Railroad Administration

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION (FRA)**

**HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE CROSSING ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT**

1. **Name of Reporting Railroad**
   - Alphabetic Code
   - Railroad Accident/Incident No.
2. **Name of Other Railroad Involved in Train Accident**
   - Alphabetic Code
   - Railroad Accident/Incident No.
3. **Name of Railroad Responsible for Track Maintenance**
   - (single entry)
   - Alphabetic Code
   - Railroad Accident/Incident No.
4. **U. S. DOT Grade Crossing Identification Number**
   - 5. Date of Accident/Incident
   - month
   - year
   - 6. Time of Accident/Incident
   - AM
   - PM
5. **Nearest Railroad Station**
   - 8. Division
   - 9. County
   - 10. State
   - Code
6. **City (if in a city)**
   - Public
   - Private
7. **Highway User Involved**
   - Type
   - Code
   - Highway Name or Number
8. **Rail Equipment Involved**
   - Type
   - Code
   - Railroad Accident/Incident No.
9. **Weather**
   - East
   - West
   - South
   - North
10. **Visibility**
    - Code
11. **Traffic Obscured by**
    - Code
12. **Track Number or Name**
13. **Consist Speed**
    - R - Recorded
    - E - Estimated
14. **Consist (If reported in the impact transporting hazardous materials?**
    - Code
15. **Operator’s Age**
16. **Operator’s Gender**
17. **Warning**
18. **Whistle Ban**
19. **Crossing Location**
20. **Grade Crossing**
21. **Location of Warning**
22. **Driver’s Age**
23. **Driver’s Gender**
24. **Driver Passed Standing**
25. **Casualties to**
26. **Highway-Rail Crossing Users**
27. **Railroad Employees**
28. **Passengers on Train**
29. **Special Study Block**
30. **Typical Name and Title**
31. **Signature**
32. **Date**

**NOTE:** This report is part of the reporting railroad’s accident report pursuant to the accident reports statute and, as such, shall not be admitted as evidence or used for any purpose in any suit or action for damages growing out of any matter mentioned in said report . . . * 49 U.S.C. 20903.

See 49 C.F.R. 225.7 (b).

*NOTE THAT ALL CASUALTIES MUST BE REPORTED ON FORM FRA F-6180.55A*
### Instructions for Completing Block 33

Only if Types 1 - 6, Item 32 are indicated, mark in Block 33 the status of the warning devices at the crossing at the time of the accident, using the following codes:

1. Provided minimum 20-second warning.
2. Alleged warning time greater than 60 seconds.
3. Alleged warning time less than 20 seconds.
4. Alleged no warning.
5. Confirmed warning time greater than 60 seconds.
6. Confirmed warning time less than 20 seconds.
7. Confirmed no warning.

If status code 5, 6, or 7 was entered, also enter a letter code explanation from the list below:

- A. Insulated rail vehicle.
- B. Storm/lightning damage.
- C. Vandalism.
- D. No power/batteries dead.
- E. Devices down for repair.
- F. Devices out of service.
- G. Warning time greater than 60 seconds attributed to accident-involved train stopping short of the crossing, but within track circuit limits, while warning devices remain continuously active with no other in-motion train present.
- H. Warning time greater than 60 seconds attributed to track circuit failure (e.g., insulated rail joint or rail bonding failure, track or ballast fouled, etc.).
- J. Warning time greater than 60 seconds attributed to other train/equipment within track circuit limits.
- K. Warning time less than 20 seconds attributed to signals timing out before train's arrival at the crossing/island circuit.
- L. Warning time less than 20 seconds attributed to train operating counter to track circuit design direction.
- M. Warning time less than 20 seconds attributed to train speed in excess of track circuit's design speed.
- N. Warning time less than 20 seconds attributed to signal system's failure to detect train approach.
- P. Warning time less than 20 seconds attributed to violation of special train operating instructions.
- R. No warning attributed to signal system's failure to detect the train.
- S. Other cause(s). Explain in Narrative Description.

*Source: Federal Railroad Administration.*