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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Mock incident prepares emergency teams**

The emergency response readiness of Wilmar's Proserpine crew was put to the test during a mock incident on the company's cane rail network on Wednesday (21 November).

Queensland Police Service, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services and Queensland Ambulance Service all took part in the drill, which involved a staged cane train crash and scripted injuries.

Proserpine Cane Supply Manager Tony Marino said the exercise had been organised as a way for all parties to test response times and review current emergency processes.

"The loco was positioned on a short section of track just inside the mill confines, and two of our employees volunteered to act as the injured parties," Mr Marino said.

"We wanted to ensure employee response to the mock incident was as realistic as possible so we didn't give them any forewarning.

"This allowed us to observe and review Wilmar's emergency response process.

"An employee was selected to act as the first-responder, calling in the incident to our traffic office operator, who then contacted local emergency services and dispatched an incident coordinator to the scene."

The Queensland Ambulance Service sent two officers and an ambulance from nearby Proserpine Station to the mock accident scene.

A QAS spokesperson said the organisation was happy to take part in local exercises with other emergency services.

Mr Marino said emergency response exercises involving cane trains were held across all of Wilmar's milling regions annually.

“Safety is a priority for Wilmar and we are very focused on accident prevention. But emergency response preparedness is also important, which is why these exercises are so valuable.”

### Photos



1. *Emergency services crew respond to a Wilmar employee who acted as an injured party in the mock incident.*



2. *Queensland Fire and Rescue crew lift a loco driver out of the cab following the mock cane train crash.*



3. *Emergency Services crews attend to two Wilmar employees who volunteered to act as injured parties in the mock emergency, which was designed to test response times and review emergency processes*



4. *Police, fire and ambulance crews attended the staged emergency response exercise at Proserpine Mill on Wednesday morning.*

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