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Reading & Northern Railroad hires V.P. Transportation & Safety

Port Clinton, PA, April 13, 2015- Reading and Northern Railroad announces the appointment of Thomas Cook as Vice President Transportation & Safety.

Cook joins Reading and Northern from CSX Transportation where he retired in January 2015 after a 30 year career with CSX and Conrail. He was Assistant Superintendent at Curtis Bay Piers, MD since December of 2010 where he led daily operations through a period of rapid growth. Prior to that he held various positions in operations with CSX and sales and operations with Conrail.

His operations and leadership background is distinguished by a passion for safety and developing managers and employees. Cook was awarded CSX's Chairman's Award of Excellence in 2008 for his success in developing a culture of safety and mentoring new managers while a Trainmaster in Indianapolis.

Cook graduated from Gettysburg College in 1984 and has a B.A. in Business Administration.

Reading & Northern Railroad, with its corporate headquarters in Port Clinton, is a privately held railroad company serving over 50 customers in nine eastern Pennsylvania counties (Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Northumberland, Schuylkill and Wyoming). It has expanded its operations over the last 20+ years and has grown into one of the premier railroads in Pennsylvania. Reading and Northern operates both freight services and steam and diesel powered excursion passenger services through its' Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway, owns over 1000 freight cars, and employees over 180 dedicated employees.