

UPDATED: Train derailed in Mussey Township

not be immediately reached this morning for comment.

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Officials said cleanup efforts are under way this morning after four train cars derailed in Mussey Township.

Jeffrey Friedland, St. Clair County Emergency Management director, said the location of the derailment resulted in minimal impact on the community.

“It was the most ideal spot if it had to happen, there weren’t any homes in the immediate area,” he said. “It’s one of those, that if it happened, it was a good thing it happened there.”

Friedland said four cars derailed about ¼ mile west of Knoll Road shortly after 1 a.m.

He said some ammonia nitrate, which is used as a fertilizer, did spill out of one of the cars and railway officials had an environmental cleanup crew responding to the site.

Friedland said the spill was not a threat to the area.

The cause of the derailment is under investigation.

Canadian National Railway officials could

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