Sarah Kincaid

TRAINMASTER

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SUMMARY

Trainmaster with 11 years in freight rail operations, the last 4 managing 140 train and yard crew members across a classification yard and 2 subdivisions. Runs efficiency testing, hours of service compliance and incident investigations under FRA regulations, and has raised on-time performance while cutting reportable injuries.

SKILLS

Rail Operations Management • FRA Regulations • Efficiency Testing • Rules Compliance • Hours of Service

Incident Investigations • Yard Operations • Crew Management • On-Time Performance • Leadership

EXPERIENCE

Trainmaster 05/2022 - Present

Platte River Railroad North Platte, NE

Regional freight railroad with a 40-track classification yard and 2 mainline subdivisions.

- Manage 140 conductors, engineers and yard crew members across 3 shifts and 2 subdivisions.
- Conduct 60+ efficiency tests a month on rules compliance, with a 99% pass rate in 2025.
- Raised departure on-time performance from 78% to **91%** by reworking crew calls and yard blocks.
- Lead derailment and injury investigations, cutting FRA reportable injuries from 9 to 3 in 2 years.

Yardmaster 03/2019 - 04/2022

Platte River Railroad North Platte, NE

Ran the classification yard on rotating day and night shifts with dispatch, mechanical and train crews.

- Directed 8-10 switch crews per shift, building about 1,200 cars a day into outbound blocks.
- Lowered average car dwell time from 31 to 24 hours with new block plans.
- Tracked hours of service for every crew, with zero federal violations in 3 years.
- Coordinated 20+ daily outbound trains with dispatch and the mechanical department.

Conductor and Locomotive Engineer 06/2015 - 02/2019

Sandhills Short Line Railroad Ogallala, NE

Short-line freight railroad serving grain and ethanol shippers.

- Ran road and local trains as a certified conductor, then engineer, over 900+ trips.
- Logged zero rule violations or FRA reportable incidents across 4 years of service.
- Ran initial terminal air brake tests on trains of 60-100 grain and ethanol cars.
- Trained 6 new conductors on air brake tests and hazmat paperwork.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science 05/2015

University of Nebraska at Kearney Kearney, NE

Business Administration

CERTIFICATES

FRA Certified Locomotive Engineer (49 CFR Part 240) 08/2017

Sandhills Short Line Railroad

FRA Certified Conductor (49 CFR Part 242) 10/2015

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