Train conductor killed in crash from South Lake Tahoe

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CONCORD — One of Mindy Mohammed's favorite memories was when her grandmother allowed her to be a real conductor on a train.

She was only 10 years old at the time, but her grandmother Laurette Lee let her pull the train whistle, see the engine room and learn about the engineer's complex set of controls.

And once the train began to leave the station, Lee and her granddaughter got to work collecting tickets.

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