



Virginia Railway Express

News Release

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VRE Service Update

At approximately 6:43am this morning, train 304 on the Fredericksburg line left the tracks at Possum Point, just north of the Quantico Bridge. The engine and last three cars reportedly derailed. EMS arrived on the scene at 6:59am and reported four injuries which have been transported to local hospitals. The extent of these injuries is not confirmed, but initial reports are that all persons are ambulatory. There were approximately 400 passengers on the train at the time of the incident.

National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), CSX, Amtrak and VRE personnel are all on the scene. Additionally, CSX is sending a group of investigators from Jacksonville, Florida who will be arriving later today. Officials from the NTSB and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) are investigating and will determine the exact cause of the accident.

Passengers on this train have been offloaded and are being returned to their station of origin. No train service, including Amtrak, is moving north at this time. VRE passengers should find alternate transportation. Information on this afternoon's commute will be communicated as soon as we have more information.

Train #304 leaves Fredericksburg at 6:10am and travels north to Washington with a scheduled arrival time of 7:38am. The train consisted of one locomotive and five Kawasaki cars that VRE purchased new in 2000. The train normally carries 700 people and had picked up approximately 400 prior to the incident. The authorized speed limit in this area is 45 mph.