Wet Roads Contribute to 3 Bus Accidents Involving Multiple Injuries to Riders, Operators

(November 8) Wet roads contributed to a rash of highway accidents in the Los Angeles area early Monday, including at least 18 involving Metro Buses. Three of those accidents resulted in injuries to passengers and operators.

At 4:39 a.m., a northbound Metro Bus hit a trash truck at Broadway and 22nd Street. A total of 23 people were transported to hospitals. Two, including the bus operator, suffered serious injuries.

At 6:42 a.m., a Line 78 bus collided with a light pole at Huntington and West Drive in San Marino. Seven passengers were injured, including the operator.

Meanwhile, an MTA bus operated by ATE/Ryder on Line 130 in the South Bay was involved in an accident in the southbound lanes of the Harbor Freeway. An ATE/Ryder spokesman said the bus operator lost control of the bus when a car swerved into her lane. Both vehicles were severely damaged and the bus operator was transported to the hospital with internal injuries and two broken legs.

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