



Above, Track Inspector Douglas Jaeger lines up tow truck, below, that hauled jeep away.
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Motorist Finds Jeep No Good on Metro Blue Line Tracks

(March 22) The driver of a Jeep who must have thought he was operating a Metro Blue Line train drove onto the tracks just after midnight, Thursday, and attempted to enter the tunnel at 12th and Flower.

The driver left his crippled vehicle some 200 feet down the incline, ran farther toward the 7th and Metro station and exited through an escape hatch, according to Leroy Bonifay, the senior rail equipment supervisor in charge of clearing the scene.

There were no injuries and only minor damage to the tracks. Metro Rail line was out of service at that hour. The incident is under investigation by the LAPD.

A Rail Operations salvage crew managed to clear the tracks before morning rail service began. Track, Traction Power and Signal personnel worked together for about three hours to haul away the Jeep and replace some 50 steel clips that hold the tracks in place.

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