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On the scene: Los Angeles Fire Department crews extinguish small fire caused when an SUV broadsided a northbound Metro Gold Line train at a Mount Washington area crossing at Avenue 50 and Marmion Way.



Photos: Wilbur Babb.

## Six Injured in Metro Gold Line Accident at Mount Washington Crossing

- SUV may have crashed through crossing gate. Impact with train caused a fire; driver was rescued from burning vehicle by "Good Samaritan."

By GAYLE ANDERSON

(Sept. 21, 2007) A sport utility vehicle broadsided a Metro Gold Line train during the Friday morning rush hour today, causing a fire and injuring six people in the second Gold Line crash in two weeks.

The Metro Gold Line train was heading from downtown Los Angeles north to Pasadena when it was struck shortly after 7 a.m. at the Ave. 50 and Marmion Way intersection crossing in the Mount Washington area.



SUV was demolished by a fire caused by the impact.

A total of 6 people were injured and transported to area hospitals. Two Gold Line passengers and the female driver of the vehicle were transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital. Two passengers of the train and the train operator were transported to Glendale Hospital. None of the injuries were life-threatening.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), but preliminary reports indicate the woman driving the SUV drove through the railroad crossing gates, which were operating properly, and crashed into the train, said Marc Littman, Deputy Executive Officer, Public Relations.



Fire seared the train, causing both exterior and interior damage to the operator's cabin.

News reports say the driver of the SUV was trapped in her burning vehicle until a passing motorist stopped and went to her assistance.

LAPD Detective Michael Kaden told reporters on the scene that a motorist stopped at the scene of the accident took immediate action. He jumped the fence, appropriated a knife and cut the woman's seat belt in order to free her from the driver's seat, said Kaden.

Both the northbound and southbound tracks were out of service for nearly four hours. A bus bridge was set up from Highland Park to the Southwest Museum station to transport passengers around the accident site.

Service was restored to both tracks at approximately 11:15 a.m. after the vehicle was removed from the tracks at 11:10 a.m.

It was the second injury accident involving the Gold Line in less than two

weeks.

On Sept. 11, six people were injured and a Metro Gold Line train was derailed when a pickup truck ran a red light during the morning rush hour at a crossing in the Highland Park area northeast of downtown - just a few blocks away from Friday's accident.

It was the most serious accident since the Gold Line opened in 2003.

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