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W-0340 Collision - Spring Hill Station - February 8, 2024

Document Purpose

This WMSC written report on WMATA Metrorail's safety event investigation and review of Metrorail's findings in accordance with the WMSC Program Standard, in conjunction with the attached Metrorail investigation report that has undergone WMSC staff review, feedback, and Metrorail revision, describes the investigation activities, identifies factors causing or contributing to the accident, and sets forth ongoing, additional, or upcoming corrective actions and further oversight work (such as inspections and audits) as necessary or appropriate. The WMSC's ongoing oversight during the investigative process, including safety event reporting and verification, participation in investigative interviews, data review, consistent communication with the Metrorail investigations team, and feedback on Metrorail's reports leads to further improvements prior to consideration of the reports by WMSC Commissioners for adoption. The WMSC's safety event investigation oversight assures the sufficiency and thoroughness of Metrorail's investigations. The WMSC Commissioners are considering these documents (the WMSC review and Metrorail's investigation report) as a unified item for adoption at the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission meeting on September 17, 2024.

WMSC staff recommend adoption of this investigation.

Safety event summary:

A person at Spring Hill Station deliberately placed themself in the path of an oncoming train on February 8, 2024, as the train entered the station's platform limits. The Train Operator attempted to stop the train using emergency braking, but the train struck the person. The person then crawled from under the train and positioned themselves in front of the lead car between the wall and third rail. The Train Operator correctly reported the incident to a Rail Traffic Controller in the Metro Integrated Command and Communications Center. An Office of Rail Transportation Supervisor, Metro Transit Police Department and Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department personnel responded.

Third rail power was deenergized approximately two minutes after the collision occurred. Riders were offloaded from the train with the assistance of the Station Manager. First responders safely removed the person struck from the roadway and transported them to a hospital for further treatment of life-threatening injuries. The Train Operator was removed from service and transported for medical evaluation. The incident train was removed from service for post-incident testing.



Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Department of Safety (SAFE) Office of Safety Investigations (OSI)

FINAL REPORT OF INVESTIGATION A&I E24114

Date of Event:	February 8, 2024					
Type of Event:	A-3 – Collision					
Incident Time:	20:34 hours					
Location:	Spring Hill Station, Track 2 Platform Limits					
Time and How received by SAFE:	20:42 hours/MICC Alert					
WMSC Notification Time:	20:49 hours					
Responding Safety Officers:	Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP)					
Rail Vehicle:	Train ID 620 (L7392/93x7337/36x7544/45x7301/00T)					
Injuries:	Significant Injuries					
Damage:	No damage					
Emergency Responders:	Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Departmer (FCFRD)					
SMS I/A Number	20240213#114749					

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AIMS Advanced Information Management System

AOM Assistant Operations Manager

ARS Audio Recording System

CCTV Closed-Circuit Television

CM Chain Marker

ERT Emergency Response Team

FCFRD Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department

MICC Metro Integrated Command and Communications Center

MOR Metrorail Operating Rulebook

MTPD Metro Transit Police Department

NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

OM Operations Manager

RTC Rail Traffic Controller

RTRA Office of Rail Transportation

SAFE Department of Safety

SMS Safety Measurement System

TRST Office of Track and Structures

WMATA Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

WMSC Washington Metrorail Safety Commission

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Executive Summary

*Note that all times listed are approximate and may contain minor variations due to differences between systems of record. *

On Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 20:34 hours, Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) revealed that Train ID 620 (L7392/93x7337/36x7544/45x7301/00T) collided with a customer that placed themself on the roadway within of the platform limits of track 2 of Spring Hill Station. The Train Operator contacted the Metro Integrated Command and Communications Center (MICC) and reported to the Radio Rail Traffic Controller (RTC) that a customer had jumped in front of the train and was positioned under the train.

After the collision, the customer crawled to the far side of track two between the wall and the third rail, just in front of the lead car of Train ID 620.

The Radio RTC dispatched an Office of Rail Transportation (RTRA) Rail Supervisor to Spring Hill Station. The Button RTC notified the Assistant Operations Manager (AOM) of the event. The Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) Liaison notified MTPD Dispatch of the event. MICC Communications contacted the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FCFRD) to respond to Spring Hill Station.

Third rail power was de-energized to allow FCFRD to enter the roadway. FCFRD addressed the customer's injuries and transported the customer to Inova Fairfax Hospital.

In adherence to Standard Operating Procedure 102-01-02, which outlines the protocol for Removing an Employee from Service for involvement in an operational safety event, the Radio RTC dispatched a Rail Supervisor to relieve the Train Operator from duty for post-incident testing.

In accordance with the Office of the Chief Mechanical Officer (CMOR) Incident Investigation Team (IIT) Operations Administrative Policy (OAP) 102.06, the MICC promptly initiated the removal of Train ID 620 from revenue service for post-incident investigative measures. This action adhered to the Rail Vehicle Event Investigation Policy, ensuring a comprehensive examination of the incident.

The probable cause of the Collision event that occurred on February 8, 2024, at Spring Hill Station, was the intentional action of the person to trespass onto the rail right-of-way and subsequent strike by the train.

Incident Site

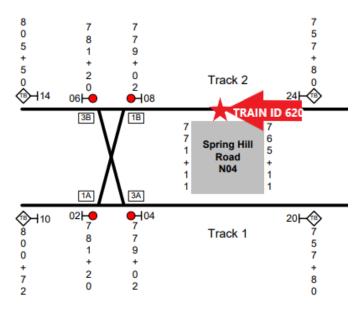
Spring Hill Station (N04), Track 2

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Field Sketch/Schematics



The above depiction is not to scale.

Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this accident investigation and candid self-evaluation is to collect and analyze available facts, determine the probable cause(s) of the incident, identify contributing factors, and make recommendations to prevent a recurrence.

Investigative Methods

Upon receiving notification of the Collision at Spring Hill Station on February 8, 2024, SAFE dispatched a cross-functional team to assess the scene and conduct the subsequent investigation. SAFE team members worked with relevant WMATA subject matter experts to review the incident's facts and data.

The investigative methodologies included the following:

- Physical Site Assessment through document and video review
- Formal Interviews SAFE interviewed one individual as part of this investigation. The
 interview included persons present at, during, and after the incident, those directly
 involved in the response process, and representatives from the Washington Metrorail
 Safety Commission (WMSC). SAFE interviewed the following individual:

Train Operator - Train ID 620

- Informal Interviews Collected through conversations with individuals during the investigation to provide background and supporting information. Written statements were reviewed from personnel present during the event.
- Documentation Review Collection of relevant work history information and process documentation contained in WMATA systems of record. These records include:
 - RTRA Supervisor's Written Statement

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- RTRA Station Manager's Written Statement
- Train Operator's Written Statement
- Train Operator's 30-Day Work History
- Train Operator's Training Records
- MTPD Incident Report
- Metrorail Operating Rulebook (MOR)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- System Data Recording Review Collection of information contained in Metro Data Recording Systems. This data includes:
 - Audio Recording System (ARS) playback
 - The Office of Chief Mechanical Officer (CMOR) Incident Investigation Team (IIT)
 Vehicle Monitoring and Diagnostic System (VMDS)
 - Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV)

Investigation

On February 8, 2024, at 20:30 hours, CCTV determined that the subject customer arrived at Spring Hill Station by way of track 1 onboard Train ID 617.



Image 1: Subject Customer arrived on track 1, Spring Hill Station, at 20:30 hours.

At 20:34 hours, the subject customer deliberately jumped from the track 2 platform into the roadway as Train ID 620 arrived within the platform limits.

ARS determined the Train Operator of Train ID 620 immediately reported to the Radio Rail Traffic Controller (RTC) that the subject customer jumped in front of the train and was currently under the train. The Train Operator further advised that the consist had not completely berthed at the platform.

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Image 2: The subject customer was observed jumping in front of Train ID 620 at 22:34 hours.

At 20:35 hours, the subject customer appeared on the outside of the third-rail on track 2, just in line with Train ID 620's lead car. At the same time, the ARS determined that the Assistant Operations Manager (AOM) was advised of the incident by the Buttons RTC.



Image 3: Subject customer was observed on the wall side of the third-rail to the side of Train ID 620 at 20:35 hours.

At 20:36 hours, AIMS determined that third-rail power was de-energized to the platform limits of Spring Hill Station, track 2. Following this, the Radio RTC advised the Train Operator of Train ID 620 to key down and conduct a radio check. The Radio RTC then broadcast over OPS 4 that an

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emergency was underway at Spring Hill Station and that Incident Management Framework (IMF) procedures were in effect.

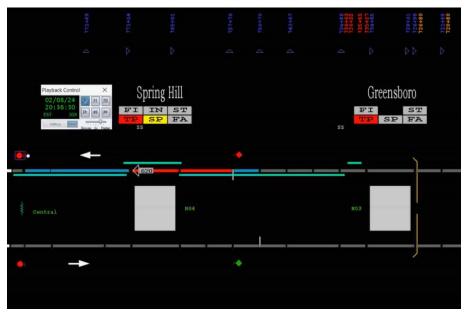


Image 4: Power was de-energized between the Spring Hill Interlocking and the end of the Greensboro Station platform limits, track 2 at 20:36 hours.

At approximately the same time, the Station Manager advised the Radio RTC that the subject customer had repositioned between the wall and the third-rail of the far side of track 2. The Radio RTC then dispatched an Office of Car Maintenance (CMNT) Road Mechanic to the scene.

At 20:39, the Information Controller notified FCFRD of the incident. At 20:40, the Safety Director On-Call (SDOC) was advised of the incident. At the same time, Train ID 620 was the first train to single-track to service Spring Hill Station.

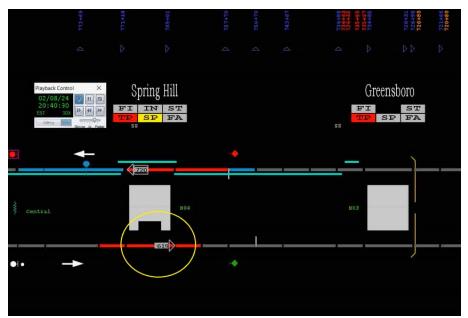


Image 5: Single-track operations continued from Spring Hill Station from 20:40 hours.

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At 20:42 hours, the Fire Liaison Officer (FLO) advised the Incident Commander of FCFRD that third-rail power had been de-energized to track 2 of Spring Hill Station.

At 20:43 hours, Train ID 620 commenced alighting customers.



Image 6: Train ID 620 commenced alighting customers at 20:43 hours.

At 20:44 hours, CCTV determined that FCFRD had arrived on the scene. At the same time, the FCFRD incident commander confirmed with the FLO that power had been de-energized to the third-rail and that a Warning Strobe and Alarm Device (WSAD) would be placed upon entry into the roadway.



Image 7: FCFRD arrived on scene at 20:44 hours.

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At 20:47 hours, FCFRD entered the roadway to retrieve the subject customer and provide further medical care. Shortly after, the FCFRD Incident Commander requested that a second WSAD be placed behind Train ID 620.

At 20:48 hours, the Train Operator of Train ID 620 advised the Radio RTC that FCFRD had entered the roadway to retrieve the subject customer.



Image 8: FCFRD enter the roadway to retrieve the subject customer at 20:47 hours.

The Mission Assurance Coordinator (MAC) notified the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission (WMSC) of the incident at 20:49 hours. At 20:52 hours, FCFRD extricated the subject customer from the roadway and transported them to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries.

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Image 9: FCFRD extricated the subject customer from the roadway at 20:52 hours.

At 20:56 hours, the RTRA Supervisor gained foul time and entered the roadway to hot stick and confirm that the third-rail power was de-energized at CM N2 771+00.

At 21:05 hours, scene documentation and clean up began and was led by MTPD Crime Scene Investigations. At 21:09 hours, the CMNT Road Mechanic was on scene and requested foul time to enter the roadway in order to inspect Train ID 620.



Image 10: Scene documentation and clean up commenced at 21:05 hours.

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At 22:43 hours, the RTRA Supervisor advised the Radio RTC that all personnel were clear of the roadway track 2 of Spring Hill Station and that third-rail power could be re-energized.

At 22:48 hours, AIMS determined that third-rail power was re-energized on track 2 of Spring Hill Station between Spring Hill Interlocking and the end of Greensboro Station's platform limits.



Image 11: Power was re-energized between the Spring Hill Interlocking and the end of the Greensboro Station platform limits, track 2 at 22:48 hours.

At 22:53 hours, the Radio RTC gave permission for the new Train Operator of Train ID 720 to proceed to Dulles Rail Yard in order to lay-up the train.

At 22:54 hours, Train ID 720 cleared Spring Hill Station track 2 platform limits and commenced moving toward Dulles Rail Yard.

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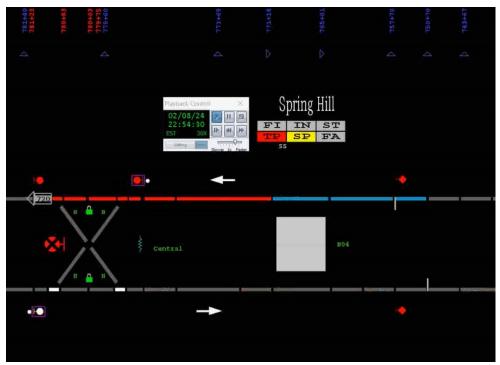


Image 12: All personnel were clear of the roadway and Train ID 620 commenced moving toward Dulles Yard by way of track 2 at 22:54 hours.

Chronological Event Timeline

A review of ARS playback, i.e., phone and radio communications, revealed the following timeline:

Time	Description
20:30:16 hours	The subject customer is observed arriving at Spring Hill Station, track 1 on board Train ID 617. [CCTV]
20:34:14 hours	The subject customer is observed jumping in front of Train ID 620 within the track 2 platform limits of Spring Hill Station. [CCTV]
20:34:40 hours	Train Operator of Train ID 620: Advised the Radio RTC that a customer had jumped in front of their train and was positioned under the train. The Train Operator stated the train was not fully berthed on the platform. Radio RTC: Acknowledged. Dispatched the RTRA Supervisor then requested from Train ID 620 if they made contact with anyone in the roadway. RTRA Supervisor: En route from Wiehle-Reston East Station. Train Operator of Train ID 620: Affirmative. [RADIO, OPS 4]
20:35:03 hours	Buttons RTC: Advised the AOM of the incident. AOM: Acknowledged. [PHONE, Rail 1]
20:35:40 hours	The subject customer is observed appearing on the third-rail side of Train ID 620's lead car on the wall side of the third rail. [CCTV]
20:35:44 hours	MTPD ROCC Liaison: Advised the MTPD Dispatcher and MTPD Officer that a collision with a customer had occurred and that the incident was confirmed via CCTV. MTPD Dispatcher: Acknowledged. MTPD Officer: Acknowledged and self-dispatched to the scene. [RADIO, MTPD 1X]
20:36:30 hours	Third-rail power was de-energized on track two of Spring Hill Station between the Spring Hill Interlocking and the end of Greensboro Station's platform limits. [AIMS]

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20:36:32 hours	Radio RTC: Advised the Train Operator to key down and radio check on their handset.
	Train Operator of Train ID 620: Acknowledged.
	Radio RTC: Advised all personnel on OPS 4 that an emergency was in effect at Spring Hill Station and IMF procedures were in effect. [RADIO, OPS 4]
20:37:05 hours	Station Manager: Advised the Radio RTC that the subject customer was
	between the wall and the third rail on track 2 within the platform limits.
	Radio RTC: Acknowledged and dispatched a CMNT Road Mechanic and
	requested from the RTRA Supervisor if customers could be released from Train
	ID 620.
	CMNT Road Mechanic: Acknowledged, en route.
	Station Manager: Acknowledged. [RADIO, OPS 4]
20:39:21 hours	Information Controller: Advised FCFRD of the incident via their landline phone.
	FCFRD Dispatcher: Acknowledged. [PHONE, ROIC 1]
20:40:30 hours	Single-track operations commenced in order to service Spring Hill Station.
	[AIMS]
20:40:33 hours	SDOC: Requested further information from the MAC.
	MAC: Provided real-time information on what was observable on CCTV.
	[PHONE, MAC]
20:42:23 hours	FLO: Advised the FCFRD Commander that third rail power was de-energized
	on track 2 of Spring Hill Station
00:40:00 /	FCFRD Commander: Acknowledged. [RADIO, Open MHZ Fairfax County]
20:43:03 hours	Train ID 620 commenced alighting customers. [CCTV]
20:44:28 hours	FCFRD Commander: Advised the FLO that a WSAD would be placed upon
	entry into the roadway.
00.44.004	FLO: Acknowledged. [RADIO, Open MHZ Fairfax County]
20:44:29 hours	FCFRD arrived on the scene. [CCTV]
20:47:10 hours	FCFRD Commander: Advised the incoming FCFRD to place a second WSAD
	behind Train ID
20,47,40 haves	FLO: Acknowledged. [RADIO, Open MHZ Fairfax County]
20:47:49 hours	FCFRD entered the roadway to retrieve the subject customer. [CCTV]
20:48:11 hours	Train Operator of Train ID 620: Advised the Radio RTC that FCFRD was in the
	roadway retrieving the subject customer.
	Radio RTC: Acknowledged. [RADIO, OPS 4]
20:49:34 hours	MAC: Advised WMSC of the incident.
	WMSC: Acknowledged. [PHONE, MAC]
20:52:25 hours	FCFRD extricated the subject customer from the roadway. [CCTV]
20:56:09 hours	RTRA Supervisor: Requested foul time from the Radio RTC in order to hot stick
	and confirm that power was de-energized to the third rail of track 2.
	Radio RTC: Granted foul time.
	RTRA Supervisor: Acknowledged and then advised that third-rail power had
	been confirmed de-energized at CM N2 771+00.
21:05:39 hours	Radio RTC: Acknowledged. [RADIO, OPS 4] Scene documentation and clean-up commenced. [CCTV]
21:09:56 hours	CMNT Road Mechanic: Advised the Radio RTC that they were on the scene and that they required foul time to enter the roadway to inspect Train ID 620.
	Radio RTC: Acknowledged and granted foul time. [RADIO, OPS 4]
22:43:09 hours	RTRA Supervisor: Advised the Radio RTC that all personnel were clear of the
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	Radio RTC: Acknowledged and advised all personnel on OPS 4 that third-rail power was being re-energized on track 2 of Spring Hill Station. [RADIO, OPS 4]
22:48:00 hours	Third-rail power was re-energized on track two of Spring Hill Station between the Spring Hill Interlocking and the end of Greensboro Station's platform limits. [AIMS]
22:53:32 hours	Radio RTC: Gave permission for the Train Operator of Train ID 720 to proceed to Dulles Yard to lay up the train. Train Operator of Train ID 720: Acknowledged. [RADIO, OPS 4]
22:54:30 hours	Train ID 720 cleared the Spring Hill platform limits at track 2 and commenced moving toward Dulles Yard. [AIMS]

Note: Times above may vary from other systems' timelines based on clock settings.

Office of Rail Transportation (RTRA)

The RTRA Supervisor on the scene stated that at 20:38 hours, they were contacted in reference to a customer who had jumped in front of the train at Spring Hill on track 2. At the same time, MTPD personnel arrived on the scene and an MTPD Sergeant assumed incident command. When FCFRD arrived on the scene, the Battalion Chief established unified command.

At 20:53 hours, the subject customer was removed from the roadway by FCFRD.

At 20:56 hours, the RTRA Supervisor arrived on the scene and verified that third-rail power was de-energized on track 2 of Spring Hill Station. The RTRA Supervisor stated they then made contact with the Train Operator of Train ID 620, who was "shaken up" and being assessed by FCFRD. The RTRA Supervisor stated that both the subject customer and Train Operator were taken by FCFRD for further assessment to a nearby medical facility.

At 21:09 hours, the CMNT Road Mechanic arrived on the scene. At 21:12 hours, OEP and ERT both arrived on the scene.

At 21:13 hours, the Train Operator of Train ID 620 was escorted to another nearby medical facility by another RTRA Supervisor and MTPD personnel. At 21:15 hours, an MTPD Lieutenant arrived on the scene and assumed incident command.

At 21:50 hours, another Train Operator arrived on the scene in order to lay up Train ID 620 at Dulles Yard. At 22:20 hours, the CNT Road Mechanic verified that Train ID 620 was safe for movement. At 22:28 hours, the MTPD lieutenant cleared and turned over the scene to the RTRA Supervisor.

At 22:43 hours, the RTRA Supervisor confirmed that all personnel were clear of the roadway and advised the MICC that third-rail power could be re-energized.

At 22:53 hours, Train ID 620 was moved towards Dulles Rail Yard to be laid up there. At 22:56 hours, MTPD and ERT confirmed that track 2 was revenue ready.

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Office of the Chief Mechanical Officer's Incident Investigation Team (CMOR-IIT)

TIME	EVENT	M/C
		Position
	Train ID620 services Greensboro (TRK 2) ADC low, ATS Regulated	P5
	Speed 40, ATP Speed Limit 0, ATP Measured Speed 0	
20:34:05.440	Train ID 620 passes markers (F3) entering Spring Hill; B1-B3; then:	B5, EM,
	EM T/L Status High; at Speed 20 mph, ATP Speed Limit 40	A/S
20:34:13.480	Train ID 620 stopped 9 sec later after the first F4, and Dead Man	DM
	activated.	released
20:36:40.960	Train ID 620 keyed down	DM
		released

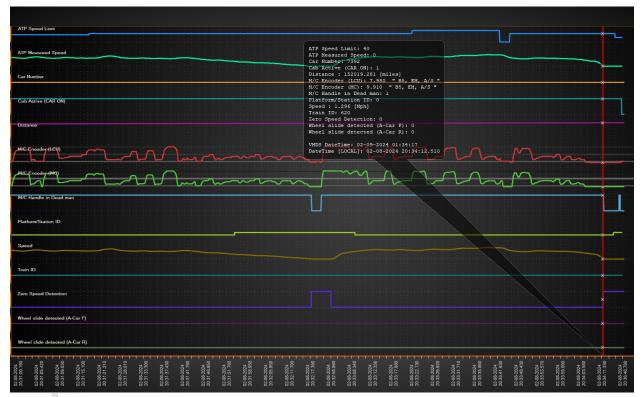


Figure 1 -Train ID 620 Train Performance

The train deceleration rate calculated is into the specification limits (approximately 3.0 MPHPS).

Data analysis shows no train functional anomalies.

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Interview and Written Statement Findings

As part of the investigation launched into the event, SAFE interviewed one person. The interview identified the following key findings associated with this event. The findings detailed below include reported information from involved personnel and may conflict with other data sources contained in the report.

Train Operator (Train ID 620) Formal Interview

- The Train Operator stated they were retrieving customers on their regularly scheduled route. The Train Operator stated they observed the subject customer looking towards the end of the platform, peaking at the train, and intermittently approaching the edge of the platform.
- The Train Operator stated they then observed the customer jump in front of their train from the platform side.
- The Train Operator stated they advised the MICC, keyed down and offloaded the train per the MICC directive.
- The Train Operator stated they observed the subject customer re-position themselves to the third-rail side of the platform. The Train Operator stated they then observed emergency personnel arrive on the scene but did not observe the extraction of the subject customer.
- The Train Operator stated they were removed from the scene by responding medical personnel and taken to a nearby medical facility for further evaluation.

Train Operator (Train ID 620) Written Statement

- The Train Operator stated that as they pulled into Spring Hill Station, the subject customer
 moved away from the edge of the platform, but then returned to the edge of the platform
 as the Train Operator approached their position.
- The Train Operator stated that the subject customer then jumped into the path of Train ID 620 on track 2.
- The Train Operator stated they then conducted emergency braking. However, the subject customer was still impacted with Train ID 620.
- The Train Operator stated they informed the MICC of what had occurred and commenced alighting their train when commanded to do so.

Station Manager's Written Statement

- The Station Manager stated they responded to a report of a customer jumping in front of a train within Spring Hill Station.
- The Station Manager stated that upon their arrival at the platform, the subject customer was between the wall and the third rail on the track 2 side of the station.
- The Station Manager stated the customer had sustained significant trauma to their leg and appeared "in pain" and "shaken."
- The Station Manager stated they observed that the Train Operator of Train ID 620 was "visibly shaken," however, they continued to perform their duties.
- The Station Manager stated that a witness nearby provided a scarf to assist with the injuries sustained by the subject customer.
- The Station Manager stated that FCFRD arrived on the scene at approximately 20:45 hours.
- The Station Manager stated that MOC confirmed that third rail power was de-energized at approximately 20:50 hours.

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- The Station Manager stated that both the subject customer and the Train Operator of Train ID 620 were transported for further medical evaluation.
- The Station Manager stated that all personnel cleared the roadway at 23:00 hours.

Office of Systems Maintenance, Office of Radio Communications (COMR)

No communication issues were identified as contributing to the incident.

Weather

On February 8, 2024, at the time of the incident, NOAA recorded the average temperature as 45°F, with significant cloud cover, winds averaging 4.9 mph, and 60% humidity. The weather was not a contributing factor in this incident. (Weather source: NOAA) – Location: Washington, DC.

Related Rules and Procedures

Metrorail Operating Rulebook (MOR)

- 1.1 Guiding Safety Principles
- 1.2 Incident Reporting

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

• #26 Person Hit by Train

Incident Management Standard

Human Factors

<u>Fatigue</u>

Signs and Symptoms of Fatigue

OSI evaluated conditions at the time of the incident to distinguish whether evidence of fatigue was present. Video of the incident was reviewed for behaviors suggesting fatigue. No indications of fatigue were evident from the video. The Train Operator reported feeling fully alert at the time of the incident. The Train Operator reported experiencing no symptoms of fatigue in the time leading up to the incident

Fatigue Risk

OSI evaluated incident data for fatigue risk factors. Risk factors for fatigue were not present. The incident time of day did not suggest an increased risk of fatigue-related impairment. The Train Operator reported keeping a regular sleep schedule in the days leading up to the incident.

The Train Operator performed afternoon work in the days leading up to the incident. The Train Operator was awake for 10.13 hours at the time of the incident. The Train Operator reported 10 hours of sleep in the 24 hours preceding the incident. The off-duty period was 14.75 hours which provides an opportunity for 7-9 hours of sleep. The employee reported no issues with sleep.

Post-Incident Toxicology Testing

WMATA's Drug and Alcohol Program determined that the personnel involved complied with the Drug and Alcohol Policy and Testing Program 7.7.3/6.

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Findings

- The subject customer intentionally jumped from the platform onto the roadway at Spring Hill Station on track 2.
- Train ID 620 collided with the person prior to fully berthing within the platform limits.
- The Train Operator applied all emergency braking techniques after observing the customer jump into the path of the train.
- The Train performed as commanded.
- Third-rail power was de-energized at the time of the incident and WSADs were placed by FCFRD initially until the RTRA Supervisor was able to hot-stick and confirm.
- The Information Controller advised FCFRD of the incident via telephone.

Immediate Mitigation to Prevent Recurrence

- Third-rail Power was de-energized.
- Single-track operations were conducted to service Spring Hill Station by way of track 1.
- The Train Operator of Train ID 620 was removed from service.

Probable Cause Statement

The probable cause of the Collision event that occurred on February 8, 2024, at Spring Hill Station, was the intentional action of the person to trespass onto the rail right-of-way and subsequent strike by the train.

Recommended Corrective Actions

SAFE has not recommended corrective actions.

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Appendices

Appendix A – Interview Summary

The below narratives summarize the incident and represent the statements made by the involved individual. As such, times and details may present a conflict with the data contained in systems of record.

Train Operator of Train ID 620

The Train Operator has been with WMATA for 5 years; however, he was newly certified as a Train Operator on 08/31/2023. The Train Operator has no prior safety incidents. The Train Operator currently holds an RWP Level 2 that expires on 05/31/2024.

The Train Operator stated they were retrieving customers on their regularly scheduled route. The Train Operator stated they observed the subject customer looking towards the end of the platform, peaking at the train, and intermittently approaching the edge of the platform.

The Train Operator stated they then observed the customer jump in front of their train from the platform side.

The Train Operator stated they advised the MICC, keyed down and offloaded the train per the MICC directive.

The Train Operator stated they observed the subject customer re-position themselves to the third-rail side of the platform. The Train Operator stated they then observed emergency personnel arrive on the scene but did not observe the extraction of the subject customer.

The Train Operator stated they were removed from the scene by responding medical personnel and taken to a nearby medical facility for further evaluation.

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Appendix C – MTPD Report



Event Report Metro Transit Police Department ORI-DCMTP0000 Type of Report Closed ORI-DCMTP0000 Fairfax County Local Jurisdiction Fairfax County

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Narrative Information
R/P reports operating Ashburn train when v1 was observed moving towards platform edge at spring hill. r/p applied brakes and when v1 jumped, she hit the mushroom halting the train. v1 xported to fairfax inova for leg wound.

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Additional Narrative
BWC Activated. On 02/08/2024, at approximately 2036 hours, Train Operator moving towards the platform edge. As Operator arted applying the brakes, moving towards the platform edge. As Operator arted applying the brakes, moving towards the platform edge. As Operator arted applying the brakes, moving towards the platform edge. As Operator arted applying the brakes, moving towards the platform edge. As Operator arted applying the brakes, moving towards the platform edge. As Operator arted applying the brakes, moving towards the platform edge. As Operator arted applying the brakes, moving towards the platform edge. As Operator arted and the platfo
Entered on: 2/10/2024 Entered by: Detective
After speaking to hospital staff, it appears there are plans set in place for to receive assistance with her mental health as she is due to be transferred to the Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute once she is released from care from her surgery. There is no need for additional follow up with this case. Case is submitted as closed.

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2494

Incident #: 8730719
Incident Summary: Passenger struck by train., 17/0, N04, PUB, JUMP, 620

Status: CLOSED

Incident Start: 02/08/24 08:34:00

Incident Details Details Detail:		
Asset: R7392 7392, RAIL CAR, KAWASAKI, Rail Line: SLV Line Delay: 17		
7000 AC, A CAR		
Location: 2494 K99, WEST FALLS CHURCH Jurisdiction: Passenger 17 YARD Delay:		
Train ID: 620 8:34:00 PM Injuries??: N Train / Bus Delay: 140		
Direction OUTBOUND #9#??: N Partial: 1		
Report Location: Mode of Operation: Offload: 1		
Station No4 SPRING HILL STATION # of Cars in Consist: Late Dispatch: 0		
Regional ID: Originating ROCC No Dispatch: 0		
Trouble Code: JUMP JUMPER: PERSON HIT BY TRAIN Created By: E037584 Trips Lost: 0		
Responsibility PUB PUBLIC: CAUSED PROBLEM Created Date: 02/08/24 09:04:54 Reroutes: 0		
Mileage: 480.478 Status Date: 02/09/24 11:47:10 Abandoned: 0		
Operator Miscellaneous		
Operator: E036298 Block #: Route: Road Call??? N		
Division: Destination: Change Off??: N	Change Off??: N	
Related Work Orders		
Work Order Asset Description Location	Status	
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Incident Date: 02/08/2024 Time: 20:34 hours

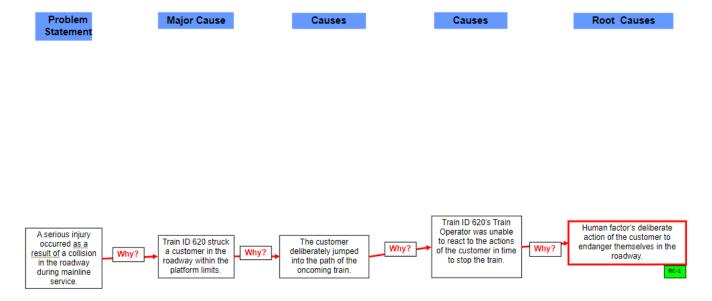
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Appendix E - Why-Tree Analysis



Root Cause Analysis



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