



Accident Summary

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New Jersey Transit

Hoboken, New Jersey

September 29, 2016

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On Thursday, September 29, 2016, about 8:38 a.m. eastern daylight time, New Jersey Transit (NJT) train 1614 failed to stop, overrode a bumping post at the end of track 5, and struck a wall of the NJT Hoboken Terminal. Train 1614 was about 400 feet in length and consisted of one controlling passenger car (cab car), three passenger cars, and one locomotive at the rear of the train. The event recorder showed the train speed was about 21 mph at the time of collision with the bumping post and consistent with train speed estimates obtained from the NTSB's preliminary analysis of images from the forward-facing video camera in the cab car.

There were about 250 passengers and 3 crewmembers (locomotive engineer, passenger car conductor, and brakeman) on board. The accident resulted in one fatality — a person on the passenger platform struck by falling debris — and about 110 injuries to passengers and crewmembers.

Parties to the investigation are the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), New Jersey Transit (NJT), the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers (SMART) Transportation Division, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET), Brotherhood of Railway Signalman (BRS)