

Statement of Greg Hansen  
Jumpseater on Flt 1407

I was jump seating from KMEM-KMSP. At cruise I heard a loud noise which sounded like a door fell off one of the cans in the cargo area. Capt. Croy heard the same noise. We both got out of our seats to take a look through the cargo viewing window when we noticed that the FSS indicator by L1 showed two red positions (1C/1R).

We returned to our seats and notified the crew. They acknowledged our communication and shortly announced that we were diverting to KSTL.

Prior to landing, we were told that once the aircraft was clear of the runway, we would evacuate. Upon taxing clear, the aircraft came to a stop and I could hear the crew go through the emergency evacuation checklist.

The FO was the first one out of the flight deck and proceeded to open L1 using the emergency handle. The door opened and the slide started to inflate. The slide, however, did not extend and was being held back by it's Velcro straps. The slide was finally freed and the FO exited the aircraft by jumping onto the slide as we have been taught. The slide did not provide the proper support and he unfortunately hit the ground extremely hard.

He rolled clear of the slide and laid there in pain.

After some discussion with the rescue crew, they physically held the slide out and taut which allowed the rest of us to deplane.

After an extended period, the FO was finally cared for by the rescue crew and was transported to the hospital.

We had a chance to look at the slide and noticed that the support tubing underneath the slide was not inflated. This was no doubt the reason for the injuries sustained by the FO.

The crew did a magnificent job keeping us informed and getting the jet on the ground in an

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