

Los Angeles County Sheriff Emergency Operations Log
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TSB EMERGENCY OPERATIONS LOG

TRAIN COLLISION - GLENDALE AREA (SAN FERNANDO/CHEVY CHASE)

Wednesday, January 21st, 2005 AM Shift

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TRANSIT SERVICES BUREAU

TIME	NARRATIVE
0604	INCIDENT (TAG) NUMBER 122 CREATED FOR TRAIN VS TRAIN COLLISION AT SAN FERNANDO ROAD AND CHEVY CHASE BL, GLENDALE.
0610	TSB EOC ACTIVATED RE: METROLINK TC/DERAILMENT IN ATWATER VILLAGE PER DAY W/C SGT JAEN. DET SCHUMAKER OPENED EOC. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO EOC ARE DEPUTIES HANKERSON, JAIME, WORTHINGTON, MAUS, WELLS, HAYDEN, LT JORDAN.
0610	COMMAND POST ESTABLISHED AT 2901 LOS FELIZ BLVD, GLENDALE IN COSTCO LOT. CP PHONE NUMBER IS [REDACTED]
0615	640S ON SCENE WITH LT PARKER, CAPTAIN FINKELSTEIN.
0615	INFORMATION RELAYED THAT T/C OCCURED AT 0603 IN AREA OF SAN FERNANDO ROAD AND CHEVY CHASE. TRAIN ENROUTE TO LOS ANGELES SOUTHBOUND HIT GREEN CHEROKEE ON TRACKS CAUSING DERAILMENT. A NORTHBOUND TRAIN COLLIDED WITH S/B TRAIN WHEN IT DERAILED. S/B TRAIN THEN COMPLETELY DERAILED AND STRUCK A STATIONARY UNION PACIFIC TRAIN AT LOCATION.
0620	TACTICAL FREQUENCY, CTAC-1 ESTABLISHED FOR OPERATION.
0625	TEW CAPTAIN FRED LOPEZ CONTACTED. COUNTY EOC ACTIVATED.
0700	HOMICIDE NOTIFIED. DETECTIVE LUSK.
0725	CVS RESPONSE TEAM ON SCENE AT CP.
0730	LAPD CHIEF BRATTON AND GLENDALE PD CHIEF ON SCENE.
0730	SHERIFF BACA ON SCENE.
0740	DETECTIVES DUNCAN AND B. MORENO ON SCENE.
0754	TEW CAPTAIN FRED LOPEZ INDICATES (9) FATALITIES (INCLUDING ONE DEPUTY SHERIFF, NFD), (40) INJURED INCLUDING (10) CRITICAL.
0800	LENNOX STATION IS ON SCENE.
0816	UNDERSHERIFF WALDIE ON SCENE.
0820	ROGER SNOBLE, CEO MTA, VISITED CP RE: UPDATE OF INCIDENT. ENRT TO SCENE WITH DEPUTY ESTRADA. CAPTAIN FINKELSTEIN 914N.
0830	CP ADVISES DRIVER OF JEEP VEHICLE WAS LIKELY 902A DUE TO [REDACTED] UNKNOWN IF ANY STATEMENTS WERE MADE. JEEP VEHICLE WAS REGISTERED TO [REDACTED] MH/A. 1993 JEEP CA LICENSE [REDACTED].

0835	EOB ADVISED THEY ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE COUNTYWIDE RESOURCES FOR TSB RE: OPERATION. CONTACTING CP RE: RESOURCE NEEDS
0835	FBI AGENT RABINOBITY ON SCENE RE: POSSIBLE TERRORIST INCIDENT.
0839	SHERIFF BACA ANNOUNCES ON THE AIR THAT DEPUTY KILLED IN INCIDENT IS [REDACTED] MW/47, ASSIGNED TO MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.
0840	MTA SSO GRANT NOTIFIED RE: PASSENGERS MEETING IN THE MTA BOARD ROOM AND POSSIBLE BOARD OVERFLOW ROOM.
0840	SGT WILLARD ADVISES BETWEEN 65-70 DEPUTIES ON SCENE FROM THE FOLLOWING UNITS: WHD, LHS, TEM, ELA, LNX, CSN, TSB.
0845	DEPUTY LAWSIN ADVISES SGT BAUER, DEPUTIES BELL, DIVITA, LEROY, SAYEGH, AND A SMITH ENRT TO CP FROM CANCELLED TRAINING AT STARS CTR.
0900	REQUEST MADE FOR 75 ADDITIONAL DEPUTIES TO CP AT GLENDALE. W/C 914N.
0905	PER LAPD DISPATCH, TAG 1026 ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL RECEIVED FROM A POLISH SOUNDING PERSON STATING HE SAW TWO METROLINK TRAIN OPERATORS AT UNION STATION DRINKING VODKA. ALLEGED THE DRINKING OPERATORS CAUSED THE DERAILMENT.
0910	PER W/S TAYLOR (ROC), THE LEAD INVESTIGATOR FOR THE DERAILMENT FROM NTSB IS TED TURPIN. HE IS ASSISTED BY DEPUTY STEVE SMITH FROM METROLINK. PHONE NUMBER IS [REDACTED] FOR STEVE SMITH. .
0910	METROLINK SAFETY DIRECTOR ED PEDERSON IN ON SCENE
0910	PER W/S TAYLOR ANOTHER INVESTIGATOR (NFD) FROM NTSB IS RESPONDING FROM WASHINGTON DC.
0912	W/C SGT JAEN ADVISES THE UO NUMBER ASSIGNED TO METROLINK OPERATION IS 901-R0033.
0915	ROC IS IN THE PROCESS OF COMPLETING ROSTERS OF ASSIGNED PERSONNEL AT THE FIELD COMMAND POST AND WILL FORWARD TO US A.S.A.P..
0919	EOB SGT CASTORINA NOTIFIED RE: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FOR PM SHIFT. (1) PLATOON, (2) SQUADS REQUESTED FOR PM SHIFT AT 1400 HOURS. COMPRISED OF APPROXIMATELY (75) DEPUTIES, (7) SERGEANTS, AND (1) LIEUTENANT.
0930	DEPUTY TABUA AT CP ADVISES DEPUTY [REDACTED] (ASSIGNED CENTRAL ARRAIGNMENT COURT) WAS ON THE TRAIN AND HAD ONLY MINOR INJURIES. NOT TRANSPORTED AND STILL AT CP. DEPUTY [REDACTED] (ASSIGNED WHITTIER COURT) WAS ON TRAIN AND TRANSPORTED TO HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WITH [REDACTED]
0933	DEPUTY IRA BORENSTEIN (ASSIGNED TO EOB) ARRIVED TSB-EOC TO LIASON WITH TSB AND DOC (DEPARTMENT OPERATION CENTER).

0942	LT. CHOI ADVISED METROLINK LT. CAREY HAS ARRANGED FOR ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO HANDLE ALL O.C. RELATED METROLINK CALLS FOR SERVICE.
0945	SGT BEDOGNE, DEPUTIES QUINTANILLA, LINDSEY, COVIAN AND ANDERSON. ARRIVED AT GATEWAY RE: CANCELLED CLASS AND DEPLOYED TO FIELD.
0950	GLENDALE PD FILE NUMBER IS DR # 05-1487.
1000	DEPUTIES KIM, TELLEZ, TISCARENO, TORRES CHECKED IN RE: CLASS CANCELLED. DEPLOYED TO FIELD.
1000	PER CRAIG MCCLELLAND, UNIT 600E, HE IS DEPLOYED AT THE CRASH SITE. HE IS ENRT TO GATEWAY TO ASSIST IN DEBRIEFING PASSENGERS AND IS ATTEMPTING TO GET ADDITIONAL HELP FROM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO WORK THE DEBRIEFING AT THE CRASH SITE AND AT GATEWAY.
1004	PER DEPUTY MARTIN, FIELD CP, GLENDALE COMMUNITY CENTER IS RECEIVING THE METROLINK PASSENGERS AND FAMILY. LOCATION IS 131 ISABEL STREET (CROSS STREET IS BROADWAY AVE), GLENDALE. MTA SECURITY (OFCR WHITE) IS 914N.
1005	PER DEPUTY JAIME, TSB-EOC, LASD PERSONNEL IN GATEWAY BEING REDEPLOYED TO THE RED AND GOLD LINES RE: NO METROLINK FAMILIES AND VICTIMS REDIRECTED. NO LONGER ENROUTE TO GATEWAY. NEW LOCATION IS GLENDALE COMMUNITY CENTER. 131 ISABEL ST, GLENDALE.
1015	DEPUTY HAYDEN, TSB-EOC, ADVISED HE REQUESTED COPIES OF PRESS COVERAGE VIDEO FROM SHERIFF'S HEADQUARTER'S BUREAU.
1020	FOX 11 NEWS, SHERIFF BACA, NOW REPORTING FATALITY COUNT UP TO 10.
1030	CBS NEWS BROADCAST IS NEWSFLASHING INFORMATION STATING THAT OVER 200 PEOPLE ARE INJURED AND 40 OF THE INJURIES ARE NOW LISTED AS "CRITICAL".
1050	PER LT. CHOI (ROC) HAZMAT IS ON SCENE AT CRASH SITE.
1051	PER M.O.C. (METROLINK OPERATIONS CENTER) IT WILL TAKE 12 HOURS TO GET THE FIRST TRAIN LINE OPEN AND 6 ADDITIONAL HOURS TO GET THE SECOND LINE OPEN. OPENING OF EACH LINE IS CONTINGENT UPON CLEARANCE FROM NTSB.
1052	PER M.O.C. MEDIA INQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO FRANCISCO ONXACA, OF METROLINK MEDIA RELATIONS. PHONE NUMBERS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]
1056	MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 1100 HOURS BETWEEN METROLINK AND LASD. NFD.
1115	DEPUTY KJELLSTRAND ADVISED NEW FIELD COMMAND POST PHONE NUMBERS IN THE EOB TRAILER. [REDACTED]

1125	DEPUTY JOE JAKL FROM LASD TRAFFIC SERVICES NOTIFIED BY DEPUTY HAYDEN, TSB-EOC, RE: GLENDALE PD NOT REQUESTING ASSISTANCE WITH TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION. ADVISED THAT IF LASD REQUESTS PARALLEL INVESTIGATION, CONTACT PHONE NUMBER IS [REDACTED]
1142	LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, BATTALION CHIEF CRAIG FRY, ADVISED VIA CHANNEL 7 NEWS A TOTAL OF 193 VICTIMS RESULTING FROM TRAIN DERAILMENT/COLLISION. (123) TREATED/TRANSPORTED. (60) TREATED AND RELEASED. (10) DEAD. INTERESTED PARTIES CAN CONTACT [REDACTED] FOR INFORMATION REGARDING PERSONS RIDING THE TRAINS.
1235	PER LT. JORDAN, ROLL CALL OF ENTIRE TRANSIT SERVICES BUREAU PERSONNEL (PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND SWORN) INITIATED. ON DUTY, OFF DUTY, IOD, VACATIONS, ETC. PERSONNEL NOT
1340	PER LT. JORDAN, LASD EMPLOYEE (FACILITIES MAINTENANCE) [REDACTED] IS DECEASED AS A RESULT OF THE TRAIN COLLISION IN GLENDALE.
1400	NO MORE ENTRIES THIS SHIFT

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1400	EOC REMAINS OPEN WITH PM SHIFT WITH DEPUTIES E. JAIME, J. HANKERSON, K. HAYDEN, L. WORTHINGTON, AND S. MORENO.
1401	DEPUTY KJELLSTRAND, FIELD COMMAND POST, ADVISED EOB TRAILER ON SITE WITH NEW PHONE NUMBERS. [REDACTED]
1505	PER EOB DEPUTY BORNSTEIN, 38 LASD PERSONNEL 10-97 OR ENROUTE TO FIELD COMMAND POST TO ASSIST WITH RESCUE OPERATIONS. 38 MORE DEPUTIES REQUESTED FOR EARLY MORNING SHIFT.
1535	DEPUTY MCCLELLAND (UNIT 600E), ADVISED HE AND SUZANNE NEWBERRY, R.N. ,DROVE THE FAMILY OF MR. [REDACTED] (DECEASED L.A.S.D. EMPLOYEE) AND THEIR VEHICLE HOME TO [REDACTED] DEPUTY MCCLELLAND ADVISED THEY WOULD STAY THERE FOR EMOTIONAL SUPPORT PENDING THE ARRIVAL OF SHERIFF'S HEALTH AND SAFETY UNIT.
1550	KATRINA SEITU, MTA BUS OPERATIONS REQUESTED TWO SECURITY ASSISTANTS AND A DEPUTY TO STAND BY AS BUSES ARE LOADED TO COMPLETE A BUS BRIDGE TO GLENDALE FROM UNION STATION. UNITS 647FE2/P AND 690F1/P ARE ASSIGNED TO THIS BUS BRIDGE.
1600	FOLLOW UP TO 1235 HOURS ENTRY. DEPUTY HANKERSON ADVISES CALLS MADE TO ALL T.S.B. EMPLOYEES NOT AT WORK TO ENSURE NOONE INVOLVED IN GLENDALE TRAIN INCIDENT.
1750	DEPUTY JAIME ADVISES D.O.C. CONTACTED REGARDING CONFIRMATION THAT 38 DEPUTIES WILL BE ON SCENE AT GLENDALE FIELD COMMAND POST. DEPUTY BERRY (D.O.C.) ADVISES DEPUTIES WILL BE AT LOCATION FOR EM SHIFT.
1755	DEPUTY JAIME HIRED DEPUTY H. PEREZ TO WORK OVERTIME IN THE FIELD COMMAND POST WITH THE APPROVAL OF LT. KEGEL WITH THE PREVIOUSLY INDICATED UO NUMBER (901-R0033).
1830	DEPUTY HIRED DEPUTIES J. ACERO AND R. PICO TO WORK THE COMMAND POST TOMORROW (01/27/05) ON DAY SHIFT. OT UNDER UO NUMBER, THIS INCIDENT, APPROVED BY LT. KEGEL.
2108	S/A VARELA ADVISED THAT HE ASSISTED <u>10</u> METROLINK PASSENGERS TO BUSES HEADED TOWARDS THE ANTELOPE VALLEY B/T 1935-2100HRS. METROLINK REPRESENTATIVE PAUL MAILOVICH WAS PRESENT.
2200	NO MORE ENTRIES THIS SHIFT

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Thursday, January 27TH, 2005 EM Shift

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2200	EOC REMAINS OPEN ON EM SHIFT WITH DEPUTIES DE LA GARZA AND D. MORENO.
2210	CONTACTED BY CP (DEP. PEREZ) WHO STATED THAT 11 TH PERSON FOUND DEAD BY GLENDALE FIRE.
2340	SGT. FRAZIER FROM EOB CALLED REQUESTING 38 DEPUTIES AND 2 SERGEANTS FOR PERIMETER-CONTAINMENT OF TRAIN DERAILMENT SITE. EM SHIFT TSB W/S JONES WAS NOTIFIED OF EOB REQUEST.
0002	DEPUTY SELLA FROM E.O.B. CALLED REQUESTING PHONE NUMBERS FOR LT. PARKER, LT JORDAN, AND LT NORTON...PURPOSE- TO REDUCE NUMBER OF DEPUTY PERSONNEL AT TRAIN DERAILMENT SITE...LT.A. GONZALEZ INITIATED THE INQUIRY.
0030	COMMAND POST COMMENCED ROLL CALL OF UNITS. THE FOLLOWING UNITS LOGGED ON FOR EM SHIFT AT THE TRAIN DERAILMENT SITE: 703A, 703B, 704A, 704B, 721A, 721B, 729J, 729H, 713A, 713B, 705A, 705B, 717A, 711A, 711B, 726G, 726H, 709A, 720S, 760S, 721S.
0152	GLENDALE P.D. COMMAND POST AUTHORIZED MEDIA VAN TO SET UP ON THE GRASSY KNOLL LOCATED IN COSTCO PARKING LOT.
0300	CONTACTED DEPUTY SELLA AT DOC TO VERIFY 38 DEPUTIES/ 2 SERGEANTS GOING TO THE COMMAND POST ON DAY SHIFT. DEPUTY SELLA STATED THAT PER LT. NORTON ONLY 14 DEPUTIES AND 1 SERGEANT WILL BE GOING TO THE COMMAND POST. THE DEPUTIES EXPECTED TO BE SENT TO THE COMMAND POST CONSIST OF 6 FROM CARSON, 3 FROM COMPTON, 3 FROM LOMITA, 2 DEPUTIES AND 1 SERGEANT FROM LENOX. ALL PERSONNEL WERE PULLED FROM REGION 2.
0450	SGT. RYAN CALLED REQUESTING A DEPUTY TO TRANSPORT RADIO BATTERIES TO THE COMMAND POST.
0455	DEPUTY DE LA GARZA GENERATED CALL TO AVAILABLE DEPUTY TO TRANSPORT BATTERIES TO COMMAND POST.
0550	DEPUTY RILEY CALLED AND CONFIRMED THAT C-TAC IS STILL BEING USED FOR TRAIL DERAILMENT OPS.
0630	NO MORE ENTRIES THIS SHIFT