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MALE: 64.

FORWARD LIAISON: Forward liaison to on-scene commander.
I've got Rescue 1 out with me. We are on Track 2 side.
(indiscernible) out.

FEMALE: Go ahead now.

MALE: Go ahead.

MALE: Direct. As soon as I catch up with the battalion
chief here, I'll let you know.

FEMALE: Sir, confirm power is down on both sides of the
track.

MALE: Roger. Can we get someone that can go and check
on the train that's in the tunnel and see how many people we have
on it and what their status is, please?

FEMALE: Okay. I copy. 549.

685: 685. Fire department is topside 7th and D.

MALE: That's correct, sir.

FORWARD LIAISON: Forward liaison to on-scene commander.

FEMALE: I copy.

MALE: No, power is not down at this time. It is not
down.

MALE: Copy. Are you with the fire department down
there?

FEMALE: (indiscernible)

1 MALE: The train operator can come to 7th and Maryland.

2 MALE: 4.

3 CRUISER 39: Cruiser 4, this is Cruiser 39.

4 BAKER 26. Baker 26. Forward Command --

5 CRUISER 3: Cruiser 3 to L'Enfant command.

6 MALE: Copy. And how many passengers are on that train?

7 FORWARD LIAISON: Forward Liaison. I have Fire
8 responding down here right now to my location.

9 MALE: On-scene commander.

10 MALE: Copy.

11 MALE: They are currently conducting a training session
12 so they can move the train.

13 EM20: EM20. OCC advises the stands are on.

14 FEMALE: Copy.

15 MALE: -- still has not responded down here yet. My --

16 MALE: Thank you, sir.

17 MALE: Cruiser 615. I'm bringing the train operator
18 down now from 7th and D.

19 301: 301. I'll check and advise.

20 CRUISER 52: Cruiser 52. Can you have Baker 26 --
21 advise that we have some visibility on the mezzanine at 7th and
22 Maryland. He can bring the train operator in at 7th and Maryland,
23 board the train and move it back towards Archives.

24 MALE: And advise to move the train that's on the
25 platform.

1 CRUISER 601: Cruiser 601 to L'Enfant command.

2 FEMALE: Sir, they were advised. We're checking now.

3 CRUISER 3: Cruiser 3 to L'Enfant Command.

4 FEMALE: Units be advised, power is down on Track --

5 FEMALE: The train operator is stating that he can't

6 move the train because there's another train on the platform.

7 FEMALE: Well, it's silly. We're barely breathing here.

8 We need that train moved so we can get on platform.

9 CRUISER 3. Cruiser 3 to L'Enfant Plaza command.

10 MALE: We are getting more visibility down here. We're

11 able to see into the tunnel a little bit as well.

12 MALE: You cut out, sir. Go ahead.

13 FEMALE: 949, go ahead.

14 MALE: Can we confirm that power is down?

15 FEMALE: Units, be advised Baker -- Baker 26 has the

16 train operator. She's advising it's too smoky to go down.

17 MALE: Advise we have no trains in the station.

18 MALE: Fire department's down there now. They're the

19 ones that are going to have to approach it if the smoke's too

20 thick down there.

21 301: 301. I'm in OCG.

22 FEMALE: Ma'am, we have several on board who cannot

23 breathe. The smoke is getting thicker and people having anxiety

24 attacks, can't breathe, including me. I can't breathe that well.

25 We can't see --

1 MALE: The fans are on?

2 FEMALE: Correct. Fans are on.

3 MALE: I need a status on getting L'Enfant Plaza vented,
4 and also can you have Baker 6 respond topside to 7th and Maryland?
5 And I also need units to establish power control posts at adjacent
6 stations. Have District 1 officials assist as necessary.

7 MALE: Okay. I'm with the train operator and a rail
8 supervisor --

9 MALE: L'Enfant command. Cruiser 3.

10 MALE: Be advised the firefighters entered through the
11 elevator on the 7th and Maryland side.

12 MALE: The command post has been moved to the 7th and D
13 entrance of the, of the -- of L'Enfant. I'm out with Battalion
14 Chief Chapman.

15 FEMALE: Copy, ma'am. Ma'am, are you Ocean King?

16 MALE: I'm going to go ahead to forward command.

17 MALE: 10-4. Can you have the fire department advise
18 what their plan is, what their action plan is, so we can assist?

19 MALE: Direct.

20 CRUISER 5. Cruiser 5. I'm on a platform on the Red
21 Line at this time. Fire is coming at 7th and D. I have not seen
22 any firefighters come through on 7th and Maryland.

23 MALE: L'Enfant command.

24 MALE: I'm sorry, Mark, are you now L'Enfant command?

25 MALE: I have not -- we'll find out.

1 CRUISER 5: Tell -- Cruiser 5 to on-scene command. Be
2 advised the fire department is entering the tunnel on both Track 1
3 and Track 2. We got one train on the platform that has been
4 evacuated.

5 MALE: Direct.

6 FEMALE: Direct. (indiscernible)

7 CRUISER 5: We don't have the firefighters 7th and
8 Maryland. Can you have the units that went to 7th and D to
9 advise?

10 CRUISER 5: Cruiser 5 to incident command.

11 Can you confirm that Rail has turned on the exhaust fans
12 in the station?

13 MALE: Okay. Are you saying there's no train operator
14 on that train?

15 MALE: We are working on that right now.

16 CRUISER 4: Cruiser 4 to L'Enfant command.

17 BAKER 26: 26. I have the operator with me. We're at
18 7th and Maryland as instructed.

19 MALE: L'Enfant command.

20 MALE: (indiscernible) L'Enfant command.

21 CRUISER 3: Cruiser 3 to L'Enfant command.

22 MALE: Can you make sure Fire knows the building on 9th
23 and D, that's filling with smoke coming up from the station now.
24 That's going to need to be evacuated also.

25 MALE: 530. Forward liaison to on-scene commander.

1 BAKER 26: Baker 26.

2 FEMALE: Power -- fire department hit the ETF button.

3 CRUISER 52: Cruiser 52. I have a four-man fire
4 department team just entered the station. They're going on the
5 platform from 7th and Maryland. They just went down on the
6 platform, four-man team.

7 MALE: The train is empty.

8 FORWARD LIAISON: Forward liaison to on-scene commander.

9 MALE: -- 4.

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