

Train Versus Truck in Mebane

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[WRAL has posted aerial photos](#) of this morning railroad accident in downtown Mebane, where a passenger train struck a tractor-trailer truck carrying construction equipment. News reports are still scarce, but it looks like the engine derailed and caught fire. [NBC17 has also posted](#) a user photo showing the smoke plume from the fire. Credit L.D. Baldwin, via Twitter.



WRAL photo



WRAL Viewer Photo

according to a friend who lives in MEbane, the train hit the trailer of the truck, then the locomotive engine, jumped the tracks and caught fire, the passenger cars, stayed on the tracks. from the photos, i've seen, there was a huge pile of smoke. also traffic was highly congested in mebane and on the interstate as people tried to detour around the accident site, bear in mind that center st in mebane is also known as highway 70. so there were a lot of mebanites trying to get to work this morning. thankfully, as far as i know, there were no serious injuries.

charlie ([Email](#)) - 05/13/10 - 11:56

WRAL has one heck of a slideshow on their site, http://www.wral.com/news/local/image_gal..

Added one to the above posting, with auto-balancing to improve the quality. Good shot, whoever you are!

We are really living in the digital age, these days. Cameras are everywhere, and people are pretty good at using them!

Legeros - 05/13/10 - 22:18

Nice recap in the N&O today, <http://www.newsobserver.com/2010/05/14/4..>

Legeros - 05/14/10 - 07:47

My Wife and myself work on this train every other month so we know this train very well. We also know all the conductors on a personal level. I am happy to report that as of 18:00 hrs. all were released from the hospital. The locomotive (1792 City of Raleigh) has or will be towed back to the Capital Yard in Raleigh for evaluation. It just goes to show you that, A, people do not read signs, B, That trains don't mix well when they meet, And C, A good M.C.S. plan works.

CY (Email) - 05/14/10 - 08:33

Does anyone know if the engineer/crew was able to get the power disconnected prior to the firefighting? Looks like the FD did a great job of containment given the situation.

Mike - 05/14/10 - 10:47

They were not able. By the way the whole is back on the track and in the capital yard

[sleepingdog] - 05/14/10 - 14:19

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWG-KoKkG..>

Raw video on you tube of the incident....but no sound for some reason...

citizen - 05/14/10 - 14:53

Glad to see none of them were injured given the high voltage!

Mike - 05/14/10 - 16:01

I see the story was covered on the Firegeezzer and Statter blogs as well!

Cool footage, and one that compels a question. Do people prefer long clips from a single location, or short clips shot from several locations? Or, if you will, what's the idea clip length in general? Couple minutes? 30 seconds? Longer? Shorter?

My curiosity is compelled by advances in DLSR cameras, and the fact that my next Canon body will likely have video. But with no experience shooting same, I am entirely curious what viewers prefer.

Legeros - 05/14/10 - 19:09

480 Volts and high amp. 1 Stll at UNC.

Christopher Young (Email) - 05/14/10 - 19:56

When I look at video of situations like these I'm personally not so concerned with length or location than I am with quality. A short clip with decent sound is far better than a long blurry clip with wind noise.

Paul - 05/15/10 - 12:27

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