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LIRR Statement Regarding Train Incident on November 19

The MTA Long Island Rail Road is expecting normal evening rush hour service.

At 7:30 am today, a Babylon train and a Port Jefferson train traveling at under 15 mph sideswiped each other just west of Jamaica Station due to a train possibly going through a stop signal. The exact cause of the accident remains under investigation. Under federal regulations, the employees involved are undergoing routine drug and alcohol testing.

Approximately 1,000 customers from both trains were safely evacuated at Jamaica this morning. There were five reported injuries, including two passengers who complained of back and neck pain and who were taken to local hospitals for further examination.

Four cars of the Babylon train and one car of the Port Jefferson train were damaged during the accident.

We apologize to our customers, many of whom experienced significant delays this morning due to the accident.