

Washington state's train derailment: At least six killed, 22 injured

19/12/2017 09:26 by admin

Thirteen cars jumped the track. The train had 14 cars, including two engines, said Brook Bova of the Washington State Patrol.

Amtrak passenger train

Washington: At least six people were killed and 22 others were hurt after an Amtrak passenger train derailed on Monday on its inaugural trip on a new service route near Dupont, Washington.

According to reports, 13 of the total 14 cars spilled off an overpass.

According to Ed Troyer, spokesman for the Pierce County Sheriff's Office and the Washington State Patrol, the deaths "are all contained to the train and the incident is "pretty horrific."

Several motorists were struck by the fallen train cars and also suffered injuries, but there were no fatalities among people in those vehicles, the sheriff's office said.

Thirteen cars jumped the track. The train had 14 cars, including two engines, said Brook Bova of the Washington State Patrol.

At least 77 people were taken to hospitals, including victims who were able to walk off the train, the authorities were quoted as saying.

A passenger on the train says his car derailed and everyone "catapulted" into the seat in front of them

An Amtrak spokesperson said there were about 78 passengers and five crew members on board the train when the accident happened.

Amtrak president said the company was 'deeply saddened by all that has happened'

Washington state Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency in the aftermath of the accident.

- IT