Member injured, engineer killed in taxi accident

A SMART Transportation Division member was seriously injured and a BLET engineer was killed when a taxi hired by Union Pacific Railroad to transport the men rolled off the side of a freeway near the Interstate 680/Interstate 80 interchange, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The accident happened just after 1 a.m. this morning (March 17) in Fairfield, Calif.

Scott Moffitt, 51, who was seated in the left rear seat, was injured and engineer Alexander Sassman, 51, who was seated in the right rear seat, was killed. The taxi driver was also injured. Moffitt and the driver were taken to NorthBay Medical Center in Fairfield.

Moffitt is a member of Transportation Division Local 1570 at Roseville, Calif.

The taxi was transporting the two UP employees from San Jose to Roseville.