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RE: Southwest Airlines Flight 149 Employee Statements

Bill,

Per your request, please find below the statement from the Employees involved in the aircraft accident at Baltimore/Washington International Airport (KBWI) on August 4, 2016.

Captain

During pushback, the plane bounced a couple times and then came to rest on the nose. The nose gear had collapsed.

First Officer

During pushback we felt the front of the aircraft start to bounce. The motion continued for a couple seconds and then the nose gear collapsed.

Pushback Driver

Today I started work at 2:30. I was assigned to work gate A11 and on this incident I was leading the flight going to Atlanta. As I finished up the flight, I did my walk around to make sure everything looked ok and from my knowledge it was but as I began to push the plane the push back started to take off faster then what I expected it to do. I tried to step on the brake to slow it down but it would not bring the plane to a stop and it made the push back start to rock and bounce. As I finally got the push back to slow up, the plane then had too much momentum and pulled away from me. The towbar pulled the nose gear off the plane.

Thank you,

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