

Driver seriously hurt, cuts power in SLT



Liberty Utility crews work to repair a splintered power line on Aug. 9.
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Updated 12:20pm: Power has been restored.

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The driver of a Ford Explorer had to be extricated from the vehicle early this morning after crashing into an electric pole at the corner of Pioneer Trail and Al Tahoe Boulevard in South Lake Tahoe.

The person, whose name has not been released, was flown to Renown Medical Center in Reno after the Aug. 9, 3:30am accident.

"The investigation is continuing as to what caused the crash and if any alcohol or drugs were involved," police Lt. Brian Williams told *Lake Tahoe News*.

The accident initially left 2,200 Liberty Utilities customers

without power. Two hundred people remain without power. It should be restored by 10am Tuesday or as soon as the new pole is in place.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*