

# Motorist strikes brand new pole, then Ameren Illinois works through night to fix problem

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ALTON - An electrical pole that was changed less than a month ago at the corner of Alby and Boynton in Alton was the one hit by a motorist at 9 p.m. Thursday night.

Brian Bretsch, a spokesperson for Ameren Illinois, said the good news that night is there was no power outage, but the bad news is the pole had just been replaced.

Ameren quickly went to work after the accident and by 8 a.m. Friday the problems were fixed with the pole. Traffic was diverted from the area until 8 a.m. Friday.

[John Hentrich also contributed to this story.](#)