



National Transportation Safety Board

Chattanooga, TN School Bus Driver Performance

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Overview

- Driver experience
- Employment and job performance
- Cell phone use

School Bus Driver Experience

- School bus driver employed in January 2016
- 2 prior crashes while operating a school bus
- 5 nonconsecutive months of driving experience

Driver Performance

- Crash occurred about a mile from school
- School bus traveling 52 mph
- Advisory speed limit 25 mph

Driving Complaints

Date	Complaint	Source
August 11	Speeding	Durham School Services
August 12	Speeding	Durham School Services
August 18	Crash in bus (not reported)	Durham School Services
September 20	Crash in bus	Durham School Services
September 28	Intentionally makes students fall by erratic driving	Woodmore Elementary School (parents)
October 27	Speeding	Durham School Services
October 28	Speeding	Durham School Services
November 8	Speeding	Durham School Services
November 16	Erratic driving	Woodmore Elementary School (students)
November 18	Speeding	Woodmore Elementary School (principal)

GPS and Cell Phone Data

- Driver departed school at 3:13 p.m.
- Driver answered incoming call at 3:17 p.m.
- Crash occurs at 3:20 p.m.
- Phone call ends at 3:21 p.m.

Cell Phone Use

- No wireless hands-free device
- No conclusive information on how driver used phone
- Staff unable to determine exact method of phone use

Summary

- Carrier received numerous complaints about driver's behavior prior to crash
- Driver was speeding, travelling 52-mph when he lost control of school bus
- Driver was on cell phone at time of crash



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