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# **Bus Definitions**

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# Dolan Springs Bus

- Characteristics
  - 29-passenger capacity
  - 32-feet long
  - Gross vehicle weight rating of 19,500 lbs
- Medium-duty chassis
- Built in two stages

# Dolan Springs Bus

Last 3 days of service

- Intercity
- Shuttle
- Tour

# Bus Definitions

- 4 regulatory definitions for “bus”
- NHTSA’s definition specifies a capacity of more than 10 people
- Other regulatory definitions do not define minimum capacity
- FARS and MMUCC specify minimum capacity of 9 people

# Bus Body Type Classification

## Bus body types in FARS

- School bus
- Cross country/intercity bus
- Transit bus
- Other bus
- Unknown bus

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# Conclusion

- NTSB first recommended standard bus definitions and classifications in 1999
- DOT modal agencies still do not use consistent terminology and criteria
- Standard regulatory bus definition and classifications still needed



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