



A History of Concerns Over Bus Company in Fatal Crash

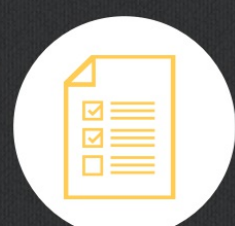
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Durham School Services (National Express, LLC)

The company operating the school bus that crashed into a Chattanooga residence this week, killing six students and injuring 23, is no stranger to scrutiny and safety concerns, especially in Tennessee.

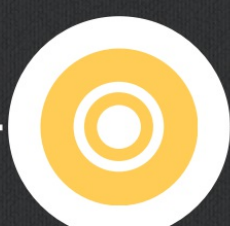


Here are four facts about the school bus operating company Durham School Services and its parent company National Express, LLC, according to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA):



#1

More than 13,000 vehicles owned



#2

More than 13,000 drivers employed



#3

142 Injury-causing crashes in the last 24 months



#4

Three fatalities in the last 24 months



93% of similar truck and bus companies have better on-road safety performance.

In recent years, Durham School Services has faced a number of lawsuits arising from driver behavior, calling into question their driver vetting practices. In particular, last week's tragic wreck is the third high-profile incident for Durham in Tennessee in as many years.

Durham School Services: A Timeline of Controversy

2013

May – Rosedale, Maryland: School bus drivers and attendants working for Durham School Services hold a rally to speak out about grievances with the bus company, including perceived wage theft and school bus safety issues that the workers say endanger children.

2013

October – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: A pregnant woman is struck and killed by a school bus being driven by a Durham trainee. The father of the woman filed a lawsuit related to the fatal crash against Durham School Services; the suit was later settled for \$1.15m.

2014

Bartlett, Tennessee: A 12-year-old boy is hit by a truck and suffers severe head, neck, and nervous system injuries while riding his bike to school after not being picked up by his Durham bus. In 2015, the parents filed a \$14m lawsuit against Durham School Services, alleging that the boy's bus driver left him behind even though the boy arrived to his stop early and attempted to flag the driver down. The suit also alleged that the driver was routinely inconsistent with pickup times.

2015

March – Chattanooga, Tennessee: Alexander Rodriguez, a 34-year-old bus driver working for Durham, is charged with the forcible rape of a 15-year-old student who rode on his bus. Rodriguez later pled guilty to a charge of aggravated statutory rape for the incident. The parents of the girl filed a \$10 million civil lawsuit in March of 2016 accusing Durham School Services, among others, of negligence.

2016

January – Huntsville, Alabama: Two students are sent to the hospital after a Durham bus driver runs a red light and hits a car in the side while crossing an intersection. A parent of one of the students filed a lawsuit the following month seeking compensation and punitive damages naming Durham School Services and the bus driver as defendants.

2016

November – Chattanooga, Tennessee: 23 students are hospitalized and six killed after a Durham School Services bus crashes into a residence. The incident remains under investigation at the time of this writing.

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