



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: July 12, 2012

In reply refer to: H-12-28

Mr. Peter J. Pantuso
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As a result of this investigation, the NTSB reiterated previously issued Safety Recommendations H-09-15 and -16, H-10-9, and H-08-13 to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and H-99-47 and -48 to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). In addition, the NTSB issued 16 new recommendations, including 7 to the FMCSA; 3 to NHTSA; 2 to the Federal Highway Administration; 3 to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; and the following recommendation to your organization, the National Motorcoach Network, and the United Motorcoach Association:

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Alert your members to (1) the circumstances of this accident, (2) the existence of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Safety Management Cycle, and (3) how the safety management process can positively influence carrier safety.

This recommendation is derived from the NTSB's investigation and is consistent with the evidence we found and the analysis we performed. Chairman HERSMAN, Vice Chairman HART, and Members SUMWALT, ROSEKIND, and WEENER concurred in this recommendation.

The NTSB is vitally interested in this recommendation because it is designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate receiving a response from you within 90 days addressing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement this recommendation. When responding, please refer to Safety Recommendation H-12-28. We encourage you to submit your response electronically to correspondence@ntsb.gov. If your response includes attachments that exceed 5 megabytes, please e-mail us at the same address for instructions. To avoid confusion, please do not submit both an electronic copy and a hard copy of the same response.

Sincerely,

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