



Survival Factors Group

Attachment 5

Incident Commanders Narrative Report

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Boles Fire Protection District

**2731 Hwy T
Labadie, MO 63055-1203**

On August 5, 2010 at approximately 10:14, the Franklin County Communications Center began to receive 911 calls for a motor vehicle accident involving a bus and tractor trailer on I 44 at the 250.6 mile marker.

Law enforcement was dispatched.

The following Fire and EMS units were dispatched 512, 513, 533, 8214, 5102, 8527, 8537, and 8502.

Franklin County advised responding units that there could be possibly fifty students involved.

5102 arrived on scene at 10:18 behind 8502 and Franklin County 1135. 5102 advised dispatch that we had two buses and a tractor involved with one of the buses on top of the tractor. Students were exiting the bus that was on top of the tractor by using the emergency bus side windows with assistance of passer bys. The victims were being located to the grassy area between American Inn South and I 44. At that point 5102 observed an additional vehicle trapped between the bus and tractor with a ruptured gas tank.

5102 began to survey the scene and set up the incident command system. 5102 established I 44 command. Command made contact with 8502 and he advised that he had Central County Dispatch sent a MCI Level 1. Command advised him and Franklin County that all ambulances should report to American Inn South and not to commit to the interstate.

Command requested 8234, 532, 523, 536, 580, 581 and 501 to the scene. Command requested all fire units except for 8234 should access the scene by going west in the eastbound lanes. Command also request MoDot to shut down eastbound I 44 at the 247 exit.

Command advised 512 to position just east of the vehicles and needed a ladder and hydraulics to the elevated bus. Command advised 513 on their arrival to deploy a foam line and to cover the fuel spill area. 5104 arrived on 513 and was assigned rescue. 8234 arrived and assisted 512 with extrication on the elevated bus. Command advised Franklin County to fly the helicopter. 5103 arrived and was assigned to staging and landing zone. 533 arrived and were assigned to the landing zone. 5101 arrived on 533 and was requested to assist at the Command Post.

8502 was assigned EMS division and 8500 was assigned Triage and Transport. 8400 arrived and was assigned to assist at Triage and Transport. All EMS radio traffic remained on Pacific Med.

Command requested 6115 to the scene.



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5108 arrived and was assigned to assist as a scribe at Triage and Transport. 8214 arrived and was assigned to supply 513 and send manpower to Command Post. 523 and 532 arrived and was told to deadline their units and have the manpower report to the Command Post.

Helicopter was disregarded due to a twenty-three minute eta. 5103 was reassigned to PIO.

All students extricated and removed from the bus at 10:37. Command requested a motor coach from Mid American Coaches. Primary search was conducted on Bus 1 and 2 and all living victim had been removed.

Command meet with MHP 160 and updated him on the situation and requested that he make wrecker notifications.

8214 and 532 were assigned to assist at Triage and Transport. 5109 arrived and was assigned to Chaplain Duties.

Move up were requested; 525 moved to Station 3 and 3354 moved to Station 1.

MoDot Emergency Response Supervisor John Hodge arrived and was briefed on situation. Command requested their assistance with turning around vehicles in the eastbound lanes and having them travel west to the 247 to exit there.

Mid American bus arrived at 11:02 and a second bus ordered to report to staging in case addition room was needed. Metro West 3382 was requested to assign with sitting up JIC.

580 and 581 arrived and set up a rehab area for emergency responders.

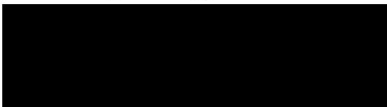
Second Mid American bus canceled and first bus enroute to Cardinal Glennon Hospital at 11:37.

St. James School District Superintendent Joy Tucker arrives and was briefed on the situation.

Command contacted Rev. Singleton about the use of their church at American Inn South and St. Mary's Road. Rev. Singleton advised that he would be enroute. Families that were arrived looking for students were redirected to the church.

PIO area was set up on the east side of the incident.

Crews staged until MHP gave the okay to begin extrication.



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Extrication began at approximately 13:00. Bus 2 was removed. Bus 1 and tractor were stabilized by wreckers. Crews removed back wall of Bus 1 and rear seat and removed victim. Bus 1 was removed from atop of the truck. Secondary search was conducted on Bus 1 and 2 and no additional victims found.

Extrication begins on pickup at approximately 13:45. Victim extricated. Pick up removed from tractor.

Command released the following units: 6115, 8214, 8234 and 523. Move up command 3354 released.

Tractor removed from scene.

Pick up was winched apart by two wreckers to gain access to the extended cab portion of the truck to complete a secondary search. No additional victims found in the truck.

PIO area removed from interstate.

8502, 8527, 5108, 5109, 512, 533, 580 and 581 released.

Bus 1 and 2 removed from scene.

Crews assisted with removing last of debris.

MHP completes last measurements.

Highway washed down. MoDot places sand on crash area.

513 and 532 released.

Scene turned over to MHP and MoDot with highway to reopen shortly.

Command terminated and remaining units returned in service at 16:12.

End of Report

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