



## **ACCIDENT SUMMARY**

**Gray Summit, MO**

**HWY-10-MH-018**  
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**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD  
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**Accident Summary**

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**A. ACCIDENT**

**Type:** Truck Tractor, Pickup, School Bus Multivehicle Accident  
**Date and Time:** August 5, 2010, 10:11AM. CDT  
**Location:** Interstate 44 Eastbound West of Milepost 250.6  
Gray Summit, Franklin County, Missouri  
**Vehicle #1:** 2000 Volvo Truck Tractor  
**Motor Carrier:** Climate Express  
**Vehicle #2:** 2007 GMC Sierra  
**Vehicle #3:** 2003 Bluebird, 71-Passenger School Bus  
**Motor Carrier:** Copeland Bus Services, LLC  
**Vehicle #4:** 2001 Bluebird, 72-Passenger Bus  
**Motor Carrier:** Copeland Bus Services, LLC  
**Fatalities:** 02  
**Injuries:** 38

**NTSB #:** **HWY-10-MH-018**

**B. ACCIDENT SUMMARY**

On Thursday morning, August 5, 2010, a 2007 Volvo truck-tractor operated by a 43-year-old driver was traveling eastbound in the right lane of Interstate 44 (I-44) near milepost 250.6 and had slowed for traffic approaching an active construction zone. About 10:11 a.m. central daylight time, a 2007 GMC Sierra pickup truck operated by a 19-year-old driver struck the rear of the truck-tractor.

A 2003 Bluebird 71-passenger school bus (lead school bus) occupied by the 75-year-old driver and 23 passengers was also traveling eastbound in the right lane of I-44 in front of a 2001 Bluebird 72-passenger school bus (following school bus) operated by the 38-year-old driver and 31 passengers. The lead school bus moved partially into the left lane because of a motorcoach

stopped on the shoulder of the road. After passing the motorcoach the lead school bus continued and struck the rear of the pickup truck and truck tractor that were stopped in the roadway. The collision caused the pickup truck to overturn onto the rear of the truck tractor. The lead school bus ramped upward and come to rest on top of the pickup truck on the back of the truck tractor.

The driver of the following school bus applied the brakes and moved to the right in an attempt to avoid the collision. The left front of the second school bus then struck the right rear of the lead bus. The second bus remained engaged with the lead bus.

As a result of the accident, the driver of the pickup truck and one passenger from the lead school bus were killed. Thirty-five school bus passengers, the two school bus drivers, and the driver of the truck-tractor received injuries ranging from minor to serious.

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