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Kearsarge Regional School District and Student Transportation of America Share Update on Bus Barn Fire

NEW LONDON – The Kearsarge Regional School District and Student Transportation of America wish to provide the following update about Thursday morning's explosion and fire at the company's bus terminal in Bradford.

At approximately 10:35 a.m., the Department of Safety's Division of Emergency Services and Communications received numerous 911 calls reporting a building explosion at Student Transportation of America, 2345 Route 114, Bradford.

Two company employees who were performing a state-required inspection on a school

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bus at the time suffered significant burns. They were taken via medical helicopter to Boston-area hospitals for treatment of their injuries. The injured employees were the only people in the building at the time. The District and company wish for the employees' speedy and full recovery.

Student Transportation of America is fully cooperating with the Fire Marshal's investigation, which is active and ongoing.

The cause of the explosion has not been determined. The company, out of an abundance of caution, is removing the District's propane buses from service until the Fire Marshal's investigation is completed.

The District and company will be meeting throughout the weekend to coordinate a plan to ensure all students will be safely transported to school on Monday morning when they return from winter break.

The Kearsarge Regional School District and Student Transportation of America wish to thank the Bradford Fire/Rescue Department and its mutual aid partners for their swift and professional response.

Superintendent Feneberg also wishes to thank neighboring school districts that have reached out to offer transportation support for the coming weeks.

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