

Scenario Two Bus Crash

It is 3:30pm on a Thursday in February. Freezing rain began falling at 2:30pm.

The school's business office receives a report that a school bus has been involved in a crash. Initial reports indicate that the bus slid off of a gravel road into the ditch, then overturned.

1. What are the three most important considerations at this time?
2. How would school officials coordinate with the responding agencies?

Key Points:

- Notification
- Accountability
- Coordination of Resources

A teacher who was driving home came upon the accident. She reports that emergency vehicles are on scene, and that some students have exited the bus through the emergency exits. Other students and the driver are still inside the bus, and the extent of injuries is not known. The teacher reports that the students are standing on the road at this time, and many are texting their friends and posting pictures of the bus on social media.

1. What are the three most important considerations at this time?
2. How will the school provide information to parents, students, and staff?

Key Points:

- Student Safety
- Scene Control
- Transportation of uninjured students
- Rumor Control

Parents begin calling the school after hearing about the crash.

1. What are the three most important considerations at this time?
2. What information would be provided by the school at this time, and how would it be released?

Key Points:

- Reunification
- Public Information
- Psychosocial Support