BUS PROPERTY NAME: NFTA
CRITERIA CODE: Multiple Injury
DATE/TIME: January 31, 2007 at 2:33 pm

DATE REPORTED: January 31, 2007
VEHICLES INVOLVED: 2
NUMBER OF INJURIES: 1
NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 0
TYPE OF BUS: 1995 NABI
OTHER: 1991 Cadillac

ACCIDENT LOCATION: Walden Ave. & Alexander Ave.
ROADWAY TYPE: Asphalt
TRAFFIC CONTROL: None
LIGHT CONDITIONS: Daylight
SUMMONS: Yes (V-1 Driver)
HOURS OF SERVICE: 10 hrs and 9 min last 24 hrs/53 hrs and 30 min in the last 7 days
INVESTIGATOR: Mike Gluskin

ACCIDENT DESCRIPTION: At approximately 2:33pm, the operator of Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) bus #9524 was traveling eastbound on Walden Avenue. A 1991 Cadillac (V-1) was traveling westbound on Walden Avenue when an uninvolved auto (V-2) pulled away from the curb in front of V-1 and stopped. V-1 swerved into the eastbound lane to avoid a collision with V-2. The driver of V-1 saw the oncoming bus and attempted to make a left turn into a driveway to avoid a collision with the bus. The bus moved to the right to avoid the collision. The left front corner of the bus struck the passenger front corner of V-1. The bus continued eastbound going onto the front lawn of 1153 Walden Avenue and struck the porch of the house. The bus continued and came to final rest against a chain link fence belonging to the next door neighbor. The bus operator secured the bus, called control, and informed them of the accident. The bus and bus driver records were reviewed and found to be complete, in order, and up-to-date. The NFTA Transit Police, Cheektowaga Police, and Walden Fire Departments responded to the scene. A post accident drug and alcohol test was administered to the bus driver 2 hours and 5 minutes after the accident. The results were negative. The delay in administering the drug and alcohol test was due to the bus operator being transported to the hospital for evaluation. The auto driver of the Cadillac, V-1, was issued three uniform traffic tickets. The PTSB staff determined that the bus operator could not have avoided the accident.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE BUS PROPERTY INVOLVED IN THIS ACCIDENT DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT.

SUBMITTAL

THE ABOVE ACCIDENT HAS BEEN INVESTIGATED AND MEETS ALL OF THE CONDITIONS IDENTIFIED IN PTSB RESOLUTION #1340 AND REQUIRES NO FURTHER ACTION.