PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
CLOSE OUT BUS ACCIDENT REPORT

BUS PROPERTY NAME: Centro
CRITERIA CODE: Fatal
DATE/TIME: August 17, 2007 at 11:20 pm
CASE NUMBER: 9459
TYPE OF ACCIDENT: Collision
ACCIDENT SEVERITY INDEX: 7.50

DATE REPORTED: August 18, 2007
VEHICLES INVOLVED: 2
TIME REPORTED: 1:00 am
NUMBER OF INJURIES: 1
NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 1
BUS NUMBER: 9956
TYPE OF BUS: Orion 1999
PASSENGERS: 5
OTHER: Motorcycle
OCUPANTS: 2

ACCIDENT LOCATION: 1st North Street & Wolf Street
ROADWAY TYPE: Asphalt
SPEED LIMIT: 30 mph
TRAFFIC CONTROL: Stop sign
ROAD CONDITIONS: Wet
LIGHT CONDITIONS: Dark, but Lighted
WEATHER: Rain
SUMMONS: No
HOURS OF SERVICE: 8 hrs and 23 min last 24 hrs/41 hrs and 42 min in the last 7 days
INVESTIGATOR: Mike Gluskin

ACCIDENT DESCRIPTION: At approximately 11:20 pm, the operator of Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (Centro) bus #9956 was stopped at a stop sign at the intersection of 1st North Street. The bus operator proceeded southbound into the intersection when a motorcycle headed westbound on Wolf Street ran a stop sign and entered the intersection. The operator of the motorcycle laid the motorcycle on its side in an attempt to slow his vehicle and lessen the impact, but continued and struck the left front side of bus. The bus operator secured the bus, called dispatch, and informed them of the accident. The Syracuse police and fire department responded to the scene. The motorcycle operator expired and his passenger was transported to the local hospital for treatment. The bus operator and five passengers claimed no injuries. The bus and bus driver records were reviewed and found to be complete, in order, and up-to-date. A post accident drug and alcohol test was administered to the bus driver 1 hour and 52 minutes after the accident. The results were negative. It was determined the probable cause of the accident was the failure of the motorcyclist to obey the traffic control device and yield right of way to the bus. 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.

CHIEF, ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION SECTION

DIRECTOR, PCSB, NYS DOT

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