School Bus Driver Safety – Driver Conduct Fatality File

Uncertified School Bus Driver Causes Pedestrian Death in Minnesota

In a tragic incident in Minnesota, a school bus driver fatally struck a pedestrian in a crosswalk. Investigations revealed that the driver was not certified to operate a school bus, having failed to complete a required safety test nearly a month prior to the accident. The driver had only answered eight out of twenty questions correctly on the “Appendix E” written test, which assesses knowledge and skills necessary for safe student transportation.

This incident underscores the critical importance of ensuring that all school bus drivers are properly certified and adequately trained. Proper certification processes are essential to verify that drivers possess the necessary knowledge and skills to operate school buses safely, thereby protecting both students and pedestrians.

In response to this tragedy, authorities emphasized the need for stringent enforcement of certification requirements and regular audits to ensure compliance. The incident serves as a somber reminder of the potential consequences of lapses in driver certification and the paramount importance of adhering to established safety protocols.

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