

Communication Summary

September 18, and October 12, 2017

Information from: Chris Hamilton, Director
Safety and Human Resources, Ramblin Express Inc.



Summary & Factual Information: Mr. Hamilton was asked to advise the height of the impact marks on the bus. He reported that the height of the mirror (and point of impact) was approximately 7 feet from the ground. He was further asked if the driver was administered a drug test following the accident and if he had any safety recommendation that could prevent this type of accident from occurring at his company or at any other operator. He, in part, reported: It was a negative result. ... Going forward, we will make policy that a driver must be guided onto the tarmac, to the plane, by a ground guide (representative from the airport). If/when a ground guide is not present, they will not be permitted to drop plane-side.

I can attest that the above summary is correct to the best of my knowledge:

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