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Press Release

On Tuesday November 18, 2014 at 3:55 PM a two vehicle motor vehicle accident involving a pickup truck and a school bus occurred on US Route 7 by Sweeney Farm Road in the Town of Milton.

Preliminary investigation revealed a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck operated by Eric Ragis, age 51 of North Hero, was travelling northbound when it came up behind a stopped 2005 International School Bus owned by Student Transportation of Vermont. According to witnesses the school bus was stopped with its red lights flashing at the time of the collision. The school bus driver Sallyanne Smith, age 66 of South Hero, was preparing to discharge a couple of students at the end of Sweeney Farm Road at the time of the collision.

The front of the pickup truck struck the rear of the school bus. The truck sustained extensive front end damage. The school bus sustained damage to the rear bumper and back door.

There were 15 students on the bus at the time of the collision. One 7 year old student was transported by Milton Rescue to the UVM Medical Center for a possible leg injury.

The operator of the truck Eric Ragis was transported by Milton Rescue to the UVM Medical Center for an apparent head injury.

Another school bus responded to the scene to transport the students that were on the bus involved in the accident. Milton School Superintendent John Barone was on the scene of the accident and he coordinated the transfer of the students and notification to their parents.

This accident remains under investigation by Officer William Bosworth of the Milton Police Department.

Above Press Release Approved by Sgt. John Palasik on 11/18/2014 at 6:30 PM.