

National Transportation Safety Board

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|  | PRELIMINARY HIGHWAY ACCIDENT REPORT | | |
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| | Date: 3/21/11 | Time: 8:15 PM | Accident Number: HWY11FH008 |
| City: Littleton | State: NH | Persons Killed: 0 | Persons Injured: 25 |

On Monday, March 21, 2011, about 8:15 p.m. (EDT), a 58-passenger Prevost motorcoach, operated by Big Boy Coach of Flushing, New York, was traveling southbound on Interstate 93 near Littleton, New Hampshire, on the return leg of a charter tour from Quebec, Canada, to Boston, Massachusetts, when the bus left the roadway. It then traveled down an embankment, and rolled 90 degrees onto its left side. The driver and the 24 passengers of the bus, who were Korean tourists, received injuries ranging from minor to serious.

At the time of the accident, the temperature was 30 degrees Fahrenheit, with 80 percent humidity and southerly winds at 9 mph, gusting to 17 mph. Visibility was 9 miles. Skies were overcast, and it had been snowing in the area for the previous 5 hours. Freezing fog and light snow were reported at the time of the accident, and traffic conditions were light.

Big Boy Coach had received its most recent Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) compliance review in 2008 and was rated "satisfactory." The FMCSA is currently conducting a postcrash compliance review of the company.