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Press Release

Westport Police Investigates School Bus Accident on Sylvan Road North

(Westport, CT) On Friday February 7, 2020 at approximately 8:15am, officers responded to intersection of Sylvan Road North and Orchard Hill Road on a report of a one car motor vehicle accident. It was reported that the involved vehicle was a school bus carrying children.

Initial findings at the scene show that the bus had been traveling southbound on Sylvan Road North. Upon reaching the intersection of Sylvan Road North and Orchard Hill Road the bus veered off the roadway striking a traffic sign, stone wall and large tree causing significant front end damage. As a result, the bus operator required extrication from the vehicle which was performed by the Westport and Norwalk Fire Departments. The operator was transported to Norwalk Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. There were student passengers on board at the time of the accident. Their destination was Kings Highway Elementary School. Injuries to passengers were minor in nature and none required any immediate transport to the hospital.

At the time of the accident, members of the police department immediately began coordinating with the Westport Board of Education to facilitate prompt notification to affected parents as well reunification with their children.

Members of the Westport Police Department's detective bureau and accident investigation team are on scene conducting an investigation into the incident. To accommodate their investigation, Sylvan Road North has been closed to through traffic from Murray Street to Marion Road. Residents living within this closure will have the ability to access the area. This closure will be in place for the next several hours, however traffic officers are on scene to assist motorists seeking alternate routes around the incident. A second NIXLE advisory message will be sent out at the time the roadway is fully re-opened; again anticipated to be later this afternoon.

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