Students' Disney trip held up by crash into 18-wheeler in Alabama

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For students, it is that time of year when it feels like it's time to celebrate. School is out, and for many, that means more fun and opportunity is on the horizon.

For a group of out-of-state high school students, their opportunity came to a dangerous halt when they were passing through Alabama. In what could have been a much more tragic <u>auto accident</u>, a bus filled with students crashed into an 18 wheeler. Fortunately, no one was killed in the crash.

According to local reports, the bus accident occurred late Monday night and woke many of the teen passengers. The bus was headed from Texas to Florida for a Disney World band trip. Some of those students, however, will probably not make it to the Magic Kingdom this time around. Out of the more than 20 students, reportedly three of them were hospitalized after the Alabama accident.

Why did the crash take place? Sources report that the bus actually ran into an <u>18-</u> <u>wheeler</u> that had already crashed and was sprawled across the roadway. Reportedly because it was dark out, the bus driver didn't see the unmoving truck and crashed. Some question whether the bus driver might have been driving too fast if he couldn't stop in time to avoid the collision.

Authorities are still looking into the details of the traffic accident. Exactly why the truck was left on the road is still undisclosed. Especially if it was late and dark and there were no lights on the truck, perhaps it isn't hard to believe that the bus driver could easily have not seen it in time.

While this was certainly a dangerous incident, the community at least gets relief from the fact that no one was killed or severely injured in the wreck. We see accidents like this end tragically all too often.

We will inform you if there are updates to this story.

Source

Woai.com: "Teen calls dad second after bus crash," Jacqueline Ortiz, 6 Jun. 2011