

Durham School Services Donates Bus to Gordon Heights Fire Department in New York for Extrication Drills

Durham School Services Donates Bus to Gordon Heights Fire Department in New York for Extrication Drills and Tool Demonstrations

BROOKHAVEN, NY, USA, October 25, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Durham School Services \(DSS\)](https://www.einpresswire.com/news-story/2022-10-25-durham-school-services-dss/), a leader in student transportation, has donated a school bus to the Gordon Heights Fire Department to conduct critical extrication safety drills. The drills took place earlier this month over a span of two days and also featured extrication tool demonstrations from a certified [Hurst – Jaws of Life](https://www.einpresswire.com/news-story/2022-10-25-durham-school-services-dss/) tool instructor. The fire department is led by Chief Moonee Rivers, the first female fire chief in the history of the fire department.



Gordon Heights Fire Department Team During Extrication Drill with Hurst Instructor

During the two-day drill training, the donated school bus was used to demonstrate the utilization of extrication tools such as a spreader, cutter, power jack lifts, and more. Team members learned about the usage of these tools firsthand from a certified instructor and had the opportunity to perform drills with the devices as well.

The donation to the Gordon Heights Fire Department was made as part of Durham School Services' company-wide Partners Beyond the Bus community outreach program and is one of several that have been donated this year to local fire departments in New York state. These bus donations also help to repurpose retired, non-electric vehicles from DSS' fleets, which further contributes to DSS' transition to alternative fuel-powered and zero-emission buses. Durham School Services plans on transitioning to an all zero-emission fleet by 2035.

"Giving back to our communities is a social responsibility our team and company feel very strongly about and is a value that is deeply embedded into our company culture," said Brookhaven General Manager Sean Martin. "Donating buses is one of the many ways we can



Donating buses is one of the many ways we can give back to our communities. We are glad that our retired buses can be put to good use by others, especially when it relates to the safety of students.”

*Sean Martin, Brookhaven
General Manager*

give back to our communities. It also allows us to repurpose our buses and reduce potential waste while decreasing our energy footprint. We are glad that our retired buses can be put to good use by others, especially when it relates to the safety of students. It is our pleasure to provide this vehicle for the benefit of the students, community, and environment.”

“As the very first female chief in the history of the Gordon Heights Fire Department, I am excited to build new community partnerships such as this one with Durham School Services,” said Moonee Rivers, Gordon Heights Fire Department Chief. “This donation played an important role

in further developing our team’s knowledge and firsthand experience in responding more efficiently to school bus incidents. We were also able to learn different extrication techniques and update our standard operating procedures. Instances like this truly represent just how important it is to have strong community partnerships – especially with a safety-focused partner like Durham School Services.”

-END-

[About Durham School Services:](#) As an industry-leading student transportation provider, Durham School Services is dedicated to the safety of our students and People, transporting more than *one million students daily and employing approximately 20,000 drivers across North America (*Pre-COVID Figures). For more than 100 years, we have been committed to Excellence and upholding our mission of getting students to school safely, on time, and ready to learn. Through this mission and a grassroots approach to our operations, Durham School Services has earned recognition as a trusted transportation provider among our Customers and the Communities we serve.

Edward Flavin
National Express LLC
+1 630-297-1064
[email us here](#)

This press release can be viewed online at: <https://www.einpresswire.com/article/597719515>

EIN Presswire's priority is source transparency. We do not allow opaque clients, and our editors try to be careful about weeding out false and misleading content. As a user, if you see something we have missed, please do bring it to our attention. Your help is welcome. EIN Presswire, Everyone's Internet News Presswire™, tries to define some of the boundaries that are reasonable in today's world. Please see our Editorial Guidelines for more information.

© 1995-2022 Newsmatics Inc. All Right Reserved.