

## **Lidgerwood School Bus Crash**

**What:** Injury Crash

**Where:** 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and DMVW Railroad Crossing - Lidgerwood

**When:** December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 3:40 pm

**Road Conditions:** Snow and ice covered

**Weather Conditions:** Cloudy

**Crash Involvement:** School Bus vs. Train

**Type of Crash:** Angle

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Richland County SO, Lidgerwood FD & Ambulance, Hankinson FD & Ambulance, Wyndmere Ambulance, Richland Emergency Services, Sanford Lifeflight

**Train:** Dakota Missouri Valley Western Railroad (DMVW) train including two engines only

**Engineer:** 51 YOA male

**Restraints:** n/a

**Charges:** none

**Conductor:** 53 YOA male

**Restraints:** n/a

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2018 Freightliner School Bus

**Driver No. 2:** 69 YOA male, Lidgerwood, ND

**Restraints:** Seat belt

**Charges:** Crash remains under investigation

**Bus Passengers:** Eighteen K-12 Lidgerwood Public School students

## **NARRATIVE:**

A Lidgerwood Public School school bus was northbound on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NE in Lidgerwood and was crossing two sets of DMVW railroad tracks. While crossing the tracks, the school bus was struck at a right angle by a DMVW train that was traveling eastbound at a slow speed.

The front of the train struck the driver's side of the school bus at the rear axle. The force of the collision caused the school bus to rotate counter clockwise and then roll onto its passenger side.

Eighteen K-12 Lidgerwood Public School students were being transported on the bus after the school day ended (\*\*this number has been updated since earlier reports\*\*). Three of these students were transported by local ambulance services to local hospitals. One student was transported by Sanford Lifeflight to a Fargo hospital.

The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP. Additional details will be released on the afternoon of Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 via a NDHP media release.

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