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September 14, 2019 - On Friday evening, September 13th, one of our buses was involved in an incident while travelling to Bamfield Ecological station. We are deeply saddened by the tragedy and our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of everyone affected by the incident.

At this time, we do not know all of the details of the incident. What we do know is that our bus was carrying 45 University of Victoria students and 2 faculty were travelling from Victoria to Bamfield Ecological station, when it went off the road and into a ravine, the exact time is still undetermined. We can confirm that there were two fatalities and others are still in hospital. All other passengers have now safely arrived home. We cannot comment on anything more than that at this time.

The bus involved was a 2001 Prevost XL2, this bus was recently inspected and passed all regulatory requirements and was equipped with seat restraints. The safety of our passengers, staff and everyone on the road is our number one priority here at Wilsons, and we are a ICBC and CVSE certified inspection and repair facility.

The driver is an experienced driver, with driver training certification. He sustained non-life threatening injuries and has been released from hospital.

We do not know what the cause of the incident is at this point. We are cooperating and working with the RCMP and all those involved to help in whatever way we can with this investigation.

Wilson's has been transporting people safely throughout Vancouver Island for over 40 years and this is the first incident of this magnitude that we have ever experienced. We are all shocked by this. Rest assured that we are doing everything in our power to assist those affected.

We will make additional statements as more information comes available. We wish to respect everyone's privacy at this time. We ask that you keep all of those involved in mind in your communications and social media interactions.