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Corpus students OK after charter bus hit by 18-wheeler

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Fifty-five students from Moody High School in Corpus Christi escaped injury Wednesday morning when their charter bus was struck from behind by an 18-wheeler on U.S. Highway 77 south of Victoria.

"They were on their way to the Renaissance Festival near Houston," said Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Trooper Gerald Bryant.

Bryant said the bus had slowed down near the scene of a minor traffic accident being worked by the Victoria County Sheriff's Office when the 2007 Freightliner, driven by Jesus Moreno, 59, of Taft, hit it from the rear.

Both vehicles were traveling north on the highway when the crash took place shortly before 7 a.m. near Farm-to-Market Road 445.

"No one was hurt, but the bus was not driveable" Bryant said. "The Victoria school district sent school buses and took the students to Victoria East High School until another charter bus could arrive to pick them up."

The bus driver was Guadalupe Enriquez, 69, of Edinburg.

Moreno was issued a citation for failure to control speed, said Bryant.

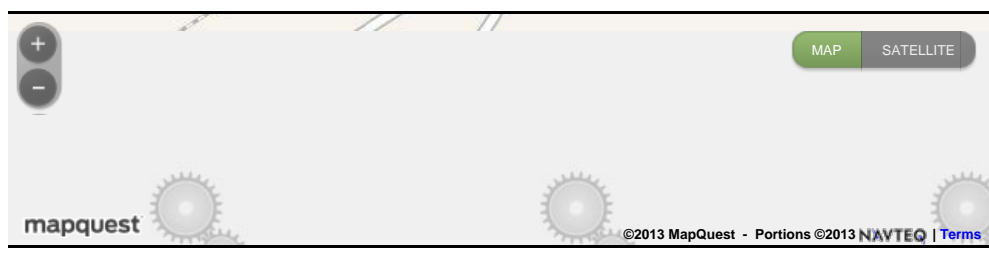
DPS Trooper Mario Gonzalez investigated the wreck.

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