

David Buschow Case Resolved

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Salt Lake City, UT - As reported last year, on July 17, 2006, 29-year-old David Buschow passed away on the second day of the 28-Day Field Course of BOSS, the Boulder Outdoor Survival School, Inc, in Southern Utah. On May 4, 2007, a lawsuit was filed by the family of David Buschow against BOSS.

On November 12, 2007, the Buschow/Herbert family and BOSS met in Salt Lake City with Mr. Joe Epstein, a private mediator from Denver, Colorado. Both sides welcomed the opportunity to meet face-to-face and are pleased to announce that the case involving the death of Mr. Buschow has been resolved.

“The family of David Buschow wishes to express its appreciation for the positive manner in which our claims were resolved,” said Mrs. Pat Herbert, Mr. Buschow’s mother, “and for the willingness of BOSS to participate and cooperate in the joint effort.”

Immediately after Mr. Buschow’s death, BOSS initiated internal and external reviews of its program to analyze, evaluate, consider and re-consider every aspect of its program. As a result, the school made changes to its operations that are expected to reduce the chances of this kind of tragedy happening again. These modifications, some of which have been implemented already, include that students on Field Courses now carry water during all phases of the Field Course program, including the Impact phase, and that staff carry satellite phones and GPS units for emergency use in the backcountry.

Furthermore, BOSS agreed that all students will be advised about acclimatization and elevation risks and will recommend that students arrive 3 days or more in advance of their course when appropriate. BOSS will also continue to allow students to depart programs at any time and will then accompany them to the most appropriate point of departure. BOSS reaffirms that all student complaints will be taken seriously and that BOSS staff will err on the side of caution when assessing those complaints. These changes have been encouraged by the family.

At the request of the Buschow/Herbert family, an annual David Buschow Memorial Scholarship will be established to enable a qualified student to attend a BOSS 28-Day Field Course.

“I’m pleased that both sides were able to meet and reach this resolution,” said Josh Bernstein, BOSS president & CEO, “as student safety has always been very important to us at BOSS. I’m also hopeful that David’s family can find some measure of closure as we all move forward.”

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