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**NBRU PRESS RELEASE**

**‘Halloween Hell’ across Public Transport services**

NBRU calls for immediate action by Government for a dedicated Garda Public Transport Division to be established.

General Secretary Dermot O'Leary said;

“Whilst members of the NBRU and frontline colleagues worked tirelessly across the Rail and Bus Network in an effort to keep services running (occasionally running the gauntlet of intimidatory behavior), a number of services were ultimately withdrawn across the Dublin Bus Network and a number of routes in Limerick (Bus Éireann), there was also a serious incident in Ashbourne Co. Meath in which a ‘rocket’ was fired at a Bus when the doors were open, the device subsequently exploded in the door well of the vehicle. Fortunately, no one was injured, but it could obviously have had very serious consequences. The NBRU have been campaigning for a Garda Public Transport Unit to be established for some time, the Government, both Minister’s Ross and Flanagan, should heed the concerns of Public Transport workers and not allow for the appalling vista of someone suffering serious injury or worse before action is taken”

Mr O’Leary went on to say:

“The withdrawal and/ or curtailment of Public Transport services because of the loutish behaviour we are witnessing on an almost daily basis is patently not fair on the hundreds and thousands of law abiding Citizens that use these services, the NBRU will continue to monitor the anti-social behaviour and downright thuggery that has become pervasive across Bus and Rail services, the spectre of service withdrawals, similar to those withdrawn on Halloween, looms large over our Transport System, we are now calling on all politicians, from all parties and none, to insist that this Government acts before it’s too late"

Note to Recipients;

Please find attached (below) a list of all the incidents that were recorded (some are referenced in the Press Release) on Halloween, along with a number of other incidents we have recorded since the end of August last.