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BENDY-BUS TAKES TO THE WATER

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No, this was not an accident - thank goodness!

On the 20th June 2003 the Luzern Emergency Services organised an exercise on the lakefront near the Concert House and the bus and train stations. Bendy-Bus No. 172 was life expired, and already had its engine removed and it was pushed into this position for the exercise. The scenario was that the bus had been going into the bus stop by the Bahnhof, when the driver had a heart attack and continued across the pavement and ended up in the lake. During the exercise 40 people were recruited to pretend to be injured, and 7 to be

presumed dead, including the driver who had to be released from under water. While the emergency services arrived the "injured" passengers had to wander around and managed to generally get in the way.

Apparently the authorities considered the exercise to be useful, as well as being quite spectacular for visitors to Luzern on that day.

