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*Safety Newsletter*

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**DON'T WAIT TO COMMUNICATE:** If you have a situation that is outside of the normal routine, please "Don't wait to communicate.". You can contact your Dispatcher or Supervisor and share with them what you saw, what you heard or how something made you feel. You can even call our **Safety Hotline** number 631-969-9510 and leave an anonymous message. For safety sake we can never communicate too much!

**CDL PERMIT CLASS:** Our next CDL permit class will be held on March 15, 2022 from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. The class will be held at all three of our classrooms for the convenience of attendees, 50 Saxon Ave., 1849 Pond Rd, & Coram. Please share this information with your family and friends that are looking for a change in career and the opportunity to work for a company that cares. We Teach, We Train, They Succeed. Remember, you receive a \$500 bounty for referring a driver. Our current staff of Driver Assistants are always welcome get behind the wheel.

**STS/TWU 401K INFORMATION:** Prudential recently entered into an agreement to sell the full-service retirement business to a company called Empower. Future newsletters will provide additional information to you on the transition, which Prudential is committed to making a smooth one. The transaction is subject to regulatory approvals and expected to close in April.

**PRE-TRIP & POST-TRIP:** Safety is the most important and obvious reason to inspect your vehicle. A vehicle defect found during an inspection could save you problems later. You could have a breakdown on the road that will cost time or even worse, an accident. Federal and state laws require pre and post-trip inspections by the driver. If you fail to do a pre-trip inspection, a DOT inspector can place your vehicle out of service. So why risk your life or the life of another in an unsafe vehicle? Without inspections, lives can be lost. Skipped or sloppy inspections add to the risk of a mechanical failure and out-of-service time. Proper procedures for conducting a pre and post-trip inspection can be found in your Safety Manual, Section 19, Pg. 85.



**NEW SYSTEM SAFETY PLAN:** We will be distributing our new Safety Manual to all employees during the upcoming School Bus Refreshers and Transit Sensitivity classes. Please bring your old manual with you to the class so we can recycle them.

**WINTER REFRESHERS:** As you know, the January winter refresher has been rescheduled to March. The class schedule is on My Parking Space. Please remember to sign up for your winter refresher if you have not done so already. If you have scheduling issues, please contact Linda Licata by email [llicata@suffolkbus.com](mailto:llicata@suffolkbus.com) or call 631-665-3245 Ext 4163.

**UPDATED COVID POLICY:** Please refer to the weekly update dated 2/23/2022 for the new COVID Quarantine and Isolation Policy. The new policy can be found on MPS. The policy follows the New York COVID-19 sick leave law which states no one can qualify for more than three orders of quarantine or isolation. The second and third orders must be based on a positive COVID-19 test. See your Center Manager or contact Human Resources if you have any questions.



**FACEBOOK:** This week's spotlight features our Human Resources Associate, Jhanella Orellana.

*"An eye for an eye will only make the whole world blind."*