

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.

INTERSECTIONS-ALWAYS STOP TWICE: Crossing an intersection with a large vehicle can be a complex maneuver. As a professional driver, you need to consider the vehicle's additional length and slower acceleration compared to your personal vehicle. When the intersection has a controlling device like a stop sign or traffic light stop, ease forward and stop again to a point where oncoming traffic is clearly visible. Remember, after stopping proceed slowly. **This allows time to stop again**, look to the left, look to the right and look to the left again before pulling into the intersection. Don't assume you have the right of way.



LETS GO: LETS GO stands for Law Enforcement Transportation Service Ground Operation. We have collaborated with the Suffolk County Police Department to provide a network of volunteer drivers (with a BPS license) to drive a large bus of emergency personnel to a designated location. The objective is for our drivers to move police and law enforcement personnel from Point A to Point B in the event of a regional or national crisis. Of course, there is no way for anyone to know when an emergency will occur and/or when our team will mobilize. If you would like to be part of this worthy effort, sign up on MPS-

click on "Jobs", click on "Let's Go". Our connection and dedication to the communities we serve is just one more reason why we are recognized as the best transportation company to work for. Thank You!

MANDATED REPORTER REQUIREMENT: NYSED has mandated that all school bus drivers complete the "State Mandated Reporting of Child Abuse in an Educational Setting" training course. The course is online and can be done from home. If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, please contact Carol Ferryman in Safety & Training, ext. 4192 or email cferryman@suffolkbuss.com. The course is two hours, and you will receive pay upon completion. You can start the course, stop as needed and pick up where you left off. Please go to the following website and register for the self-directed online training course: <http://nysmandatedreporter.org/trainingcourses.aspx>. After completion of the course, you will receive an email with your certificate of completion. Please print out certificate emailed to you and provide it to your supervisor. If you do not have a printer, you can forward the email to your supervisor. They can provide you with their email address. Upon receiving your certificate, you will receive 2 hours of pay for the course time. Please complete the course by 12/31/22. Your supervisors can provide you with more detailed instructions.

REFRESHERS: The refresher classes that typically take place in January will be held in April this year. Class sign up will be in March. Stay tuned.

RESTROOMS: The restrooms in the driver's rooms will be identified by gender where there are two restrooms. Signs have been installed in some yards and are in the process of being installed in the remainder of the yards. Please keep restrooms clean and free of litter.

SCHOLARSHIP TIME: The NYAPT (The New York Association of Pupil Transportation) has three \$1,000 scholarships open to high school children of STS and SBC employees working directly in pupil transportation. The forms and information may be found on MPS. Click on Notifications, click Forms. The deadline for the scholarships is April 1, 2023.



401K REMINDER: Final week to hand in any enrollment (with the company at least 1 year) or contribution change forms, due by 12/23/22.



FACEBOOK: This week's spotlight is Alan Wilk, van driver for Bayport-Blue Point out of 1849 Pond Road

"Light tomorrow with today"