

# THE BUS STOPS HERE



*Safety Newsletter*

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



**ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE IS BACK:** It is that time of the year again where we collect non-perishable food items for families in our community. Our food drive will run from Monday, 12/12, through Friday, 12/16. Please look for the bins in the driver's rooms. After the Thanksgiving holiday many food pantries are empty. You can help to restock the shelves and make the upcoming holidays bountiful. There is no better gift than to give to those in need. Thank you for your support!

**MANDATED REPORTER REQUIREMENT:** NYS 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@suffolkbus.com](mailto:cferryman@suffolkbus.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.

**BOUNTY BONUS:** Refer a friend or family member for a school bus driver position and receive \$1,000! Yes, we are doubling the bounty to \$1,000! And you receive the referral bonus 60 days after they are assigned a school bus route, no waiting for 6 months. This is effective through 12/31/22. Applicants can visit [www.suffolkbus.com](http://www.suffolkbus.com) to complete an online application or pick up an application at your yard.

**401k OPEN ENROLLMENT:** 401k open enrollment is here! All forms can be found on MPS, click on Notifications, click Benefits. The forms are also printed at your yard. Don't delay. Deadline for enrollment is 12/23/22 to take effect 1/1/23. The next opportunity to enroll in the 401k will be December 2023.

**YARD SAFETY:** Our yards are active with buses, personal vehicles, and employees. Yard speed is always *under* 10 mph whether traveling in a bus or car. Please use the proper entrance and exit gates and stay in the appropriate travel lanes. Employees are to wear Company jackets with the reflective strips so you can be seen. Remember:

- Keep alert when walking in the yard, be mindful of uneven pavement; do not have your head down.
- Always utilize crosswalks where applicable.
- Refrain from talking and texting on your cell phone in the yards.
- Park in marked spots only. Do not block vehicles or double-park in the yard or outside the gates. Your vehicle blocks the view for other drivers to safely navigate. Use the correct driver assistant pick up areas in your yard.
- Driver assistants - look both ways when exiting your bus in the yard.

**FACEBOOK:** This week's spotlight is Sandy Agro, Smithtown Van driver out of 1849 Pond Road.



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*Kindness/noun... Loaning someone your strength instead of reminding them of their weakness.*