

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope everyone had an opportunity to welcome in 2023 with family and friends. Please continue to be mindful of staying healthy. Washing your hands is the number one way to stop the spread of germs. In some instances, it may make sense to have a mask handy and don't forget to ventilate your bus. Good health + good attendance = safe transportation for your riders!



SAFETY HOTLINE: The Safety Hotline number on the back of our school buses was originally designed for the general public to report safety violations. Now you can too! You can use this hotline number to report unsafe work conditions, safety violations you witness, illegal activities and any concerns you feel we need to correct. **Call: 631-969-9510!** Calling this number is just another way you can communicate your concerns easily and confidentially. Calls can be made anonymously. Remember: see something, say something pertains to homeland security and so much more.

CPR & CNA CERTIFICATION: Do you have your CPR or CNA certification? If so, please email a copy of your certification to pdipilla@suffolkbus.com. If a route requires your certification, you will have the opportunity to make more money per hour. Below please find link for the online CPR Certification Course (approximately 1 hour; cost \$12.95). Your certificates and CPR cards are emailed upon passing the exam.

<https://www.nationalcprfoundation.com/>

LOST CELL PHONES: When a cell phone is left on our public transit buses our Transit Department does its best to find the rightful owner. Unclaimed cell phones are donated to a cell phone bank located in Florida. These phones are cleaned, refurbished, and donated to police departments across the country. We were able to donate 35 phones in the October through December 2022 time period. Of the 35 phones we donated, 71% were repurposed and 29% were unusable and recycled responsibly. How do our donations help victims in need:

"I just wanted to let you know that I gave a woman a 911 cell phone on Friday, and she used the phone to call for help on Saturday. A person was then arrested for violating a protection order! This is the first time that I know of that a victim from our area used the 911 cell phone to call for help!!! THANK YOU!"

- Vicki Ruley, Crime Prevention Coordinator, Walla Walla Police Dept, WA



VIDEO SIGNAGE ON BUS: Does your bus have this sign displayed over the front windshield? If not, please see the Shop. The sign must be displayed. A school bus is a very public space based upon the proximity of potentially dozens of passengers. As such, there is no reasonable expectation of privacy on a school bus.



FACEBOOK: This week's spotlight is Debbie Perez, large bus driver for Central Islip School District out of 1849 Pond Road.

"Every year you make a resolution to change yourself... this year make a resolution to be yourself!"