

Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC...

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



KEEPING YOUR COOL: Have you been thinking about the difference between reacting and responding since our DA mentoring class? During that class "responses" were explained to be how people speak and act based on their values and long term goals. "Reacting" to other people or situations was explained as saying or doing something based on emotions, including acting impulsively to quickly try and solve what seems like a problem. Read each statement and based on what you have learned, determine if they are responsive or reactive:

- 1. Why are you up and out of your seat again? You never sit down! -- Responsive or Reactive?
- 2. It seems as though you are very excited. Let's take a deep breath together so it's easier for you to sit back down and be calm. -- Responsive or Reactive?

<u>DIGITAL CAMERAS</u>: Our school buses, vans, Tahoes, line and para buses are equipped with onboard digital camera systems. These systems need to be functioning at all times. To reach this goal, we need your help with one simple step during your daily AM and PM pre and post-trip. You can ensure that your camera system is operating properly with viewing the camera system "LED Status Light." See details below:



- When the vehicle ignition is turned on, the status light flashes green for a short period then turns solid green.
- A solid green status light indicates the video system is operating normally.
- Always check that this light is on prior to starting your route to ensure that the system is properly recording.
- If the LED is not staying on after the camera system powers up or the status light flashes green, there may be a problem with the camera system. If this occurs, please notify your supervisor so a repair can be scheduled.



<u>CDL PERMIT CLASS</u>: We are holding a CDL permit class on Wednesday, 3/15, from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Safety & Training Center, 50 Saxon Ave. This is a great opportunity for DA's and friends and family to come in and get more information on driving and obtaining a CDL permit. This class is free, and everyone is welcome. Remember, you get a \$500 bounty for every driver referral you make after they drive with us for 6 months!

<u>ADULT PROGRAM</u>: We are anticipating a few additional runs in our adult program for drivers and driver assistants. This is a 52-week program that runs out of multiple yards. The average hours of the routes are 6 hours and can be higher. If you are interested in working in the adult program, contact Ann Rosenberg at arosenberg@suffolkbus.com

<u>HEALTH INSURANCE ALERT</u>: If you are on the budget billing plan with the Company health insurance and you worked the week of winter break, 2/20-2/24, please send an email to <u>benefits@suffolkbus.com</u> so you will not be inadvertently charged for your health insurance.

FACEBOOK: This week's spotlight is Ghufrana Ifthikhar, ADA Reservations Agent, out of 1980 Pond Road.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."