## BUSSTOPSHER



Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC • SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



SHOUT OUT: We received a phone call from a parent regarding Mike Suibielski, van driver for Three Village CSD, who went on to say she was so happy with how he treats her child. She said he doesn't do anything in particular but has a welcoming and calming personality. She said it is the first time in over a decade that she didn't feel like she had to worry about her child's bus experience. Her son runs out of the house to get on the bus. When the bus pulls up, she says to her son "your friend is here" and he goes running to the bus excited. She wanted to thank the Company for hiring wonderful people. We are

proud to have Mike on our team!

<u>CELL PHONE POLICY</u>: The Company strictly prohibits drivers, driver assistants, mechanics, bus washers and fuelers the use of cell phones or similar electronic or non-electronic devices while on duty (hands free, wired and/or blue tooth included). This policy applies while driving or in any way performing activities related to your responsibilities/duties while on the bus or on the Shop floor. This policy includes:

- Cell phones including wrist phones or iPad/tablet are not to be used on school property; this includes waiting for students to board the bus at schools.
- Receiving or placing calls, text messaging, internet use, reading or responding to an email, checking for phone messages or any other purpose (tablet/iPad).
- Cell phones or tablet/iPad must be turned off and safely stowed (not visible), which would otherwise create a distraction to the driver, driver assistant, mechanic, and bus washer.

Further details can be found in the Safety Manual, Section 14.09.

CDL PERMIT CLASS: Our CDL Permit Class is a great opportunity for our DAs, our families, and friends to learn more about our great Company. Our next CDL permit class will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 10:00AM - 1:00 PM at 1780 Smithtown Ave, Ronkonkoma. This class is free, and everyone is welcome. To register, please email Karen Sheehan: ksheehan@suffolkbus.com and include your first and last name as well as your contact number. Remember, for a limited time we offer a \$1,000 bounty for every driver referral and you will receive the referral bonus 60 days after they are assigned a bus route.



TRANSIT SENSITIVITY CLASSES: Class registration is open on MPS. Classes will be held at 1780 Smithtown Ave, Ronkonkoma. Class times are 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM and the dates are as follows:

Sat. 10/5/24 / Tues. 10/8/24 / Thurs. 10/10/24 / Sun. 10/27/24. Please visit MPS to sign up...click on "My Classes" then click on "Upcoming" to register for a class.

WORKPLACE COMMUNICATION: STS/SBC uses a mobile texting platform, MARS, to communicate with employees. Important notifications are translated using this platform so don't miss out on vital Company information, sign up for MARS at suffolkbus.com/mars to opt in. Your mobile phone number is not shared and remains confidential and secure. For further questions, please contact our HR Department at 631-665-3245.



FACEBOOK: This week's Facebook spotlight is Eric Yodice, Fare Box Technician for SBC

"With ordinary talent and extraordinary perseverance, all things are attainable."

