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Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



**2025 WAGE INCREASE:** Our January 2025 wage increase is coming! All union employees will receive a 4.4% increase effective 1/5/25 and reflected on 1/17 check.

**PRE-TRIP & POST-TRIP:** Frosty winter weather is no excuse for skipping a proper pre- and post-trip inspection. Black ice may be present around your bus, so watch your step carefully as you circle around. Inspect each section thoroughly before moving on, and remember, never leave a bus unattended while running. For more guidance, check out the STS Pre-Trip Inspection Video on our website



www.suffolkbus.com under the 'Safety' tab.

**JANUARY REFRESHER CLASSES:** Thank you to all who attended the January Refresher Classes. Investing time and effort in these sessions not only enhances skills but also strengthens our collective capability to excel as a team.

**HANDICAP PARKING SPOTS:** Please be mindful of parking in Handicap parking spots if not authorized or using expired or non-compliant stickers. These spots are designated for folks that have been vetted and have a legal right to usage. Thank you for your cooperation.

**OUT OF SERVICE TRANSIT/PARA-TRANSIT BUSES:** Reminder that drivers are responsible for performing a thorough pre-trip of your bus before taking it on the road. Any bus marked "Out of Service" cannot be removed from the yard.



**DEFENSIVE DRIVING RULES:** Defensive driving is the ability to avoid accidents despite improper actions by other drivers and despite adverse driving conditions. A defensive driver is one who commits no driving errors and makes allowances for the lack of skill or improper driving practices of the other driver. A defensive driver adjusts driving to compensate for unusual weather, road and traffic conditions and anticipates the unsafe actions of pedestrians and other drivers. Being alert to accident inducing situations, a defensive driver recognizes the need for preventive action in advance and takes the necessary precaution to prevent the accident. A defensive driver knows when it is necessary to slow down, stop or yield the right of way to avoid involvement in an accident. Are you a defensive driver?

**CDL PERMIT CLASS:** We are holding our next CDL permit classes at the Safety and Training facility located at 1780 Smithtown Ave, Ronkonkoma:



**Saturday, 1/18, from 8am-4pm**

**Wednesday, 2/5, from 10am-1pm**

**Saturday, 2/22, from 8am-4pm**

This is a fantastic opportunity for drivers' assistants, friends, and family to learn about driving and obtaining a CDL permit. The class is free and open to everyone. Remember, for a limited time we offer a \$1,000 bounty for every driver's referral and you will receive the referral bonus 60 days after they are assigned a bus route.



**FACEBOOK:** Our employee spotlight is Sindi Velasquez, Driver's Assistant from 1849 Pond Road Center who has been with STS for close to three years.

*"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team."*

