

# THE BUS STOPS HERE



*Safety Newsletter*

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**THANK YOU SHOP, OPERATIONS AND SNOW TEAMS:** A big thank you to our dedicated teams for working tirelessly to clear the snow and keep the yards safe after the winter weather last week. Your hard work is truly appreciated by all of us at STS and SBC.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO JORENDA HOWELL AND JENNIFER FRIEDMAN:** We are thrilled to announce that Jorenda Howell and Jennifer Friedman have successfully attained certification to perform 3rd Party CDL Road Tests for STS/SBC. Their dedication and hard work throughout the training process have been exemplary. We also extend our gratitude to the DMV for their invaluable guidance and support.

**FRIGID WEATHER:** The true winter weather has arrived! With temperatures dropping, black ice and snow are now real possibilities. Professional drivers know how to adjust to these challenging conditions. Here are some important reminders:

- **High piles of snow reduce visibility:** Enter intersections carefully.
- **Watch for pedestrians:** Sidewalks may not be shoveled, so pedestrians might be walking in the roadway.
- **Shut down all systems:** Ensure all headlights, defrosters, and heaters are off before turning off your engine.
- **Secure your vehicle:** Close all windows, doors, and roof hatches before leaving your vehicle.
- **Be extra alert when walking:** Snow can reduce visibility, and snowplows may be operating.
- **Buses are targets for snowballs:** Keep your driver's side window closed when driving.

Stay safe and vigilant out there!

**DRIVING SAFELY ON ICY ROADS:** As winter weather sets in, it is crucial to adjust your driving habits to ensure safety. Here are some essential tips:

1. **Decrease your speed:** Leave plenty of room to stop, allowing at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front.
2. **Brake gently:** Avoid skidding by easing off the brake if your wheels start to lock up.
3. **Increase visibility:** Turn on your lights to make yourself more visible to other motorists.
4. **Keep clean:** Ensure your lights and windshield are clean.
5. **Use low gears:** Maintain traction, especially on hills.
6. **Be cautious on bridges and overpasses:** These areas freeze first and can be icy even above freezing temperatures.
7. **Avoid passing snowplows and sanding trucks:** They have limited visibility, and the road ahead is likely worse than the road behind.
8. **Do not overestimate your bus's capabilities:** Be mindful that your bus may not handle all conditions.



**SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS:** Winter weather brings snow and ice, increasing the risk of slips and falls; while it is easy to blame slippery conditions, many employees navigate safely by following these precautions. Watch where you walk, walk carefully and slowly in crosswalks; wear proper footwear, ensure YOUR shoes have good traction; focus on your surroundings, avoid distractions such as speaking on your mobile phone; use three points of contact when getting on and off the bus, hold onto the handrail. The consequences of not being careful can include broken bones and a long recovery. Remember, all trips, slips, and falls are avoidable with caution and awareness.



**FACEBOOK:** This week's employee spotlight is Tiffany Mann who is a van driver at our Coram Center.

*"It's not about ideas;  
it's about making ideas happen."*

