

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.

RECOGNITION OF KINDNESS: The Babylon UFSD recently received a heartfelt call from an 85-year-old resident of Totten Place. She wanted to commend Rhina Bustillo, Large Bus Driver for Babylon UFSD, for her exceptional kindness on January 27th. The resident explained that she had fallen in her driveway while outside with her dog and was unable to get up. After being stranded for about 15 minutes, Rhina, who was parked across the street waiting to start her route, noticed the situation and immediately came to her aid. Rhina helped the resident and her dog into the house, ensuring their safety before continuing with her duties. Although Rhina was apologetic that she couldn't stay longer due to her responsibilities, the resident was deeply grateful and wanted to ensure Rhina's kindness did not go unrecognized. Random acts of kindness week is February 14-20th.



LOVE THE BUS MONTH CONTINUES: As February rolls on, we want to send out a big thank you to all our amazing transportation personnel. You do an outstanding job every day, ensuring the safety and security of our passengers. Be sure to watch the Love the Bus videos on Suffolk Transportation's Facebook page.



THANK YOU SHOP, OPERATIONS AND SNOW TEAMS: Thank you again to our incredible teams for clearing the snow so our yards are clear and safe following last week's winter storm. Your tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed and are appreciated by every one of us at STS and SBC. Thank you for all that you do.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: The Suffolk County Chapter of the New York Association for Pupil Transportation (NYAPT) is pleased to announce they will be awarding three \$1,000 scholarships to qualified graduating seniors. To be eligible, applicants must have a parent, guardian, or grandparent who works directly in the pupil transportation field in Suffolk County. Applicants must meet the specified requirements to apply for these scholarships. Application forms can be obtained by contacting Linda Licata at llicata@suffolkbuss.com or by calling extension 4163.



ATTENTION SCHOOL BUS DRIVER ASSISTANTS: Announcing a required 1-hour mentoring class designed specifically for School Bus Driver Assistants. This session will provide valuable insights and guidance to help you excel in your roles. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your skills and connect with your peers. Please sign up on MPS or contact Linda Licata at llicata@suffolkbuss.com or 631-665-3245 ext. 4163 to reserve your spot. We look forward to seeing you there!



- 1780 Smithtown Ave 10:00 am 2/25/2025
- Coram 10:30 am 2/25/2025
- 50 Saxon 10:00 am 2/26/2025
- Coram 10:00 am 2/27/2025
- 1780 Smithtown Ave 10:30 am 2/27/2025
- 1780 Smithtown Ave 5:30 pm 2/27/2025

BE AWARE OF BLIND SPOTS: Blind spots are areas around the bus that are not visible through the mirrors and can pose significant risks if not properly managed. For buses, these spots can hide pedestrians, cyclists, or even small vehicles, leading to potential accidents. Awareness and proactive measures are key to ensuring the safety of everyone on and around the bus. By staying aware of blind spots, bus drivers can significantly reduce the risk of accidents and ensure the safety of their passengers and others on the road. Remember, vigilance and caution are your best tools for a safe and successful route.

ATTENDANCE BONUS: Remember, you must work the full day before the break, 2/14/25, and the full day after the break, 2/24/25, to be eligible for the mid-year bonus as well as the attendance bonus.

Facebook Spotlight: Frank Klein, Director of Safety & Training.

"Your heart is the most powerful muscle in your body. Keep it healthy and strong."

