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*Safety Newsletter*

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



**SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT SEND THEIR THANKS:** The men and women of the Suffolk County Police Department extend their thanks to Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc. for the generous donation of buses and drivers to transport officers and recruits to the line of duty funerals for NYPD Officers Jason Rivera and Wilbert Mora. "We can always count on Suffolk Transportation Service to work with the SCPD to ensure officers are



provided transportation to line of duty funerals around the region". We are proud to be of service!

**ATTENTION ALL DA's:** If you are a DA that has not taken the required NYS 10-hour Basic Course, you will be contacted by mail to attend both required classes on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at either the Saxon, Pond Rd, or Coram classroom from 8am to 2pm. This is a one-time course required for all DA's by the New York State Education Department. When you receive the letter, please respond to Linda Licata at [Llicata@suffolkbus.com](mailto:Llicata@suffolkbus.com) or 631-665-3245 X4163 to acknowledge your attendance and which classroom you would like to attend. Call early to get the classroom you prefer!

**THE ROLE OF A DRIVER ASSISTANT:** Listed under Section 13.08-"Driver Assistants Duties" in our Safety Manual are requirements for the safety of students that DA's should be providing, most importantly the following -  
(e) Be the first person to step from the bus to ensure that traffic conditions allow you to safely assist students/passengers on and off the bus to prevent any accident or injury.  
(f) Assist all school passengers by providing the necessary guidance to cross the street safely, fifteen (15) feet in front of the bus (passengers must be crossed to the curb).  
(k) Assisting at any transfer point, ensuring that all passengers board the correct bus.

All listed duties in this section are important but the ones listed above make sure our students, especially special needs, get on and off our buses safely. If you have any questions, please speak with your Supervisor. Thank you for your cooperation.

**STOPPED SCHOOL BUS:** To avoid a stop arm camera ticket, bus operators need to remember to slow down when yellows are on. The stop arm does not need to be fully extended before the camera takes your picture.

**SUMMER WORK:** Even though there is over a foot of snow on the ground, we are beginning to plan for the summer months. Please note for the summer of 2022 all van drivers and DA's with a hire date of January 1, 2017, to present are required to attend the summer pick. Not attending the summer pick will be considered a denial of work and you will forfeit summer unemployment.



**TAX FILING:** Tax season is officially open. Using filing resources from the New York State Tax Department can make completing and submitting your return on time fast, secure, and even free, if you qualify. If your 2021 income is \$73,000 or less, you can file both your federal and New York State returns at no cost through the Tax Department website. Visit [Free File](#), to see if you qualify to electronically file for free.



**FACEBOOK:** This week's spotlight is Lashaun Smith, van driver for Central Islip School District out of 1849 Pond Rd.

*"Integrity is doing the right thing when no one is watching"*