

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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TECHNICIAN-MECHANIC RECEIVES AWARD: Our STS Mechanic, Luis Rodriguez, was honored and awarded the Technician of the Year Award at the NYAPT (New York Association for Pupil Transportation) Annual Summer Conference and Trade Show held in Saratoga, NY, on July 10-13. We are proud that he was recognized on the State level and Luis, along with his family, got to attend the conference. Pictured here is Luis along with Joe LaMarca, CEO of PTSI (Pupil Transportation Safety Institute), award sponsor; Harold Nicholson, PTSI Awards Committee and Paul Overbaugh, NYSED State Director of Pupil Transportation. We are proud to have Luis on our team. Congratulations!

FINAL REFRESHER DATES: The following two classes have been added:

Monday, 8/15	1:00PM	Saxon ONLY
Tuesday, 8/16	10:00 AM	Saxon ONLY

If you have not already attended a refresher class, please register TODAY by visiting My Parking Space on your mobile device or under Employee Portal at suffolkbus.com. Click on "Employee Portal", click on "Classes," click on "Upcoming Classes." You can contact Linda Licata at llicata@suffolkbus.com with questions or help securing a seat in the class. Remember, you must attend a refresher class in order to pick a route for September!

DEFENSIVE DRIVING: There is a class scheduled for Saturday, 8/6, from 9:00AM - 3:00 PM in the Coram classroom. Please visit My Parking Space to register, click on "Classes," click on "Upcoming Classes."

IDLING POLICY: Please be mindful of excessive idling. It is illegal, wastes fuel, causes premature engine wear and contributes to air pollution. It is important to follow the procedures as noted in the Safety Manual, Pg 49, Section 14.10:

- All bus drivers will turn off engines when they reach the school or other destination. Buses will not idle while waiting for passengers.
- During morning start-up, buses should idle no longer than necessary (but not more than 5 mins) to bring them to proper operating temperature.

DRIVING IN WORK ZONES: It seems that everywhere you drive on your route you come across a work zone.

Work zones present many hazards, like lane shifts, sudden stops and uneven road surfaces. You can keep yourself and your passengers safe by following these tips:

- Be aware of the space around your vehicle and signage in work zones that indicate reduced speeds and lane changes.
- Avoid distractions when approaching a work zone, such as conversing with your passengers or DA. As always, do not eat or drink while driving.
- Always expect workers or work trucks to be entering and exiting the work zone. Maintain a safe distance from other vehicles. Rear-end crashes are extremely common in work zones.

JUNE SAFETY WINNERS: Maryann Mahony, large bus; Lorena Reyes, van; Xiomara Nunez, DA; Lilian Galarza, Transit; Miguel Colon, ADA; Santo Almonte, Shop; Kyah Flowers, management. Congratulations to all!



This week's Facebook spotlight is Rich Fiorio, van driver for Middle Country School District out of the Coram yard

"What you are will show in what you do"