

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK: Several Superintendents had the opportunity to drive a large school bus in their district this week to commemorate National School Bus Safety Week. This was a great opportunity for them to see what it is like to be behind the wheel. Pictured below are Dr. Kevin Scanlon, Three Village CSD; Dr. Steven Maloney, Bay Shore UFSD; Dr. Jennifer Quinn, Comsewogue UFSD; Dr. Paul Romanelli, West Islip UFSD. Thanks to Frank Klein, the quick lesson allowed them to navigate the bus in the parking lot. As you can see by the smiles on their faces, they enjoyed the experience.



CRUCIAL STEPS AFTER AN ACCIDENT: no one ever plans on having an accident. It is important to remember if you hit anything but air...call into your Dispatcher. At the scene of an accident, drivers should follow these steps-

1. Stop - do not leave the scene of an accident. Use your hazard lights to indicate the bus is stopped.
2. Do not move the bus unless told to do so by a police officer.
3. Reassure the students.
4. Notify Dispatch, make your message clear and urgent.
5. Account for all passengers.
6. Document what happened, follow SSPP accident steps and use/identify Supervisor as a witness.
7. Do not release students. Unless evacuation is necessary, children are safer waiting on the bus.
8. Do not make statements at the scene. Be respectful and polite but do not place or take the blame.

DANGERS OF UNSAFE LANE CHANGES: Drivers who perform unsafe lane changes put everyone around them at risk. As professional drivers you need to look out for some of the most dangerous maneuvers other drivers make when changing lanes:

- Not signaling before changing lanes.
- Changing lanes without checking surrounding traffic for cars. This can involve not checking a rearview mirror or blind spot. Some drivers may take a chance and switch lanes because traffic is light.
- Crossing multiple lanes at once.
- Not staying in one's lane. Drivers can swerve or partially drift into another lane for several reasons. They may be distracted by their phones, feel sleepy, or be driving under the influence.
- Changing into the highway merge lane.
- Changing lanes in an intersection.
- Two vehicles trying to enter the same lane simultaneously.



FACEBOOK SPOTLIGHT: Our Facebook spotlight this week is John Smith, large bus driver for Hauppauge School District out of 1849 Pond Road

"Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try"