

# THE BUS STOPS HERE



*Safety Newsletter*

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



**SPEED CAMERAS IN WORK ZONES:** The state has launched a speed camera program in highway construction zones on Long Island to improve worker safety. You will see these cameras on the Long Island Expressway and other highways where construction is being done. Drivers will receive warning notices by mail for the first 30 days of this program. After that period the fine will start at \$50.00. Please be aware of your speed in

work zones.

**BUS & YARD PROTECTION:** For the security and safety of our operations the Company has taken steps to further protect your bus when it is not in use along with the yards where your buses are parked. We are now working directly with the Suffolk County Police Department's Real Time Crime Center, allowing them access to all exterior cameras in our yards. This allows the SCPD remote access for live or recorded viewing/monitoring of our yards and buses. We have also added additional cameras and upgraded cameras throughout the facilities. The addition and enhancements bring our system up to date with the most current technology available for cameras. We also use an outside security company to patrol all yards during non-working hours, allowing for continued security protection while our facilities are not in operation. This is just another step to ensure the safety and security of the equipment you, your passengers and the community depend on each day.



**DRUG-FREE**



**ZONE**

**MARIJUANA:** As you may know, New York State has legalized marijuana for medical and recreational use. What does that mean to us in the workplace. We are a drug free work zone. The federal government has stated even when allowed under a state law "it remains unacceptable for any safety-sensitive employee subject to drug testing to use marijuana." This is important as marijuana is still classified as a Schedule 1 controlled substance under federal law. The Company is required to conduct drug testing in accordance with FTA regulations. In addition, the DOT's drug and alcohol testing regulations do not authorize "medical marijuana" as a valid medical explanation for a positive drug test result. Safety-sensitive employees - CDL license holders, bus drivers, mechanics, supervisors and dispatchers - are subject to pre-employment, post-accident, reasonable suspicion and random drug and alcohol screenings. Also beware of CBD oil. This product contains levels of THC which can

prove positive in a drug test. It is your responsibility to research medications and products before ingesting them. Please consult with your doctor. Remember, we have a zero tolerance policy for drugs and alcohol in the workplace. Even if you are not considered a safety sensitive employee, marijuana may not be used, even for medical purposes, during an employee's workday, whether on or off Company premises. This includes during meal breaks and rest breaks and includes designated smoking areas and parking lots.

**HELP WANTED:** Our payroll department is looking for a qualified candidate to join their team. Our ADA department also has an open full-time dispatcher position. Please visit MPS, click on Jobs for further information and to apply for these positions.



**FACEBOOK:** This week's spotlight is Patricia "Penny" Defazio - ADA Dispatchers

*"The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing."*