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SUFFOLK BUS CORP.

<u>PRE-TRIP & POST-TRIP</u>: Cold winter weather is no excuse for not conducting a proper pre and post trip. One important reminder is to keep an eye on where you walk as you circle the bus. Black ice may be present around your bus. Watch where you walk and then stop and inspect that section of the bus. Return your eyes to the ground to watch your step and proceed to the next section of the bus. Remember, a bus should not be left unattended while running.

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.

Yellow flashing lights mean be prepared to stop.

<u>OUT OF SERVICE TRANSIT/PARA-TRANSIT BUSES</u>: Reminder that drivers are responsible to perform a thorough pre-trip of your bus before taking it on the road. Any bus marked "Out of Service" cannot be removed from the yard.

<u>DEFENSIVE DRIVING RULES</u>: Defensive driving is the ability to avoid accidents despite improper actions of other drivers and in spite of adverse driving conditions. A defensive driver is one who

DEFENSIVE DRIVER ON BOARD!

commits no driving errors and makes allowances for the lack of skill or improper driving practices of the other driver. A defensive driver adjusts driving to compensate for unusual weather, road and traffic conditions and anticipates the unsafe actions of pedestrians and other drivers. Being alert to accident inducing

situations, a defensive driver recognizes the need for preventive action in advance and takes the necessary precaution to prevent the accident. A defensive driver knows when it is necessary to slow down, stop or yield the right of way to avoid involvement in an accident. Are you a defensive driver?

<u>CDL PERMIT CLASS</u>: We are holding our next CDL permit class on Wednesday, 2/7, from 10:00AM-1:00PM at the



Safety and Training facility located at 1780 Smithtown Ave, Ronkonkoma. This is a great opportunity for DA's and friends and family to come in and get more information on driving and obtaining a CDL permit. This class is free, and everyone is welcome. Remember, you get a \$500 bounty for every driver referral you make after they drive for 6 months!

DIFFERENCE CARD LUNCH & LEARN PART 2: Now that we have had some time since the

Difference Card has been implemented, we will be hosting Part 2 of our Difference Card Q&A. This lunch and learn will be held on Wednesday, 2/21, from 11:00AM - 1:00PM at **50 Saxon Avenue**. Please make sure you have downloaded the app and have your questions available. Please RSVP to benefits@suffolkbus.com and leave some questions that you would like addressed. This will ensure that everyone's questions are answered.

<u>DECEMBER SAFETY WINNERS:</u> Regina DeShore, large bus; Claudia Camargo, van; Reina Sosa, DA; Marco Perez, Transit; Joshua Klefsky, ADA; Fredi Oseguera, Shop; Kimberly Brown, management. Congratulations!



<u>FACEBOOK</u>: This week's spotlight is Xiomara Nunez, Supervisor for Sayville/Bayport out of 1849 Pond Rd

"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

