

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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Joseph Corrado, Corey J. Muirhead, Nick Vallone, Paul Quinn Mori and Tommy Smith in Washington DC. During their visit, they focused on promoting school bus safety, particularly in raising public awareness about the Brake for Kids Act. In the United States, there are approximately 43.5 million illegal passing violations during each 180-day school year. Their objective was to urge our Congressional representatives to implement a public service announcement (PSA) aimed at educating the public on the critical importance of stopping for children when they disembark from school buses.

Additionally, they discussed the Driving Forward Act with our Congress members, which aims to make the under-the-hood waiver a permanent measure. They had engaging meetings with our representatives and enjoyed connecting with fellow contractors, all of whom are dedicated to advancing the school bus industry for the future. A special thank you goes to Curt, Becky, and the National School Transportation Association team for organizing such a well-executed event.

REAR-END COLLISIONS: Rear-end collisions account for approximately 33% of all motor vehicle crashes. Distracted driving is a major factor, contributing to 87% of rear-end collisions. Interestingly, rear-end collisions are more likely to occur during daylight hours. This is often due to driver's inattention, as people may feel a false sense of security when driving in clear, well-lit conditions. To keep our roads safe and avoid accidents, it's important to continually adjust your driving to maintain control of your vehicle. Managing the time and space available in any situation is key. The sooner you can identify potential problems behind you and take appropriate action, the less likely you are to be involved in a collision.



Here are some tips to help: Stay aware by regularly scanning all your mirrors to know what's happening around you. Keep right and let faster-moving vehicles pass. Signal early by giving clear and early signals when changing lanes. Anticipate stops by beginning to brake early and approaching traffic signals, signs, and railroad crossings slowly. This helps communicate to those behind you that you're about to stop. Maintain distance by allowing proper following distance to give yourself adequate time to slow down, stop, or take evasive action when needed. This also maximizes your visibility of what's ahead. Avoid tailgating, as it increases the chances of panic stops, which can frighten passengers and cause rear-end collisions. Start smoothly by avoiding false starts and only beginning forward motion when it's safe to continue. By following these tips, we can all contribute to safer driving and reduce the risk of rear-end collisions. Drive safely and responsibly!

IT PAYS TO HAVE FRIENDS: Refer to a friend or family member for a school bus driver's position and receive \$1000! The bonus will be paid 60 days after your referral is assigned a school bus route. This bounty bonus will expire in June 2025. Applicants can visit suffolkbus.com to complete an online application or pick up at any yard.

CDL PERMIT PREP CLASS: We are excited to offer CDL Permit Classes at our Safety and Training facility located at 1780 Smithtown Avenue, Ronkonkoma. This is a fantastic opportunity to start your journey towards obtaining your Commercial Driver's License. Class dates are Wednesday, April 9 from 10am - 1pm and Sunday, April 27 from 8am - 4pm. To register for classes, email Karen Sheehan at ksheehan@suffolkbus.com.



HEALTHY LIFESTYLE: April is celebrated as Move More Month, a time dedicated to encouraging people to incorporate more physical activity into their daily lives. This initiative aims to raise awareness about the numerous health benefits of staying active, such as improved cardiovascular health, enhanced mood, and increased energy levels. Whether it's through walking, cycling, dancing, or any other form of exercise, Move More Month motivates individuals to find enjoyable ways to get moving. It's a great opportunity to set new fitness goals, try out different activities, and make movement a regular part of your routine. So, let's embrace the spirit of Move More Month and take steps towards a healthier, more active lifestyle!



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"The best road safety device is a safe driver"

