

# THE BUS STOPS HERE



## Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



**SCHOOL BUS DRILLS:** For drivers conducting mandated school year bus drills and/or charter work, it is crucial to adhere to the provided bus drill scripts. These scripts ensure that students and chaperones are properly informed about emergency procedures and the locations of emergency exits. We have recently reintroduced the NYSED-recommended bus drill procedures for both types of drills. Supervisors will provide you with these procedures, and it is imperative that you utilize them during school year drills or charter/activity runs. Thank you for your commitment to safety.

**DRIVER ASSISTANTS: Unlock Your Career Potential with Our CDL Study Program!** Are you a Driver Assistant (DA) looking to advance your career? Enroll in our CDL study program and take the first step towards obtaining your CDL permit. This is an exciting opportunity, DAs who secure their CDL permit by July 31, 2025, will receive a **\$1,000 bonus!** This bonus will be paid out once you are assigned to a van route.

**REFER A FRIEND AND EARN BIG!** Help a friend or family member embark on their journey as a school bus driver and **receive an incredible \$1,000 referral bonus!** No Waiting: You'll receive the referral bonus just 60 days after they are assigned a school bus route—no need to wait for 6 months. Applicants can visit [www.suffolkbust.com](http://www.suffolkbust.com) to complete an online application or pick up an application at your yard.

**LET'S ROADEO!** Come and cheer on our amazing drivers on April 26th as they dazzle you with their incredible skills and unwavering dedication to student safety. The event will take place at the Safety & Training Facility, located at 1780 Smithtown Avenue, Ronkonkoma. The excitement kicks off with registration at 7:30 AM, and the main event begins at 9:00 AM. Witness our drivers navigate challenging obstacle courses, tackle written exams on traffic laws and safety regulations, and engage in fun team-building activities. Your support not only boosts their morale but also helps enhance our transportation services. We can't wait to see you there, cheering on our drivers and celebrating their hard work and expertise!

**THE 3 POINTS OF CONTACT:** Moving up or down your vehicle with at least two feet and one hand or two hands and one foot secured to the vehicle. By focusing on having 3-points of contact, you can protect yourself from falling while entering or exiting your vehicle or while climbing other equipment.

### UNDERSTANDING 3 POINTS OF CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Inspect your equipment; verify that steps are in good working condition and handles are secured for proper hand placement.
- Wear Appropriate Footwear: Ensure you wear footwear suitable for the conditions. Avoid open-toed shoes or heels, as they can reduce traction.
- Keep both hands free to enter and exit your vehicle.
- Focus on the task at hand, move slowly to ensure you are safely exiting the vehicle.
- Moving too quickly often leads to losing 3 points of contact and could lead to injury.

Maintaining three points of contact is a critical safety practice that must be adhered to daily. Always check the ground to ensure you are stepping down to a safe location. Avoid jumping from your vehicle, as this can result in serious injury. Utilize three points of contact when entering or exiting your vehicle, using a ladder, or operating any other equipment. This practice is essential for preventing accidents and ensuring your safety.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SAFETY WINNERS FOR MARCH:** Portillo Irma, Large Bus Driver; Deaguiar Joseph, Van Driver; Smith Eleanor, D.A.; Gaviglia Frederick, Transit Driver; Turcios Fuentes Glenda, ADA; Kelly Edward, Shop; Duviella Dasan, Management.



Check out our Facebook page for our latest employee spotlight, Linda Murphy, Call Center Agent.

*"Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine."*

