



SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc. and Suffolk Bus Corp.



## A Partnership in Safety

October 3, 2025

**October is National Pedestrian Safety Month**—a time to reaffirm our commitment to protecting pedestrians, especially children, seniors, and commuters who rely on safe walkways and crossings. As bus drivers, you are on the front lines of road safety, and your alertness, patience, and quick decisions are vital in preventing accidents. Please remember to stay focused, slow down in pedestrian zones, yield at crosswalks, and use extra caution in poor visibility. Watch for children who may cross unexpectedly and communicate clearly with pedestrians using signals and eye contact. Your role goes beyond transportation; you help keep our communities safe. Let's make this October a month of awareness and action to reduce pedestrian injuries and save lives.



**The Leonard Family Scholarship** opens on November 1, for the 2025–2026 academic year. This annual award is available to children of employees working for member companies of the New York School Bus Contractors Association, of which STS is a proud member. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate financial need. A one-time \$2,500 scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient's educational institution. Interested applicants can find the application form on My Parking Space by clicking "Notifications" and then "Forms." The deadline to apply is April 1, 2026.

**The STS Driver Route Review has been scheduled for October 10, 2025.** Drivers should report to their supervisors after their morning run to evaluate their routes, focus will be made to identify potential inefficiencies and discuss possible adjustments to improve reliability and timeliness. Drivers are requested to arrive prepared to discuss any proposed route modifications. The review aims to ensure that STS operations continue to meet the evolving needs of the district while maintaining safety and compliance standards.



Visit our Facebook page to get to know the staff at our office at 10 Moffitt Boulevard, Bay Shore.

*"Happiness is a direction, not a place."*

## Congratulations to Our September Safety Stars!

We are proud to recognize our September Safety Award winners: Andrew Keller (Large Bus Driver), Earl Newby (Van Driver), Priti Shahu (D.A.), Rafael Montano (Transit Driver), Diaram Samlall (ADA), Steve Ehrlich (Shop), and Juan Pablo Corral (Management). Each of these individuals has demonstrated exceptional commitment to safety and excellence by maintaining no workplace injuries, no at-fault accidents, no red-light camera violations, no unauthorized absences and consistently upholding the high standards of STS/SBC. Their dedication and performance serve as a model for all, and we are proud to recognize their outstanding contributions to a safer and more efficient workplace.



**We are excited to offer a free CDL Permit Class on Saturday, October 4, from 8 AM to 4 PM at 1780 Smithtown Ave, Ronkonkoma.** Open to Driver Assistants, family, and friends, it's a great way to explore a career in transportation. Driver Assistants who earn their CDL can receive a \$1,000 bonus — \$500 after passing the road test and \$500 upon school bus route assignment. To register, email Karen Sheehan at [ksheehan@suffolkbus.com](mailto:ksheehan@suffolkbus.com) with your full name and contact number.

### Transit Sensitivity Classes – Schedule & Registration Info

The schedule for Transit Sensitivity Classes is now available on **My Parking Space** under the **Classes > Upcoming Classes** section, all Transit and Para-Transit drivers are required to register for a class. These sessions fill up fast, so be sure to sign up early to secure your spot! If a class is full and your work schedule prevents you from attending another, please contact Linda Licata at extension 4163 or email her at [llicata@suffolkbus.com](mailto:llicata@suffolkbus.com) for assistance.

Classes begin promptly at 7:00 AM, so please arrive at least 30 minutes early to sign in and find a seat. You'll receive the new Safety Manual during the session, and we encourage you to bring your old manual for recycling.

