

## SC School Bus Safety Committee Report October-December 2022

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The committee has had 3 meetings since the 2022-2023 school year began. 10/21/22, 11/22/22 & 12/20/22 and will be meeting monthly going forward.

As a result of the implementation of the program, reports have been generated providing data of last years violations by month, school district, number of tickets issued, the hot spots for violations and a zip code analysis. The committee provided feedback and the reports will be updated with data broken being down further showing day and time of violations.

It was planned for the reports to be provided annually or every 6 months. It has been requested to have reports sent to school districts monthly to facilitate better follow-up within districts.

In 2023, there will be additional camera enhancements made that will make violations or non-violations easier to identify. Continued driver training is needed to ensure all drivers are using the amber lights as a warning before deploying the red lights and stop arms.

There were questions about challenges to violations and Bus Patrol can provide enhanced videos to support violations issued.

At this point in time, it appears that all the school districts in Suffolk will be participating as the bus company that serviced the one district not in the program was purchased by a larger bus company that does participate.

A new Suffolk County Exec representative, Joseph Rulli, has been assigned to the committee.

A temporary repository on SharePoint has been built for resources to be housed until the new website is ready such as the PSAs and materials for districts to use with students, parents, community members.

The committee discussed and agreed that a letter be drafted to send to the county legislature demonstrating how the program has been helpful.

Up until now the meetings have been led by Jean Souliere, President of Bus Patrol. However, at this point, it is not a good idea for the vendor to lead the committee. Therefore, Joe Rulli will be looking at some structure to be put in place such as who will be committee chair, a secretary to take notes, etc. to discuss at our meeting scheduled on 1/17/23.