

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE



Transportation Presentation

Topics

- Transportation Task Force Updates
 - 2020-2021 Safety Improvements
 - 2020-2021 COVID Safety

JANUARY 2020 TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Task Force Recommendation:

Greater interaction with drivers prior to the staff starting their bus routes, before the keys are handed over.

Corrective Actions:

Transportation Supervisor enhanced oversight.

Drivers no longer have direct access to bus keys.

JANUARY 2020 TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Task Force Recommendation:

**Training of management in the identification
of signs of impairment.**

Corrective Action:

**All Royal Coach management at Somers is
trained in FMCSA Drug & Alcohol reasonable
suspicion**

JANUARY 2020 TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Task Force Recommendation:

Enhanced Drug & Alcohol testing & monitoring.

Corrective Actions:

**Royal Coach Somers location now has a DOT
certified Breathalyzer on site.**

**Royal Coach Safety Manager for Somers trained
as a Breath Alcohol Technician.**



JANUARY 2020 TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Task Force Recommendation:

Enhance Accident Scene Management.

Corrective Actions:

Transportation Supervisor created enhanced accident safety protocols for accident & incident response including the suggestions from the Altaris report.

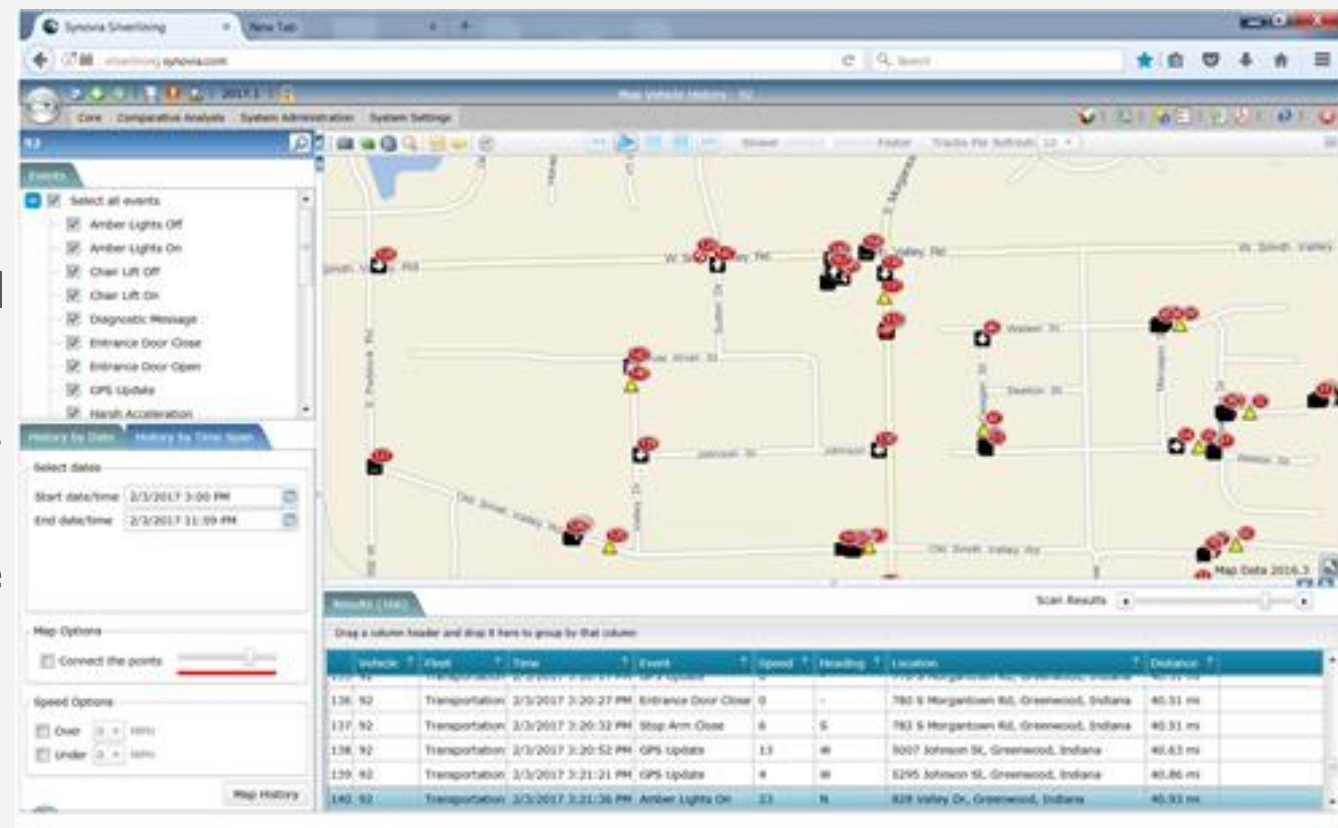
2020-2021 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

-- LIVE School Bus GPS Monitoring!

The Transportation Department can now track any of the school buses used by Royal Coach Lines at our school district.

The bus location updated every 30 seconds UNLESS there is a safety violation.

This system tracks: vehicle location, vehicle speed, abrupt braking, abrupt acceleration, amber and red light activation, and excess idle time



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IS
THE
BUS?!**



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2020-2021 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

--On Site Driver Monitoring

Somers CSD Transportation now monitors all Royal Coach drivers used for Somers routes via NYSDMV Commercial Driver License Event Notification System.

-- School Site Monitoring

I have been monitoring loading and unloading at school sites to ensure proper safety guidelines are being adhered to.

--Road Safety Observations

I have been traveling the streets of the district during bus times to ensure drivers are operating our contracted school vehicles responsibly and respectfully.

2020-2021 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

--How's My Driving?

We will be installing stickers on our buses for motorist grievances to come directly to a complaint line in the Transportation Department.

2020-2021 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

--Driver Infraction Points System

We have implemented a system to keep track of in-house driver infractions.

- The Driver Violation Point System gives the Somers Central School Transportation Department a way to identify and act against high-risk drivers. This system will assign points for certain traffic violations. If a driver gets 7 points in a 12-month period, their employment will be affected, and they will be disqualified to drive for the Somers Central School District. How your point total is calculated:**

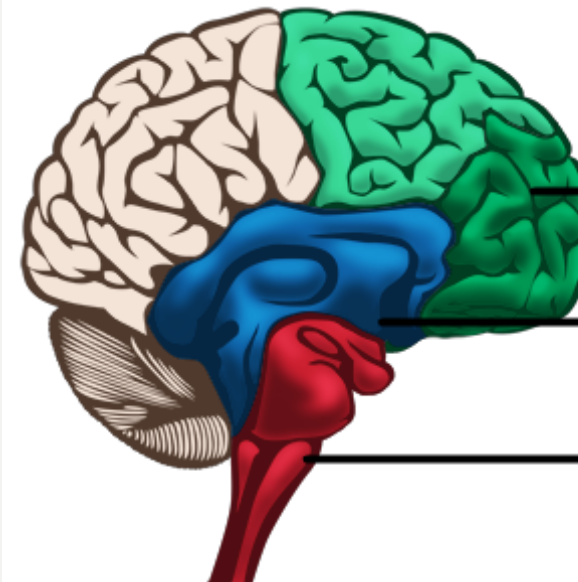
2020-2021 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

--Enhanced School Bus Monitor Training

Previously our School Bus Monitor staff attended the driver's safety refreshers at Royal Coach. This year our School Bus Monitors have received their own specialized training in special needs and empathetic student interventions.



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Executive State
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What can I learn from this?

Emotional State
Limbic System
Am I loved?

Survival State
Brain Stem
Am I safe?

2020-2021 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Nationally

School Bus passing motorist violations have gone up 32% since 2010 & 40% since 2000.

Passing motorist violations are on the rise due to rushed and distracted driving.

Students are most at risk while by their own bus.

2020-2021 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS



We are collecting data on
which of our routes have
the most violations.

Extended
School Bus
Stop Arm
PILOT
Program
Starts 11-30

2020-2021 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS



Extended
Stop Arm
Cameras
Trying for
First in
Westchester
County!

2020-2021 COVID SAFETY

--Face coverings

Drivers and school bus monitors continue to enforce proper face coverings are being used by our students. Masks are given to students as they board if they forgot for some reason.

--Bus Sanitization

Our buses continue to be sprayed with sanitizer after each route, before the next route starts. Buses are being checked routinely to ensure compliance with our procedures.

2020-2021 COVID SAFETY

--Attendance / Contact Tracing

Bus attendance continues to be taken on all routes for all buildings as the primary means of contact tracing for COVID cases. PES & SIS routes have an additional Dismissal Manager parent application that tracks all students on bus routes as well.

As a secondary precautionary measure we are able to check the interior cameras on the buses to ensure we have traced all students on a route.

2020-2021 COVID SAFETY

-- Ventilation

Windows on our buses are slightly open to increase the amount of fresh air circulating in the vehicle.



2020-2021 COVID SAFETY

Ridership Numbers By School*

PES Routes 15-38

SIS Routes 15-34

SMS Routes 5-25

SHS Routes 3-21

***Excludes school bus small van ridership numbers.**

2020-2021

TRANSPORTATION MOVING FORWARD

Royal Coach Management –

Continue working together as a Partner In Safety

Assistant Supervisor of Transportation starts 11-30-20

Improving Parent Communications—

**Newsletters, Safety Videos, Safety Bulletins,
GPS Application**

2020-2021

TRANSPORTATION MOVING FORWARD

Continue to find proactive, affordable solutions to improve student transportation safety.

Continue to improve school bus routing efficiency and timeliness due to COVID challenges.

