



# Arizona Department of Public Safety

## STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

### Quarterly School Bus News

Edition: 1



#### PUBLIC SERVICES PORTAL (PSP)

Although opening a PSP account is not mandatory, it is recommended. The PSP makes submitting new drivers, renewals, evacuation drills, and other documents much easier. Transportation districts and drivers can also track submissions and see status updates in real-time.

To open a District account, type in in your web browser, go to Sign Up at the top right corner, click on Student Transportation, and choose Organization. Follow the prompts but remember to use a district email address.

For personal accounts, follow the same directions as above, click on "Individual" and use your personal email address (Gmail, Yahoo, AOL), etc.).

#### Did you know....

**CBD products contain small traces of THC (the drug found in marijuana). Even these small amounts are enough to show up on your annual, random, and post-accident drug screens, and if resulting in a positive drug testing screen, it will result in school bus driver and trainer certification cancellations.**

**A.A.C. R13-13-102.K1(h)**

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#### MINIMUM STANDARDS REVIEW

##### **R13-13-104.C states:**

An employer shall not allow or require a school bus driver to drive a school bus, nor shall a school bus driver drive a school bus:

1. For more than 10 hours after having been off-duty for a minimum of eight consecutive hours;
2. For any period after having been on-duty for 15 hours after having been off-duty for a minimum of eight consecutive hours;
3. After having been on-duty 60 hours in any seven consecutive days if the employer does not operate school buses for seven consecutive days; or
4. After having been on duty 70 hours in any eight consecutive days if the employer operates school buses every day of the week.

### *Fun Facts...*

**The truth is that school buses are the safest vehicles on the road! According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, children traveling on buses rather than traveling by car are **70 times** more likely to get to school safely.**

## **Reporting an Accident / Incident**

**Don't chance it, all accidents /incidents must be reported!**

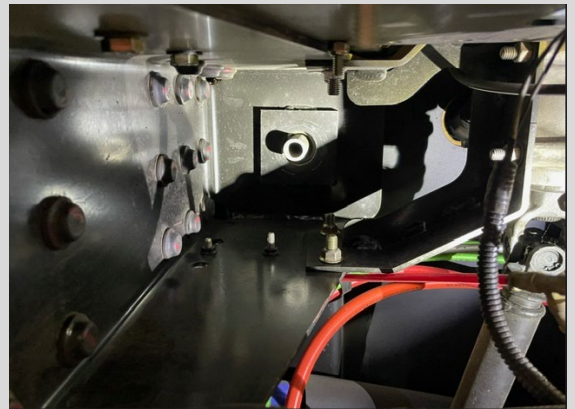
- ✓ Immediately call 911 and provide aid if needed.
- ✓ Contact your school administrator.
- ✓ Contact Assigned School DPS Inspector
- ✓ DPS Sergeant Lunt – 602-206-5093 (Post Crash)
- ✓ DPS Student Transportation – 602-223-2646
- ✓ DPS Dispatch – 602-223-2200 (Secondary Contact)
- ✓ DPS Duty Office – 602-223-2212 (Secondary Contact)

**Within 72 hours, submit the accident report to the STU: [schoolbus@azdps.gov](mailto:schoolbus@azdps.gov) or [PSP.AZDPS.GOV](http://PSP.AZDPS.GOV)**

## **The Inspector & Mechanics Equipment Corner....**

The newer 2020 -2024 Blue Bird Transit Buses are requiring in depth inspections on the driver-side engine mounts. DPS has found a few that looked solid, but when they reached up and felt them, the blind side was split. If not addressed the engine mount will start to separate and eventually fall apart. DPS Inspectors were made aware of this issue by school bus Mechanics. While conducting inspections in the field this seems to be a growing concern mainly with only the Cummins motor and rear engine buses.

It has also been brought to our attention on the newer 2023-2024 Blue Bird Transit buses, the four front body bolts are coming loose. Inspector Bryan Shields has found some loose bolts while doing new bus inspections. Please be aware of these issues and ensure your pre trips are thoroughly conducted.



**— MAKE —  
A SUGGESTION**

*Your Idea Counts!*

Is there something you would like to see on the next edition, please email your suggestions to [Schoolbus@azdps.gov](mailto:Schoolbus@azdps.gov)