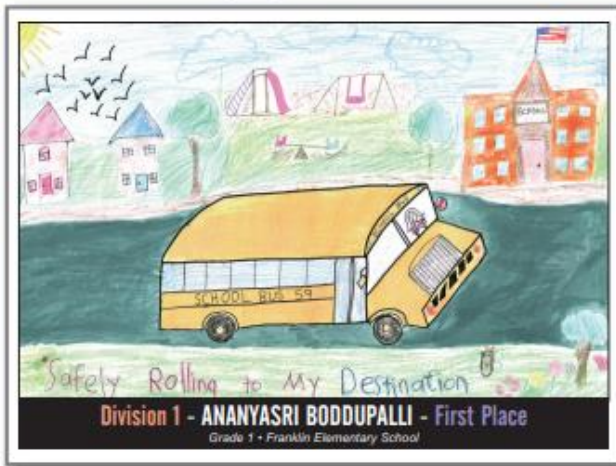




Law Enforcement Participation Information

2023



WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18, 2023



What is Operation Safe Stop?

Operation Safe Stop is a proactive approach to educate the motoring public that passing a stopped school bus, when children are loading or unloading, is both dangerous and illegal. Law enforcement agencies, school transportation providers, pupil transportation associations, and PennDOT have combined their efforts to raise public awareness about the potential consequences of these traffic violations and reduce the occurrence of illegal school bus passes.

Over the past 26 years, PennDOT, along with law enforcement agencies and pupil transportation associations, have worked together to conduct Operation Safe Stop.

On Wednesday, October 18, 2023, the 27th Annual Operation Safe Stop will take place. On this day, we hope all school districts will participate by having their drivers document any illegal passes occurring on their routes during the day. If possible, the drivers should get identifying information regarding the vehicle and file the information with local authorities.



How can law enforcement help?

The transportation director at the local school district will be able to identify a list of trouble spots - routes or stops with a high frequency of violations. Using this information, we ask law enforcement to do one, or both, of the following:

- Watch these routes or stops to issue citations. Assign officers to ride the buses along with the children. The officer can collect the information of violators and work with the children, providing safety information during the ride.
- Follow the buses or watch the identified stops in a marked police car. Being visible while promoting school bus safety is an important role law enforcement can play in Operation Safe Stop.

