




Pennsylvania School Bus Association

Safely Transporting Pennsylvania's Future



Safe Driver Awards Yearbook



Pennsylvania's Safest
School Bus Drivers
2015-2016

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Safe Driver Awards



This year the Pennsylvania School Bus Association presented 33 Safe Driver Awards. The Awards program was established to recognize the efforts of school bus drivers who are dedicated to providing the safest ride for their passengers. All drivers honored this year have a minimum of five (5) years of continuous accident-free driving, with five drivers having achieved thirty to thirty five years of safe driving and one driver achieving forty years of safe driving!

Our 33 safe drivers being honored have a combined total of:

- ◆ ***Over three MILLION miles of accident-free driving***
- ◆ ***590 years of accident-free driving***

The Safe Driver Award Winners' commitment to safety should inspire all professional drivers and we applaud their accomplishment. It is dedicated drivers like these that make safe student transportation a reality.

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The Pennsylvania School Bus Association was founded in 1980 and consists of over 350 school bus contractors and industry partners who have come together to be a strong voice for school bus safety and the school bus contracting industry.

Our mission is to provide programs, education, and services to promote and foster the highest degree of safety in the transportation of school children and strengthen the quality of student transportation through professional management. PSBA works with many Pennsylvania organizations and government agencies to advance the mission and accomplish the goals of the membership.

We believe that gaining the respect and confidence of the students, parents, school administration, and members of the community provide the incentive to accomplish and maintain the highest degree of ethical conduct.

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Safe Driver Awards



FIVE-YEAR SAFE DRIVERS

Alexander Mezhbeyn—Eagle Wolfington

Francis O'Neill—Eagle Wolfington

Jim Leisse—Eagle Wolfington

Charlotte Shoop—Girardat LP

Ralph Shoop—Girardat LP

Raymond Maloney—Girardat LP

TEN-YEAR SAFE DRIVER

Debra Beisel—G. Davis

Lisa Vitz—G. Davis

Bruce Hanold Jr.—Girardat LP

Denille Girardat Myers—Girardat LP

Justin Dolan—Girardat LP

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FIFTEEN-YEAR SAFE DRIVER

Alison Maxton—Eagle Wolfington

Palma Coyle—Eagle Wolfington

Darlene McGeehan—G. Davis

Dee Alter—Girardat LP

Malinda Halsey—Girardat LP

Tom Pringle—Girardat LP

TWENTY-YEAR SAFE DRIVERS

Jeanne VanAcker—G. Davis

Judy Hartman—G. Davis

Red Williams—Girardat LP

Colleen M. Birch—Krapf Bus Companies

Giulia M. Fetterman—Krapf Bus Companies

Kimberly Bernard—Krapf Bus Companies

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TWENTY FIVE-YEAR SAFE DRIVERS

Christa Egli—Girardat LP
John R. Choffel, Jr—Girardat LP
Linda Haun—Girardat LP
Glenda C Smith—Krapf Bus Companies

THIRTY-YEAR SAFE DRIVERS

Janet L Gincley—Krapf Bus Companies
Joseph Cazille—Krapf Bus Companies
Sheri A. Pugh—Krapf Bus Companies

THIRTY FIVE-YEAR SAFE DRIVERS

Cindy Brenot—Girardat LP
Janet Greenawald—Girardat LP

FORTY-YEAR SAFE DRIVERS

Charlotte L. Trego—Krapf Bus Companies

Safe Driver Award

Sponsoring Companies



Eagle Wolfington Leasing Corp.

Exton, Chester County, PA

G. Davis, Inc

Shohola, Pike County, PA

Girardat LP

Cochranton, Crawford County, PA

Krapf Bus Companies

West Chester, Chester County, PA





JIM LEISSE



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 5 years!

Proud Employer:

Eagle Wolfington Leasing of Exton, PA

Lifetime Miles: 108,000

Route Responsibilities:

Rural, and Urban

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

James has been accident free for the last 5 years. He retired from Corporate America and started a part-time business. Driving school bus fit well with his business. James has now given up the business which allows him more time to drive school bus.



RAYMOND MALONEY



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 5 years!

Proud Employer: Girardat LP of Cochranton, PA

Lifetime Miles: 35,000

Route Responsibilities:

Special Education/ IU Pre-schoolers

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Our family has been associated with Ray's family for a long time. When we found ourselves a school vehicle driver short five years ago, we decided to ask Ray if he was ready to come to work for us. We have enjoyed watching Ray work with his students. He has a big heart for each one and is very concerned about their safety. We thank Ray for his dedication - it is very much appreciated.



ALEXANDER MEZHBEYN



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 5 years!

Proud Employer:

Eagle Wolfington Leasing of Exton, PA

Lifetime Miles: 297,000

Route Responsibilities:

Rural, Urban, and Field Trips

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Alex and his daughter left Russia during the war to come to America. It took him 5 years to become a US citizen. Alex decided to drive school bus thinking it would just be a temporary job. He liked it so much he decided to stay. Alex loves his student and his route. He enjoys traveling and seeing new things.



FRANCIS O'NEILL



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 5 years!

Employer:

Eagle Wolfington Leasing of Exton, PA

Lifetime Miles: 172,800

Route Responsibilities:

Rural, and Urban

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Fran has been driving school bus since 1987. His first group of students was a big challenge. He has been driving school bus in the Philadelphia area for the last 11 years and really likes it. Fran says he learns something new every day. He has been a PA certified school bus instructor since 2010.



CHARLOTTE SHOOP



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 5 years!

Employer: Girardat LP of Cochran, PA

Lifetime Miles: 45,000

Route Responsibilities:

Rural

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

When Charlotte walked in our office 5 years ago, she shared that she had allowed her bus license to expire but was interested in going through the entire process again to re-establish her license. Charlotte was missing the interaction with the students and was anxious to get back behind the wheel of a school bus. Charlotte is very conscientious about her students, the community and her responsibility as a school bus driver. We would like to thank Charlotte for her dedication to our Safety Team.



RALPH SHOOP



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 5 years!

Employer: Girardat LP of Cochran, PA

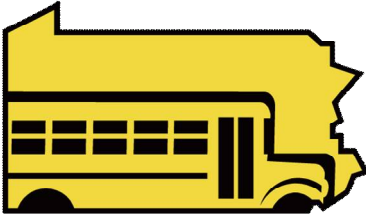
Lifetime Miles: 43,000

Route Responsibilities:

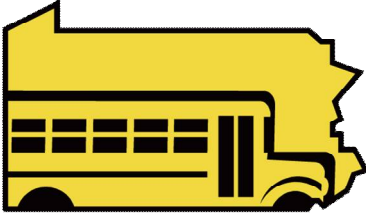
Rural

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

When Charlotte Shoop came to our office 5 years ago, she brought along her husband - so off they both went to get their bus driver's license. I am not so sure Ralph knew what he was in for with all the little munchkins but they were wrapped around Ralph's heart in no time! Ralph is very easy going and willing to help in any way that he can. We thank Ralph for taking on the challenge and for joining our safety team.



DEBRA BEISEL



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 10 years!

Employer: Genevieve Davis of Shohola, PA

Lifetime Miles: Too many to count!

Route Responsibilities:

Rural

Field Trip

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Always does tons of trips and is very dependable. She is tough on the outside, but soft on the inside. Debra is devoted to the children on the bus and her grandchildren.



JUSTIN DOLAN



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 10 years!

Proud Employer: Girardat LP of Cochranton, PA

Lifetime Miles: 225,000

Route Responsibilities:

All types of routes

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Justin is not only my nephew, but a special part of our Safety team. Justin is a spare driver for us and one of our mechanics. To most of the safety team, he is a member that just likes to come to work and do his job. However, if you decide to talk to him about anything John Deere, you best have your facts because he knows his stuff! I thank Justin for being a part of his Grandfather's one bus dream that is still going strong 67 years later.



DENILLE GIRARDAT MYERS



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 10 years!

Employer: Girardat LP of Cochran, PA

Lifetime Miles: 235,000

Route Responsibilities:

All types of routes

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Janet and I have enjoyed having a family business that has allowed us to see our daughters and their families on a daily basis. We can't thank our girls enough for all their hard work and dedication to our company. We are very fortunate to have our girls as partners of the business and for their interest in our day to day operation.



BRUCE HANOLD, JR



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 10 years!

Employer: Girardat LP of Cochran, PA

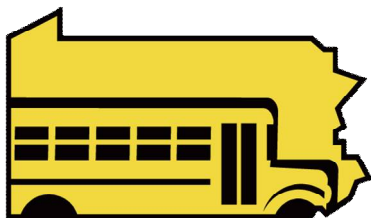
Lifetime Miles: 350,000

Route Responsibilities :

All types of routes

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Bruce has been transporting our future for 10 years and has been on our safety team for 8 years. He has a quick wit about him and one just never knows what to expect from Bruce. He enjoys being behind the wheel of a bus. We want to thank Bruce for his great sense of humor and for being a part of our safety team.



LISA VITZ



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 10 years!

Employer: Genevieve Davis of Shohola, PA

Lifetime Miles: Too many to count!

Route Responsibilities:

Rural

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Lisa is very dependable. If there's a laugh, she is around. She has an appreciation for the little things in life, especially if they're furry with beady eyes and a twitchy nose. She loves the children on the bus and her life is centered around her own.



DEE ALTER



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 15 years!

Employer: Girardat LP of Cochran, PA

Lifetime Miles: 375,000

Route Responsibilities:

All types of routes

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

After 15 years, Dee continues to be one of our most dependable employees. She has a fabulous relationship with her students and will do anything for them to ensure that their ride to and from school is very safe and enjoyable. Dee is a very private lady but she can surprise you at times with a funny story or joke. We have enjoyed having Dee on our safety team and can't thank her enough for all her hard work and dedication to Girardat LP.



PALMA COYLE



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 15 years!

Employer:

Eagle Wolfington Leasing of Exton, PA

Lifetime Miles: 170,640

Route Responsibilities:

Rural and Urban

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Palma was referred by a friend to drive school bus. She decided to try it 16 years ago so she could have off when her children had off. Palma loves children and likes driving. She was tired of the office setting and enjoys being outside. Palma has been a PennDOT Third Party Tester since 2006.



MALINDA HALSEY



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 15 years!

Employer: Girardat LP of Cochran, GA

Lifetime Miles: 325,000

Route Responsibilities:

Special Education

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Malinda is a very conscientious individual which in turn makes her a wonderful employee. She is always worried about others, what the outcome will be and whether it is right decision. Malinda does not like change and we often stress her out, but after 15 years she is finally realizing that we know she can handle a few interruptions to her day. Malinda represents our company well and we have enjoyed having her on our safety team.



ALISON MAXTON



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 15 years!

Employer:

Eagle Wolfington Leasing of Exton, PA

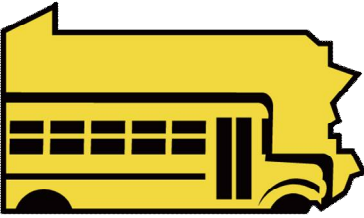
Lifetime Miles: 177,525

Route Responsibilities:

Rural and Urban

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

A friend told Alison she should drive a school bus 15 years ago. Alison was hesitant but decided to try it. She has been accident free for all 15 years. Alison found that she loves driving and could not see herself doing anything else.



DARLENE MCGEEHAN



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 15 years!

Employer: Genevieve Davis of Shohola, PA

Lifetime Miles: Too many to count!

Route Responsibilities:

Suburban and Trips

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Darlene has had the same route for 15 years. We know that we can always count on her.



TOM PRINGLE



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 15 years!

Employer: Girardat LP of Cochran, PA

Lifetime Miles: 335,000

Route Responsibilities:

All types of routes

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Tom has been an instrumental part of our team for 15 years. Tom is a team member that will just get the job done for us. He will tell you that he doesn't like kids but we know better! Tom has a great working relationship with his students and will make sure they have a very safe ride to and from school. We have enjoyed having Tom on our safety team and thank him for all his hard work for the last 15 years.



KIMBERLY BERNARD



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 20 years!

Employer:

Krapf Bus Companies of West Chester, PA

Lifetime Miles: Too many to count!

Route Responsibilities:

Suburban

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Kim feels that being a school bus driver is a challenging but rewarding job. The most important thing to Kim has always been the kids of course.

Getting to know them in a short amount of time each day leads to relationships that can sometimes last for years. Kim also mentions that she loves to drive!

Being on the road, not afraid to drive in any kind of weather. She loves the independence of being a driver – showing up on time, doing the job!



COLLEEN BIRCH



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 20 years!

Employer:

Krapf Bus Companies of West Chester, PA

Lifetime Miles: Too many to count!

Route Responsibilities:

Suburban

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Colleen feels that being a school bus driver is a challenging but rewarding job. The most important thing to Colleen has always been the kids of course.

She loves the independence of being a driver – showing up on time, doing the job!



GIULIA FETTERMAN



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 20 years!

Employer:

Krapf Bus Companies of West Chester, PA

Lifetime Miles: Too many to count!

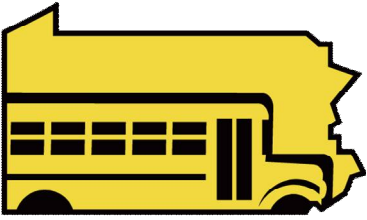
Route Responsibilities:

Suburban

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Guilia Fetterman enjoys driving her big yellow school bus, now for 25 years. Guilia started driving when her 2 children were young. Now her son is 28 and daughter is 23. Guilia also enjoys going on walks and going to Ocean City Maryland. Her best time is spent with her granddaughter Gianna.

Thank you Guilia for all your years of service.



JUDY HARTMAN



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 20 years!

Employer: Genevieve Davis of Shohola, PA

Lifetime Miles: Too many to count!

Route Responsibilities:

Suburban and Trips

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Judy prides herself on her attendance record. She has had the same route for 20 years. She enjoys the kids and parents year after year.



JEANNE VANACKER



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 20 years!

Employer: Genevieve Davis of Shohola, PA

Lifetime Miles: Too many to count!

Route Responsibilities:

Rural

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Jeanne is a hard worker, and enjoys working out. She is always active and the life of the party. She always has a smile and is full of energy. She is devoted to the children on the bus and her granddaughter.



RED WILLIAMS



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 20 years!

Employer: Girardat LP of Cochran, PA

Lifetime Miles: 400,000

Route Responsibilities:

Rural, Vo-Tech, and Amish

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Red has one of the best jobs in the Company. He is responsible for an Amish route that keeps him in the country and away from all the crazy town drivers. He is able to enjoy nature, practice his German, and take homemade goodies to his wife every week. We have 20 years of stories from Red that only Red can get away with telling. We enjoy having Red on our safety team and thank him for his willingness to come to work every day.



JOHN CHOFFEL, JR.



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 25 years!

Employer: Girardat LP of Cochran, PA

Lifetime Miles: Too many to count!

Route Responsibilities:

All types of routes

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

First and foremost, he is our nephew and has been a special part of our life since the day he was born. Johnny worked for us during the summer months as a young boy and he caught the "bleed yellow" disease. Johnny has been with our company for 25 years and we do not tell him enough what a pleasure it is having him on our safety team and how lucky we are to see him on a daily basis. He represents the company well and makes us proud! We truly appreciate his loyalty and can't thank him enough for being an important part of our team.



CHRISTA EGLI



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 25 years!

Employer: Girardat LP of Cochran, PA

Lifetime Miles: Too many to count!

Route Responsibilities:

All types of routes

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Janet and I have enjoyed having a family business that has allowed us to see our daughters and their families on a daily basis. We can't thank our girls enough for all their hard work and dedication to our company. We are very fortunate to have our girls as partners of the business and for their interest in our day to day operation.



**LINDA
HAUN**

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 25 years!

Employer: Girardat LP of Cochranon, PA

Lifetime Miles: Too many to count!

Route Responsibilities:

Rural and Special Education

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Linda is a no nonsense lady. She comes to work, does what you ask of her and will just get the job done. Linda enjoys her students and is very concerned about their welfare. She is a quiet lady but if you can get some one on one time with her, you will enjoy the conversation and learn something along the way. We thank Linda for her continued dedication to Girardat LP.



GLEND A C. SMITH



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 25 years!

Employer:

Krapf Bus Companies of West Chester, PA

Lifetime Miles: Too many to count!

Route Responsibilities:

Suburban

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Glenda loves the freedom of driving. Most of all she loves the kids. She feels driving a school bus is a very important job. She now drives for Kindergarten and that is her favorite part of the day. She really enjoys the little ones. They say the funniest things. When Glenda is not behind the big yellow school bus steering wheel—she is enjoying herself in Lancaster County living, baking, gardening and playing with her new granddaughter, Olivia, and all of her 2 dogs, 2 cats and her bird.



JOSEPH CAZZILLE



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 30 years!

Employer:

Krapf Bus Companies of West Chester, PA

Lifetime Miles: Too many to count!

Route Responsibilities:

Suburban

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Joe started with Krapf in September 1986 and is still driving the big yellow bus! Joe is a friendly and fun man whom looks out for his students and fellow drivers (mostly Bev). He is always on time and never misses a day of work. Only time he was off was when Bev talked him into a vacation. Krapf is honored that Joe has worked for us over 25 years and has had a safe driving record. We would love to have more drivers just like Joe!



JANET L. GLINCLEY



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 30 years!

Employer:

Krapf Bus Companies of West Chester, PA

Lifetime Miles: Too many to count!

Route Responsibilities:

Suburban

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Janet is loving every minute of it [driving school bus].

Janet has been a driver for the West Chester University now for 21 years. Janet has driven bus routes for West Chester School District such as # 7, 46, 155, 67 and now 63. Thank you Janet for being a safe, courteous, professional driver all of these years.



SHERI A. PUGH



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 30 years!

Employer:

Krapf Bus Companies of West Chester, PA

Lifetime Miles: Too many to count!

Route Responsibilities:

Suburban

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Sheri says she has been driving this long because she simply loves her job. In all of her years she has transported children that she loves like her own as well as those that have tested her patience.

Sheri cannot imagine having any other job and looks forward to many more years of driving her school bus.



CINDY BRENOT



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 35 years!

Employer: Girardat LP of Cochran, PA

Lifetime Miles: Too many to count!

Route Responsibilities:

All types of routes

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Cindy has a long history with our company and we are very fortunate to have her on our safety team. She continues to be a reliable employee that will help in any way to get the students to and from school in a safe manner. Cindy represents our company with professionalism, respect and dedication. We have enjoyed working with Cindy at Girardat LP and we truly appreciate her many years of service.



JANET GREENAWALD



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 35 years!

Employer: Girardat LP of Cochran, PA

Lifetime Miles: Too many to count!

Route Responsibilities:

All types of routes

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Obviously, Janet has a love for driving school bus since she is celebrating 35 years behind the wheel. We were very fortunate when Janet walked into our office 2 years ago and said she was ready to come work for us. We had an opening and the fit has been rewarding for both parties. Janet told me recently that she likes to work with the students that are lemons and make them lemonade. As Janet continues to grow as a valuable part of our safety team, we want to thank her for all her previous years as a safe driver and honor her for her dedication to the school bus profession.



CHARLOTTE TREGO



DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 40 years!

Employer:

Krapf Bus Companies of West Chester, PA

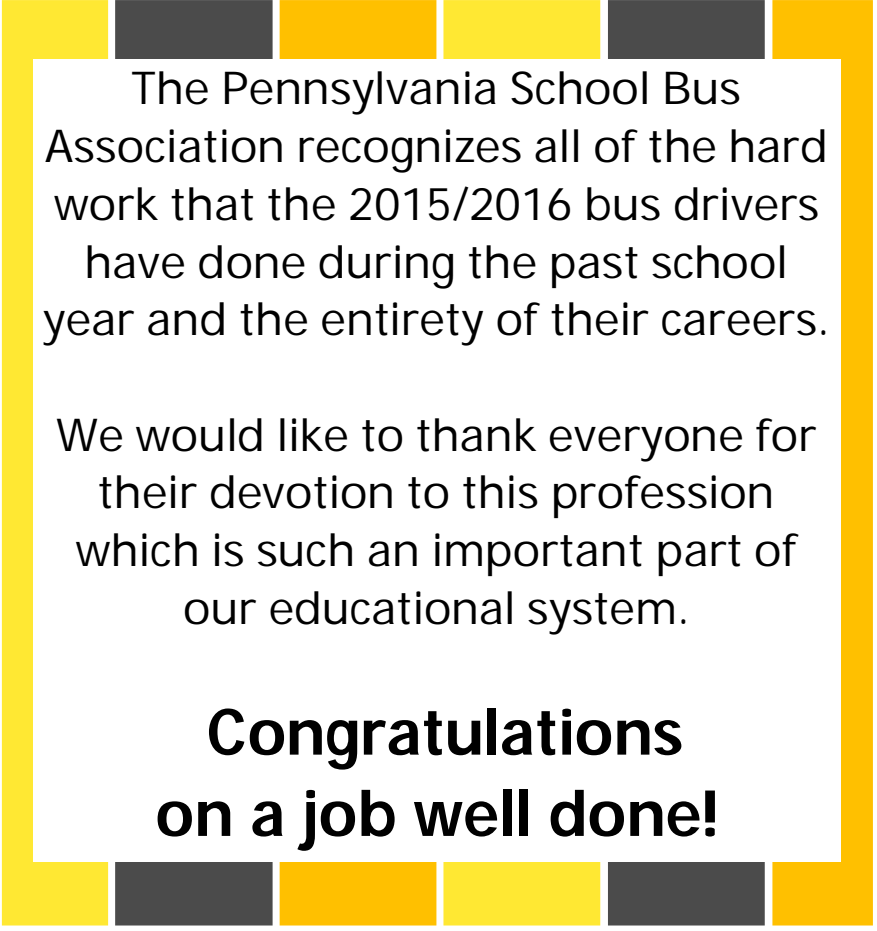
Lifetime Miles: Too many to count!

Route Responsibilities:

Suburban

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

We could not have asked for a better leader and friend than Charlotte. She is one of the kindest people you will ever meet. Charlotte enjoys playing many roles for the students. Not only is she their bus driver, but she has had to play nurse, while other days maybe a tutor for math homework! Most of the time though, Charlotte just had a kind ear to listen.....which has been the most rewarding and fulfilling part of this job.



The Pennsylvania School Bus Association recognizes all of the hard work that the 2015/2016 bus drivers have done during the past school year and the entirety of their careers.

We would like to thank everyone for their devotion to this profession which is such an important part of our educational system.

**Congratulations
on a job well done!**

A Bus Driver's Prayer



Author Unknown

Please, Lord, watch me this day.

Please help me remember to watch all five mirrors, two dozen windows, eight gauges, six warning lights, six dozen faces, three lanes of traffic and to keep a third eye open for wobbling bicycles and daydreaming pedestrians, especially teen-agers wearing headsets who are in another world. Please Lord, help me hear all train whistles, truck and automobile horns, police sirens and the two-way radio. Please also let me hear when one of my students calls for me, and just needs a listening ear.

Please Lord, give me a hand for the gear lever, the steering wheel, the route book, the radio microphone and the turn-signal lever, while being able to hand out Kleenexes, pencils, or other things the kids may need. And Lord, please grant me the self-control to keep my hands away from Johnny's neck when he's pinching and biting Billy, while trying to keep everybody in their seat, and reminding them that sticking their head outside the window is not safe. And one more thing, dear Lord, please don't let Mary be sick all over the bus.

And finally Lord, please watch over us all so that we can do it again next year.

AMEN

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