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SAFE DRIVER YEARBOOK

Pennsylvania's Safest School Bus Drivers

2018-2019

Pennsylvania School Bus Association Proudly Presents Safe Driver Awards

This year the Pennsylvania School Bus Association presented 24 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 two drivers having achieved over thirty years of safe driving

Our 24 safe drivers being honored have a combined total of:

- Over 2.5 MILLION miles of safe driving
- ◆ 366 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.

Pennsylvania School Bas Association Proudly Presents Safe Driver Awards

The Pennsylvania School Bus Association was founded in 1980 and consists of over 240 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.

2018/2019 Safe Driver Awards

FIVE YEAR SAFE DRIVER

Tom Ferrara Leslie Fite Jennifer Fitting Robin Hadlock Brenda Mooney

TEN YEAR SAFE DRIVERS

Stephanie Druckemiller
Terry Keiser
Barry Kuhns
Nancy Lippert
Tracy Malliard
Rebecca Ritter

FIFTEEN YEAR SAFE DRIVER

Barry Auker Karen Derr Thomas Dunkle Susan Thomas Smith

2018/2019 Safe Driver Awards

TWENTY YEAR SAFE DRIVER

Cheri A. Brown Cathleen J. Christ ("Cathy") Margaret Draper Deborah Hammaker Sandra Missimer Shanon O'Brien Suzanne Schaefer

THIRTY YEAR SAFE DRIVER

John B. Gordon

THIRTY FIVE YEAR SAFE DRIVERS

Teri McFalls



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Safe Driver Award Sponsoring Companies

Althouse Transportation Cochranville, PA

Eagle Wolfington Leasing Corp
Uwchland, PA

Girardat LP Cochranton, PA

Krapf School Bus West Chester, PA

Rohrer Bus Service
Duncannon, PA

Congratulations to our Safe Privers!



Barry Auker



Cheri A. Brown



Cathleen J. Christ



Karen Derr



Margaret Draper



Stephanie Druckemiller



Thomas Dunkle



Tom Ferarra



Leslie Fite



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Brenda Mooney



Shanon O'Brien



Rebecca Ritter



Suzanne Schaefer



Susan Thomas Smith



Barry Auker

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 17 years!

Proud Employer: Rohrer Bus Service

of Duncannon, Perry County, PA

Route Responsibilities: Rural, Field trips,

VoTech

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Barry Auker is a safety-minded driver who always keeps his students in mind. He builds strong relationships with the kids and is always willing to help out other drivers when needed! A true asset to the team!



Cheri A. Brown

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 20 years!

Proud Employer: Krapf School Bus of West Chester, Chester County, PA

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Cheri Brown started her career at Krapf in the spring of 1999 and has successfully been accident-free for all 20 years of driving. She began driving Downingtown bus 85 and a year and a half later, made the switch to drive for Twin Valley. Cheri has faithfully driven for Twin valley School district ever since.

School Bus driving was the perfect fit for Cheri. She first encountered the idea when she heard that she could drive a bus and take her precious little boy with her while she worked. Her son had started public school at Honey Brook Elementary and shortly after, she decided to homeschool him. With having her middays open and available, she was able to grow and teach her son from Kindergarten until graduation. After he graduated, Cheri decided to stick with driving bus because she felt, "it was just meant to be."

When asked how she stays safe while driving the bus, Cheri explained, "Always anticipate the moves of the other drivers and expect the unexpected."



Cathleen J. Christ

"Cathy"

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 24 years!

Proud Employer: Althouse Transportation

of Cochranville, Chester County, PA

Lifetime Miles: 450,000

Route Responsibilities: Rural, Urban, Private

Schools, Field Trips

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

If our company could clone employees, Cathy would be on our list! She is a reliable and conscientious employee who serves her students with care and professionalism. Her outstanding driving record is a result of her attention to safety and proper driving techniques. Cathy is a valuable employee, but even more important; she is a compassionate human being who is ready to lend a hand to those in need!



Karen Derr

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 18 years!

Proud Employer: Rohrer Bus Service

of Duncannon, Perry County, PA

Lifetime Miles: 244,800

Route Responsibilities: Rural, Special

Education

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

For almost two decades, Karen has been an asset to our company. She is dedicated, dependable, and knowledgeable about the industry. She is safety-minded, always making her students' well-being her top priority. Additionally, she is the most senior driver in the district - just another accolade to be celebrated!



Margaret Draper

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 20 years!

Proud Employer: Krapf School Bus of West Chester, Chester County, PA

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Marge started her school bus driving career 31 years ago with the start of the 1988-1989 school year. As a stay-at-home mom, Marge was looking for a way to get out of the house and was convinced by a friend to start driving a school bus for Krapf. Her children were young, and driving was only supposed to be a short-term commitment, but with her active involvement as a PTO officer at Honey Brook Elementary and coaching sports, she decided to stick with it and make school bus driving a career. She began driving for Downingtown on bus 22 and spent two years on that bus until an opportunity became available to drive Twin Valley bus 6. Marge has driven bus 6 ever since.

Aside from driving bus, Marge has also worked as a trainer here at Krapf and has competed in five County Safety competitions, moving on to States each time. Due to her competitive spirit and amazing driving skills, Marge moved on the Nationals twice and placed fifth in Boston.

When she is not driving, Marge enjoys spending time with her husband, two children, grandchildren, and horses. Marge is also a cruise enthusiast and enjoys traveling with her husband and friends.

When asked what advice she would give to other drivers for safe driving practices, she noted, "The kids are your top priority, and so is their safety. When they step onto that bus, treat them as your own."



Stephanie Druckemiller

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 10 years!

Proud Employer: Rohrer Bus Service

of Duncannon, Perry County, PA

Lifetime Miles: 86,400

Route Responsibilities: Rural

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Stephanie is a very dependable driver and is always there for additional assistance when needed. She's excellent with her students and greets them with a smile each morning!



Thomas Dunkle

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 15 years!

Proud Employer: Girardat LP of Cochranton,

Crawford County, PA

Route Responsibilities: Rural, Field Trips,

VoTech, Special Education

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Tom has worked with our safety team for the last two years but has been a contracted bus driver for fifteen years. We are very lucky that Tom moved into our area and found his way to Girardat LP. We have enjoyed having Tom on our team! He takes everything in stride and will get the job done. We appreciate Tom's dedication and hard work.



Tom Ferarra

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 5 years!

Proud Employer: Eagle Wolfington Leasing

Corp of Uwchland, Chester County, PA

Lifetime Miles: 86,4000

Route Responsibilities: Special Needs, Urban

& Rural

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Tom now realizes that he has found his calling by working with special needs students. Tom currently transports a service dog on his school bus. He will tell you it took a while for the service dog to get used to the school bus, but he has since settled down and laid on the floor during the ride!



Leslie Fite

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 5 years!

Proud Employer: Eagle Wolfington Leasing

Corp of Uwchland, Chester County, PA

Lifetime Miles: 428,400

Route Responsibilities: Rural, Urban, Field

Trips

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Leslie started driving school bus to become independent. She also enjoyed bringing her child with her on the bus. Leslie loves the hours and pay. She has enjoyed and continues to enjoy driving students on numerous field trips and experiencing the destinations along with the students.



Jennifer Fitting

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 5 years!

Proud Employer: Eagle Wolfington Leasing

Corp of Uwchland, Chester County, PA

Lifetime Miles: 132,450

Route Responsibilities: Spare Driver - Covers Rural, Urban, Field Trips, and Special Needs

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Jennifer drove school bus in New Hampshire before moving to Pennsylvania. She started as a driver then became a certified instructor and has also taken on the duties of a spare driver. Jennifer currently has our highest percentage of getting our applicants through the CDL testing process!



John B. Gordon

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 30 years!

Proud Employer: Girardat LP of Cochranton,

Crawford County, PA

Route Responsibilities: All types of routes -

willing to help in any way!!

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Thanks, John for your many years of service; for the countless hours you have spent behind the wheel of a school bus; for doing your best to get the job done professionally and for the willingness to always help in any way that you can. You continue to treat our equipment like your name is on the side of the bus, and for that, we are extremely appreciative. Girardat LP is thankful for your dedication as a mechanic, trainer and for being a member of our Safety Team -- Has it really been 30 years?



Robin Hadlock

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 5 years!

Proud Employer: Girardat LP of Cochranton,

Crawford County, PA

Lifetime Miles: 160,000

Route Responsibilities: Rural, Field Trips,

VoTech, Special Education

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Robin is a team member that does a wonderful job with her passengers and piece of equipment. Robin is passionate about the students and determined to make their ride to and from school a wonderful experience. Additionally, Robin maintains the interior of our small buses. Her keen sense of detail certainly shows in the overall appearance of any bus that she touches! Girardat LP is very fortunate to have Robin on our Safety Team.



Deborah Hammaker

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 22 years!

Proud Employer: Rohrer Bus Service

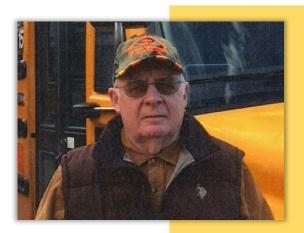
of Duncannon, Perry County, PA

Lifetime Miles: 510,000

Route Responsibilities: Rural, Field Trip

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Deb is a punctual and dependable driver who always pays attention to the safety of her students. Every day, when her students get on the bus after school, they ask her how her day was and, it warms her heart and makes her day every time! Her students absolutely love her!



Terry Keiser

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving 11 years!

Proud Employer: Rohrer Bus Service

of Duncannon, Perry County, PA

Lifetime Miles: 118,000

Route Responsibilities: Rural

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Terry is well known for having great relationships with his students and is highly respected by peer drivers. He always makes an effort to assist where he is needed, and he's a great asset to Rohrer!



Barry Kuhns

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 12 years!

Proud Employer: Rohrer Bus Service of Duncannon, Perry County, PA

Route Responsibilities: Rural & in the past, Field Trips, Sports Trips & Special Education

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Barry goes out of his way to try and teach his students on his bus to be respectful. We have a cat card program for our younger students and he tries to think of positive reasons to hand these out randomly. One example was when he announced the students that if they stayed in their seats, followed the rules, kept their feet out of the aisle, etc. they would earn a cat card. Every student that rode that day earned their cat card, even those that have a difficult time following the simple rules.

He keeps the drivers well supplied with pens for doing their paperwork as well as keeping small treats provided for the driver's children & drivers in the lunchroom. Barry is always very willing to help in any way he can, like helping to get buses unstuck from snow or ice, cleaning bus windows for drivers just because they need it, shuttling, or whatever else he can do to help things run smoother. Barry is a definite asset to our company!



Nancy Lippert

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 10 years!

Proud Employer: Girardat LP of Cochranton,

Crawford County, PA

Lifetime Miles: 180,000

Route Responsibilities: Rural, Field Trips,

VoTech, Special Education

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Nancy is a team member that any company would like to have. She is very reliable, dependable, and extremely easy to work with; Nancy has a good working relationship with her students and fellow employees. She always looks exceptionally comfortable in the driver's seat. We are lucky to have Nancy on our Safety Team. We thank Nancy for continuing to provide a safe ride to school for her students.



Tracy Malliard

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 10 years!

Proud Employer: Girardat LP of Cochranton,

Crawford County, PA **Lifetime Miles:** 140,000

Route Responsibilities: All types of routes -

willing to help in any way!!

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Tracy is willing to help in any way that she can and will make sure that everyone is satisfied with her work performance. Tracy's first love is working with her clients at the veterinaries' office, but she has no problem spending two days a week with us. We appreciate Tracy making time to help us out each week and for always being so flexible with her schedule. Tracy is always willing to help with anything, and she loves to make someone's day better.



Terri McFalls

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 35 years!

Proud Employer: Krapf School Bus of West Chester, Chester County, PA

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Terri started driving in July of 1983. She began driving as a way to make extra money. Terri states she loves the area that she drives for, the families, and the schools. She also says watching the kids grow up is amazing. Terri is now also a driver's trainer for Krapf, training and mentoring new drivers and recertification for our veteran drivers.

Terri has competed in the county safety competition for 25 years and placed in the top ten at least ten times. Competing at States Terri has also placed and moved onto Nationals where she placed 3rd place in 1998. Terri has retired from competing but helps out at the events in many ways. Terri has also driven trips for West Chester East Band for 20 years, Henderson Wrestling for 20 years, and West Chester East track. She has made many friends throughout the years. Terri feels that it is one of the greatest things about her job. Family, Friends, and Many Wonderful Memories. Life is GOOD!

Manager Barb Martz's comments: Terri is an exceptional driver; she is safe and professional, always friendly, always on time and willing to help out a fellow coworker. Thank you, Terri, for being such a dedicated and professional school bus driver for West Chester and Krapf's for all of your 35 years.



Sandra Missimer

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 20 years!

Proud Employer: Krapf School Bus of West Chester, Chester County, PA

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:Sandy began her career 20 years ago as a bus driver when a friend talked her into taking the job. Sandy has many fond memories throughout the years.

Sandy enjoys most things about the bus except for the windows. She would love to see a day when they are electric! Twenty years of driving Sandy has seen a lot of people come and go and has made lasting friendships and learned many things from her coworkers. If anyone asks Sandy about her job, she tells them that if you do not have patience, driving a school bus is not for you. One day Sandy would like to see seat belts installed on a 72 passenger bus. When not working her bus job and working for the shop, Sandy enjoys hiking, bicycling, rock climbing, and running.



Brenda Mooney

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 5 years!

Proud Employer: Girardat LP of Cochranton,

Crawford County, PA

Lifetime Miles: 150,000

Route Responsibilities: Rural, Field Trips,

VoTech, Special Education

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Brenda is a very supportive driver that continuously does anything asked of her. Brenda is supportive of other drivers and always concerned about the safety of the students. Brenda is one of the driving forces behind keeping our full size buses cleaned. Not an easy job and sometimes a thankless job, but one that the team at Girardat LP does appreciate! We thank Brenda for being a member of our Safety Team.



Shanon O'Brien

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 20 years!

Proud Employer: Krapf School Bus of West Chester, Chester County, PA

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Shanon started her career 20 years ago when her Son was born, and she had a bad experience with the daycare center. Shanon needed a job where she could bring her son to work and school bus driving would allow her to just that. Shanon's first memory of school bus driving was when she got a bus with a radio...the music type. Shanon loves driving school bus but feels the level of responsibility keeps a lot of people away from this type of job. Shanon always tells people if I can do it, you can do it as well. Shanon has made many long-lasting friends throughout the years with students' families and other drivers she works with. Shanon does not like the increase in traffic over the years and the demands of parents. If Shanon was not driving, she would love to pursue a career in private investigating. Shanon, in her spare time, enjoys collecting milk glass and kayaking. She looks forward to spending time with her now grown son and husband relaxing by the pond listening to the frogs. 28



Rebecca Ritter

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 10 years!

Proud Employer: Rohrer Bus Service

of Duncannon, Perry County, PA

Route Responsibilities: Rural & mid-day

Kinder

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

For over 10 years now, Becca has safely transported countless numbers of Cumberland Valley's students all over the area. She is dependable and always willing to help out with other runs and trips. We are very proud of Becca and happy to see her rewarded for her dedication to safe transportation!



Suzanne Schaefer

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 20 years!

Proud Employer: Krapf School Bus of West Chester, Chester County, PA

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Suzanne Schaefer has been a safe, professional, friendly, helpful, dedicated driver for West Chester since September 1999. Suzanne has been married to her husband Chris for 33 years and has two sons- Jeffrey 28 and Timothy 23 and the family resides in Coatesville, Pa. After her second child Timothy was born she was a stay at home mom for a couple of years until she saw an ad that Krapf School Bus was hiring and that you could take your children with you. She applied and was only going to stay for three years!

Suzanne stayed driving school bus at Krapf because you cannot beat summers off, holidays off and snow days off. Every day driving is the same- but yet different. You never know how each route will go. The kids are fun and keep her feeling young. The students make her laugh, and often say the nicest things to her. Suzanne loves the outdoors and driving the bus makes her feel like she is working outside.

Manager Barb Martz's comments: Suzanne is an exceptional driver; she is safe and professional, always friendly, always on time and willing to help out a coworker. Thank you Suzanne, for being such a dedicated and professional school bus driver for West Chester and Krapf for all of your 20 years.



Susan Thomas Smith

DRIVER STATISTICS

Accident free driving for 15 years!

Proud Employer: Rohrer Bus Service

of Duncannon, Perry County, PA

Lifetime Miles: 244,800

Route Responsibilities: Rural, Field Trips

Special Comments from Sponsoring Contractor:

Susan is a dependable driver and diligent at taking the necessary precautions to keep our children safe. She is self-motivated, well prepared, and always willing to assist when needed.

The Pennsylvania School Bus
Association recognizes all of the
hard work that the 2018/2019 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!

JOIN US!

The Annual Pennsylvania State School Bus Drivers Safety Competition



June 26 and 27, 2020 Mt. Nittany Middle School



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

"The Safe Priver Award is a meaningful way to communicate to your driver that their daily efforts are valued."

- E. McGowan

RECOGNIZE YOUR DRIVERS WITH THE

PSBA SAFE DRIVER AWARD

The PSBA Safe Driver Award is an excellent opportunity for PSBA members to recognize your drivers for their exceptional job performance.

Companies that participate in this program incorporate the presentation at company holiday parties, safety meetings, and at year-end company events.

For more information visit www.paschoolbus.org and review the Safe Driver Award Application online.





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The Pennsylvania School Bus Association would like to THANK YOU ALL!



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