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[Police investigating suspicious object placed underneath school bus](#)

The Gwinnett County (Ga.) Police Department received a call from a passerby reporting that she observed a female exit her vehicle and place an object underneath a school bus as it was stopped for traffic at an intersection. Police, FBI and fire officials are investigating the incident.

[Propane Type A unit debuts at BusCon](#)

The Blue Bird Propane-Powered Micro Bird by Girardin G5 school bus incorporates a liquid propane system by Roush Performance Products, runs on a Ford 6.8L engine and was built on a Ford E-450 chassis.

[District launches per-ride bus fee system](#)

Douglas County School District recently became the first district in Colorado to charge a fee for bus service. Interestingly, the fee is based on usage rather than being a flat price.



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[Case study: District sees benefits from running propane buses](#)

A study by the Propane Education and Research Council reports that the Los Angeles Unified School District considered the environmental and safety advantages when deciding to operate its buses on the alternative fuel.

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Thermo King offers new rooftop A/C unit

The Slim Line Rooftop system for school and shuttle buses features an ultralow design for space and energy savings. It can be installed in the middle of a bus for more uniform air flow and the unit's configuration allows for 90 percent of maintenance to be performed from inside the bus.



N.C. Transportation Hall of Fame honors industry veteran

Thomas Built Buses sponsors the Perley A. Thomas Award for Excellence in Pupil Transportation. This year's recipient, Don Byrnes, served the industry for 32 years as a transportation director and past president of the North Carolina Pupil Transportation Association.

IC Bus unveils new shuttle bus

The AC Series is the first fully integrated small shuttle bus from the manufacturer.

Feature Spotlight

Proactive Employers Keep Operations Substance-Free

Pupil transportation officials have a zero-tolerance attitude toward on-the-job drug and alcohol use, and staff members undergo testing frequently. Experts say that understanding the effects of these substances and learning how to recognize signs of abuse are integral to maintaining a safe workplace.



Product Highlight



Hammerhead Impactools

With a head height of less than 2 inches, 180 ft.-lb. of maximum torque and 7,100 rpm of speed, the 2015MAX and 2025MAX Hammerhead low-profile Impactools offer the power and speed of an impact and the reach of a ratchet.

Website of the Week



An effective Website can be an invaluable tool for communicating with the public and the pupil transportation community. SBF has selected Oldham County Schools in Buckner, Ky., as this week's exemplary school transportation Website. To visit the site, click [here](#).



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