
Putting Student Safety First

2020 & Beyond



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Stop-Arm Violation Education

Obtaining the Real Data

Student safety is, and always will be paramount. Students are the future and their safety is of the utmost importance. Drivers have a privilege and duty to act responsibly while behind the wheel. However, too many drivers illegally pass school buses, risking the lives of children.

Partnering with Ramsey and Dakota Counties Toward Zero Deaths programs, the State Patrol Office of Pupil Transportation has initiated an ambitious goal of curbing the stop-arm epidemic through technology. The overarching focus is to dramatically reduce or eliminate stop-arm violations. With that goal in mind, the vision will be accomplished as follows:

- ❖ Develop a reporting system that tracks stop-arm violations across Minnesota. Information is submitted by a school bus company which self-reports to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The information is accessible to both law enforcement and the school bus company(s).
- ❖ Data is automatically mapped as a visual reference for identifying stop-arm violations as a whole, and to also identify concentrated areas.
- ❖ Enforcement efforts are enhanced. Current methods are extremely reactive in nature, creating a continual uphill battle. With the SAVE system, an officer quickly identifies a problematic location(s) within their respective agencies enforcement boundaries. This results in a more proactive approach, leading to success.
- ❖ Education increases as it will aid in identifying driver training gaps. This leads to adapting better teaching strategies in conveying the dangers of passing a school bus during the loading/unloading process.
- ❖ Creates support in raising awareness for the public's benefit. Additionally, supporting documentation is established when advocating for a change at the local and state level through communication with government representatives.

Planning is underway with a desired phase one implementation time frame for the 2020-2021 school year.