

DPI Instructions for Inspections of Thomas Built Buses, sent by Derek Graham

There are three components to this email. Please make sure you note all three action items.

ON February 21, 2012 DPI Transportation Services sent DPI email Message # 575 "School Bus Fire - Followup and Inspection Required".

1. As indicated in Message #575, instructions are now available from Thomas Built Buses regarding the repair of any buses that need corrective action as a result of the inspection for worn wiring that could lead to fire. This information has been sent by Carolina Thomas as an issue of their BUS BUZZ email newsletter. It was sent Tuesday evening about 7 PM. Please provide each technician with access to those repair procedures. This particular issue of the Bus Buzz is attached to this email.

2. The BUS BUZZ is available to technicians, directors, supervisors, etc. from Carolina Thomas by subscription. We encourage you to have access to this information as it can be very important for service issues. Back issues of the newsletter and instructions on how to subscribe are available on their web site at:

www.carolinathomas.com/CarolinaThomasBusBuzz.aspx

3. DPI is gathering some basic information on the results of your inspections that were outlined in DPI Message #575. While priority number 1 was getting the inspections done to make sure that there were no imminent problems, we are asking directors to let us know the following, to the best of your recollection:

***** A. How many buses were observed where the (red) wire could be seen through the convoluted wire covering? (provide bus numbers if you have that)_____

***** B. How many buses were observed where not only the red wire covering was exposed, but also the bare metallic wire inside the wire covering was exposed? (provide bus numbers if you have that)._____

Please respond to these 2 questions to Cindy at: cindy.hereford@dpi.nc.gov

Thank you for your attention to these items.