

Anne Arundel County Police Department



School Bus Safety Camera Program

**Special Operations Division
Traffic Safety Section
Automated Enforcement Unit**

2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR REPORT

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Anne Arundel County Police Department School Bus Safety Camera Program Philosophy:

The School Bus Safety Camera Program is intended to create safer roadways for school children and pedestrians by modifying driver behavior to follow existing traffic law as it relates to school buses. The program seeks to supplement traditional enforcement to reduce the prevalence of motor vehicles overtaking and passing stopped school vehicles operating their alternately flashing red lights in violation of Maryland Transportation Article (TA) § 21-706. The program accomplishes its goals with the enabling authority of Anne Arundel County Ordinance No. 12-3-108 in accordance with operational provisions detailed in TA § 21-706.1, and in cooperation with the Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS).

Contract:

The public safety traffic enforcement company BusPatrol America, LLC (BusPatrol), was awarded the school bus safety camera contract by AACPS in June of 2022. While the contract is executed by and between BusPatrol and AACPS, the Anne Arundel County Police Department (AACOPD) is regarded as a third-party beneficiary. The contract is for five (5) years with the option of a renewal thereafter. The contract term began in October 2022 and violation enforcement commenced on October 3, 2022, after a mandatory warning period during the month of September.

Negotiations for the renewal of the School Bus Safety Contract with BusPatrol America, LLC should occur at or near the end of the 2026/2027 school year.

Memorandum of Understanding:

While the contract is executed by and between AACPS and BusPatrol with AACOPD as a third-party beneficiary, the AACOPD and AACPS executed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to mutually engage in this school bus safety program.

School Buses:

The AACPS Transportation Division is primarily responsible for coordinating with both BusPatrol and school bus contractors regarding which buses get equipped or decommissioned. Furthermore, the AACPS Transportation Division is fully responsible for the determination of bus routes and bus stops.

Violation Data:

AACOPD can share general violation data with the AACPS Transportation Division to aid their planners in identifying high violation locations, roadways, and/or school buses. An example of this is at the end of this report.

Program Evaluation:

The prevalence of violations and corresponding citation issuance data is continuously evaluated. Monthly and year-end reports will identify the issuance of citations. Examples of this follow in the report.

Review Process:

Once a possible violation is detected by the artificial intelligence within the BusPatrol software, an event is generated. All relevant information needed to issue a citation is captured and sent to a processing center at BusPatrol for verification. After the processing center verifies the possible violation is worthy of police review, they are then sent to the Anne Arundel County Police Automated Traffic Enforcement Unit (ATEU) for final review.

ATEU staff follow the below listed steps while reviewing all possible violations:

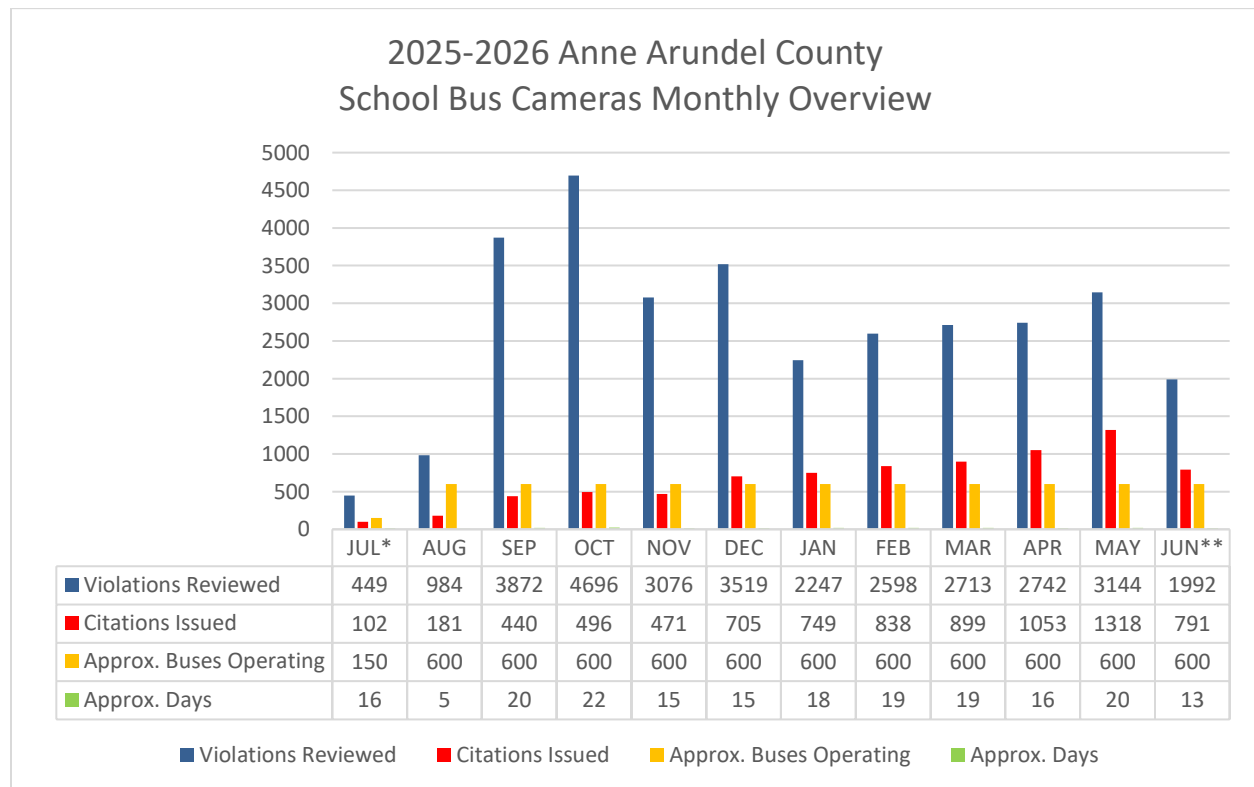
- Verify accused vehicle and confirm a violation occurred by looking at the still-photos and videos.
- Witness the yellow/amber warning indicator illuminated well before a red indicator in the video in indicating the busses lights were activated in accordance with the laws governing the proper operation of a school bus, and for the purpose of picking up or discharging passengers.
- Verify the bus is fully stopped when the red indicator goes on. Any vehicle at that moment located approximately 20 feet ahead or behind the bus could be a violation.
- Ensure the bus is in a roadway travel lane and the roadway is not divided. A travel lane includes an acceleration or deceleration turn lane. A travel lane does not include the shoulder of the roadway.
- Check the map and zoom in to confirm the bus is in a travel lane, and the location matches what is listed on the citation.
- Confirm the violation time on the video matches approximately the time listed in the software violation information.
- Confirm the tag is clear, legible, and the state listed matches the tag image. Confirm the make/model of the vehicle listed correctly matches what the pictures/videos show.
- If the violation occurred less than 14 days prior to review, and all criteria are met, approve the violation for citation issuance.
- Citation is generated, printed, and mailed by BusPatrol.

Enforcement Overview:

There were 32,032 school bus camera events submitted, from BusPatrol to AACOPD, to review for violations occurring between July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 (regular school calendar year including Summer School 2025). The AACOPD approved 8,043 of the total citations.

During the “Regular School Year” the Anne Arundel County Police Department ATEU staff reviewed an average of 171 events per school day resulting in the issuance of an average of 43 citations per school day.

During the “Summer School Session” the ATEU staff reviewed an average of 28 events per school day resulting in the issuance of an average of 6 citations per school day. The drop in volume over the Regular School Year is due to fewer busses operating (150), fewer stops in high volume locations, and a partially virtual summer school curriculum.



*** Summer School 16 days**

**** School Year End June 17th**

Anne Arundel County School Bus Camera Hearing Dispositions:

Anne Arundel School Bus Safety Program Court Hearing Dispositions						
Month	Total Cases	Postponed TOL	Guilty FTA PAID	Not Guilty Dismissed	Guilty Percentage	Not Guilty Dismissed Percentage
Jul-2025	36	1	34	1	97.1%	2.9%
Aug-2025	33	5	23	5	82.1%	17.9%
Sep-2025	0	0	0	0	100.0%	0.0%
Oct-2025	19	1	17	1	94.4%	5.6%
Nov-2025	10	2	8	0	100.0%	0.0%
Dec-2025	19	2	17	0	100.0%	0.0%
Jan-2026	27	2	25	0	100.0%	0.0%
Feb-2026	27	0	26	1	96.3%	3.7%
Mar-2026	42	2	39	1	97.5%	2.5%
Apr-2026	45	3	41	1	97.6%	2.4%
May-2026	44	2	40	2	95.2%	4.8%
Jun-2026	30	0	27	3	90.0%	10.0%
25-26 SY Totals	332	20	297	15	95.2%	4.8%

School Bus Camera Fine Revenues & Share:

School Bus Safety Camera Program Revenue & Sharing								
Month	Gross Revenue	Vendor 60%	AAC 40%	Monthly Tech Fee	Roll Over Tech Fee	Total Tech Fee Due	AAC Retained Revenue	Notes
Jul-25	116,557.02	69,934.21	46,622.81	106,930.00	45,167.45	152,097.45	0.00	105474.64 rollover to August
Aug-25	66,175.51	39,705.31	26,470.20	106,930.00	105,474.64	212,404.64	0.00	185934.44 rollover to September
Sep-25	81,117.07	48,670.24	32,446.83	106,930.00	185,934.44	292,864.44	0.00	260417.61 rollover to October
Oct-25	102,529.84	61,517.90	41,011.94	109,520.00	260,417.61	369,937.61	0.00	328925.67 rollover to November
Nov-25	106,718.16	64,030.90	42,687.26	109,890.00	328,925.67	438,815.67	0.00	396128.41 rollover to December
Dec-25	134,650.93	80,790.56	53,860.37	111,370.00	396,128.41	507,498.41	0.00	453638.04 rollover to January
Jan-26	158,541.10	95,124.66	63,416.44	112,110.00	453,638.04	565,748.04	0.00	502331.60 rollover to February
Feb-26	156,810.86	94,086.52	62,724.34	112,110.00	502,331.60	614,441.60	0.00	551717.26 rollover to March
Mar-26	199,924.64	119,954.78	79,969.86	112,110.00	551,717.26	663,827.26	0.00	583857.40 rollover to April
Apr-26	187,881.13	112,728.68	75,152.45	112,110.00	583,857.40	695,967.40	0.00	620814.95 rollover to May
May-26	221,348.28	132,808.97	88,539.31	112,110.00	620,814.95	732,924.95	0.00	644385.44 rollover to June
Jun-26	269,094.86	161,456.92	107,637.94	112,110.00	644,385.44	756,495.64	0.00	648857.69 rollover to July
SY Totals	1,801,349.40	1,080,809.64	720,539.76	1,324,230.00			0.00	

Anne Arundel County has not received any “Retained Revenue” since April 2024. A problem was identified with the evidence supplied in some cases by Bus Patrol not meeting the underlying requirements of the law. The result was a drop in the citation approval percentages.

Approximate Issuance Per Bus Per Day (Standard School Year Operations):

Approximate Average Citations Issued Per Bus Per School Day				
Month-Year	Issued Citations	Regular School Days	Approx. Buses Operating	Average Issued Per Bus Per Day
July '25	102	16	150	0.04
August '25	181	5	600	0.14
September '25	440	20	600	0.04
October '25	496	22	600	0.04
November '25	471	15	600	0.05
December '25	705	15	600	0.08
January '26	749	18	600	0.07
February '26	838	19	600	0.07
March '26	899	19	600	0.08
April '26	1053	18	600	0.10
May '26	1318	20	600	0.11
June '26	791	13	600	0.10

Approximate Issuance Per School Day (Standard School Year Operations):

Average Issued Citations By School Calendar Day				
Month-Year	Citations Reviewed	Citations Issued	Regular School Days	School Day Average Issuance
July '25	449	102	16	6
August '25	984	181	5	36
September '25	3872	440	20	22
October '25	4696	496	22	23
November '25	3076	471	15	31
December '25	3519	705	15	47
January '26	2247	749	20	37
February '26	2598	838	19	44
March '26	2713	899	21	43
April '26	2742	1,053	16	66
May '26	3144	1,318	21	63
June '26	1992	791	10	79
SY Totals	32032	8,043	200	40

15 Highest Issuance Locations in 25/26 School Year:

15 Highest Issuance Locations		
	High Issuance Locations	Citations
1	2500 Block of Riva Rd., Annapolis	626
2	2600 Block of Annapolis Rd. (MD-175), Hanover	183
3	600 Block of Bestgate Rd., Annapolis	180
4	1100 Block of Forest Dr, Annapolis	140
5	100 Block of MD-177, Pasadena	125
6	300 Block of Charles Hall Rd., Odenton	120
7	8000 Block of MD-713, Severn	116
8	500 Block of Arundel Ave., Glen Burnie	112
9	1500 Block of Sappington Station Rd., Gambrills	112
10	1100 Block of MD-3, Gambrills	109
11	100 Block of Mountain Rd., Pasadena	105
12	100 Block of Oak Ct., Annapolis	96
13	1300 Block of Crain Hwy. (MD Bus 3), Glen Burnie	96
14	8000 Block of Veterans Hwy., Millersville	94
15	1900 Block of Compton Dr., Annapolis	89