



## Electric School Bus Awareness

Our state is taking steps toward helping the environment and keeping students healthier by incorporating electric school buses. In the near future, South Carolina will have 168 electric school buses built by Thomas Built Buses of High Point, NC on its roads, with the first installment of 20 electric buses already in service.

For South Carolina fire service personnel, the SC Fire Academy is offering an interactive course on Electric School Bus Awareness. This two-hour program will raise awareness with identification, stabilization, disabling direct hazards, stored energy, liquids gases, and more. It will also address firefighters' concerns regarding extrication and fire suppression.

School buses will be on site to provide firefighters with real world knowledge of the location of potential hazards. It will also allow them to visually see and address any potential concerns.

**Class Date:** Tues., April 30, 2024  
**Class Time:** 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
**Location:** SC State Fire, Denny Auditorium  
141 Monticello Trail, Columbia, SC 29203  
**Fee:** \$8, includes lunch  
**Registration Link:** 8619-24-001 <https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=81677>

**Deadline to Register:** Tues., April 16, 2024

**Note:** The respective sponsoring agency will be billed for any student who is a “no show” to class, including the course fee, meals, and (if applicable) dorm reservation.

### About the Speaker

**Buddy Miller** has spent more than 19 years honing his skills in the field of school bus maintenance and technical support. Born and raised in South Carolina, Buddy currently resides in Ward, SC. His journey into the world of school buses began in 2004 when he joined Interstate Transportation Equipment, Inc. located in Columbia SC, where he holds multiple key positions. Interstate Transportation Equipment, Inc. has been the franchised dealer for Thomas Built Buses in SC since 1982. As the Customer Support Manager, his role extends to providing technical training to in-house personnel and customers, ensuring everyone is well-equipped to handle bus-related issues efficiently. Buddy is also deeply involved in dealership operations, ensuring compliance with Thomas Built Buses factory standards, and overseeing the Continuous Improvement Program to enhance efficiency and reduce costs.

Buddy's expertise spans across various diagnostic tools and software, including Allison DOC, Cummins Insite, and Detroit/Freightliner Diagnostic Link. With certifications such as the Thomas Built Institute Expert Certification, Thomas Built Institute High Voltage Vehicles Specialist (SH) - Professional Certification (HV3), and Freightliner Custom Chassis Propane Certified Technician, he is well-versed in handling complex issues related to bus engines, electrical systems, and after-treatment systems.

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