



**2023**

**ANNUAL**

**VAPT Professional Development**

**CONFERENCE**

**Hotel Roanoke and Berglund Center**  
**Roanoke, VA**

## **PLEASE WEAR NAME BADGES AT ALL EVENTS & SESSIONS**

### **Sunday, June 18, 2023**

1 pm – 5 pm      **NAPT Class 402 – Managing Human Resources:  
Employee Relations (\$)**

*Location:* Appalachian Room

*Instructor:* Sharon Moore, Newport News City Schools

5 pm – 7 pm      **Registration**

*Location:* North Entry

*Coordinator:* June Eanes, Executive Director, VAPT

6 pm – 8 pm      **Reception**

*Location:* Crystal Ballroom

*Sponsor:* Blue Bird Sales of VA

8 pm – 9 pm      **What Have I Gotten Myself Into?**

(This session is for new directors in transportation. Bring your questions and learn more about VAPT.)

*Location:* Appalachian Room

*Moderator:* Heather Handschin, Prince William Schools

### **Monday, June 19, 2023**

8 am              **Bryan W. Morris, Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament**

*Location:* Hunting Hills Country Club

5220 Hunting Hills Drive

Roanoke, VA 24015

*Coordinator:* Brian Simmerson, Roanoke County Schools

*SHOT GUN:* 8 am

*Sponsor:* Kingmor Supply, Inc.

8 am                    **School Bus Road-e-o**  
Shuttles leave hotel at 7:00 am for contestants;  
7:30 am for attendees  
*Location:* Berglund Center, Lot E  
*Coordinator:* Beverly Young, Suffolk City Schools  
*Lunch Sponsor:* Blue Bird Sales of VA

8 am                    **Technician’s Competition**  
Shuttles leave hotel at 7:30 am  
*Location:* Northside High School  
6758 Northside High School Road  
Roanoke, VA  
*Coordinator:* Mark Maggitti, Loudoun County Schools

8 am - Noon         **Registration**  
*Location:* North Entry  
*Coordinator:* June Eanes, Executive Director, VAPT

**Shirt Sales**

*Location:* North Entry  
*Coordinator:* Shay Coates, Newport News City Schools  
Tanya Deckard, Gloucester County Schools

11 am – 5 pm       **Exhibitors Setup and Registration**  
*Location:* Berglund Center  
*Coordinator:* James Lash, Virginia Beach City Schools

2:30 pm             **First General Session**  
*Location:* Roanoke Ballroom C-H  
*Presiding:* Heather Handschin, President, VAPT  
Presentation of Colors    Roanoke Valley Honor Guard  
  Capt. Boswell  
Pledge of Allegiance      Calan Johnson, James Madison  
  Middle School, Roanoke City Schools

National Anthem      Calan Johnson  
Invocation      Floyd Miles, Richmond City Schools  
Welcome - Mr. Chris Perkins, Chief of Operations,  
Roanoke City Schools

**VAPT Business Meeting**

**Keynote: On the Move With Mr. Alex-Zan**  
Mr. Alex-Zan  
Author, Award Winner, and Trailblazer

5 pm                      **Vendor Hospitality Night or Dinner on your own**

**Tuesday, June 20, 2023**

6:30 am                      **5K Event**

Shuttles leave hotel at 6 – 6:20 am  
*Location:* Roanoke River Greenway  
*Sponsor:* Sonny Merryman, Inc.

7:30 – 8:30 am      **Registration**

*Location:* North Entry  
*Coordinator:* June Eanes, Executive Director, VAPT

8 am – noon              **Trade Show & School Bus Display**

*Location:* Berglund Center  
*Coordinator:* James Lash, Virginia Beach City Schools

8 am – 9:30 am      **Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Area**

*Sponsor:* VAPT

**Prize Drawings will be held every 30 minutes**  
**You must be present to win!**

12 noon                      **Lunch in the Trade Show Area**

(Must have a coupon to receive a lunch)

12:30 pm – 4 pm **Technicians' Sessions**

Shuttles leave hotel at 12 noon

*Location:* Northside High School

*Coordinator:* Mark Maggitti, Loudoun County Schools

1 – 4:30 pm **Second General Session**

*Location:* Berglund Center

*Presiding:* Heather Handschin, President, VAPT

1:00 – 2:45 pm **You Keep Us Rolling: The Critical Role Pupil Transportation Plays for McKinney-Vento**, Dr. Patricia A. Popp, Ph.D, EHCY State Coordinator

2:45 – 3:00 pm **VDOE Introductions and Updates**, Kerry Miller, Associate Director, VDOE

3:00 – 3:30 pm **CDL Drug & Alcohol Compliance – Regulations You Need to Know**, Craig Feister, Program Administrator, FMCSA

3:30 – 4:30 pm **Lessons Learned**

Shay Coates, Newport News City Schools

Deborah Coles, Louisa County Schools

Floyd Miles, Richmond City Schools

*Moderator:* Darrin Wills, Hampton City Schools

5:30 pm – 10 pm **Family Night Dinner**

Shuttles leave hotel at 5:30 pm

*Location:* 2353 Hammond Dr.

Vinton, VA 24179

*Sponsor:* Sonny Merryman, Inc.

## **Wednesday, June 21, 2023**

7:30 am           **Continental Breakfast**

*Location:* Roanoke Foyer

8 am – 4 pm      **Technician's Sessions**

Shuttles leave hotel at 7:30 am

*Location:* Northside High School

*Coordinator:* Mark Maggitti, Loudoun County Schools

8 am – 12 noon   **DOT Supervisor Reasonable Suspicion Training (\$)**

*Location:* Roanoke Ballroom A

*Instructor:* Lisa Ison, CFO, Safety & Compliance Services, Inc.

*Moderator:* June Eanes, Executive Director, VAPT

8:00 – 11:30 am **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

8 am – 9 am      **The Danger of Opiates**

*Location:* Crystal Ballroom A-C

*Speaker:* James A. Cox, III, Investigator, Risk Management & Security Services, Prince William County Schools

*Moderator:* Heather Handschin, Prince William Co. Schools

### **Preparing for an Awesome Transportation Assessment**

*Location:* Buck Mountain Room

*Speaker:* Kerry Miller, Associate Dir., Transportation, VDOE

*Moderator:* Mervin Hence, New Kent County Schools

### **The Ins & Outs of Pupil Transportation Under McKinney-Vento**

*Location:* Crystal Ballroom D-E

*Speaker:* Dr. Patricia A. Popp, Ph.D., EHCY State Coordinator

*Moderator:* Darrin Wills, Hampton City Schools

9:15 – 10:15 am      **The Danger of Opiates**

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10:30 – 11:30 am **Preparing Your Department for the Future of Specialized Transportation**

*Location:* Roanoke Ballroom B

*Panel:* Susan Bernstein, Henrico County Schools

Herbert Byrd, Chesapeake City Schools

Jackie Johnson, VDOE

Barbara Lancaster, Stafford County Schools

Sharon Moore, Newport News City Schools

*Moderator:* Charmane White, Albemarle County Schools

**Communication Skills – Communicating/Dealing with Difficult People**

*Location:* Crystal Ballroom D-E

*Speaker:* Brenda Drake, Director of Communications, Montgomery County Schools

*Moderator:* James Lash, Virginia Beach City Schools

## **Mental Health – Wellness in the Workplace**

*Location:* Crystal Ballroom A-C

*Speaker:* J. Lynne Winebarger, New River Valley  
Community Services

*Moderator:* Floyd Miles, Richmond City Schools

11:30 am – 1:00 pm **Lunch on your own**

12:30 – 4:30 pm **NAPT Class 902 – Crisis Communication (\$)**

*Location:* Roanoke Ballroom A

*Instructor:* Beverly Young, Suffolk City Schools

1:30 – 3:45 pm **Hands-on Bootcamp, Wheelchair and Occupant  
Securement Training**

*Location:* Crystal Ballroom D-E

*Speaker:* Maritza Valentin, AMF Bruns

*Moderator:* Alfonso Bell, Cumberland County Schools

1:30 – 2:30 pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

### **Student Management**

*Location:* Roanoke Ballroom B

*Speaker:* Dr. Tim Hoden, Chief Operations Officer,  
Amherst County Schools

*Moderator:* June Eanes, Executive Director, VAPT

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*Speaker:* J. Lynne Winebarger, New River Valley  
Community Services

*Moderator:* Floyd Miles, Richmond City Schools

### **Operation Lifesaver**

*Location:* Buck Mountain Room

*Speaker:* Tracey Lamb, Virginia Operation Lifesaver  
Coordinator

*Moderator:* James Lash, Virginia Beach City Schools



2:45 – 3:45 pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**What's the Buzz About Electric School Buses in My District?**

*Location:* Crystal Ballroom A-C

*Panel:* David Benson, Chesapeake City Schools  
Deborah Coles, Louisa County Schools  
Scott Davies, Loudoun County Schools  
John Lambusta, Williamsburg City Schools  
Lonnie Reavis, Fairfax County Schools

*Moderator:* Charmane White, Albemarle County Schools

**Student Management**

*Location:* Roanoke Ballroom B

*Speaker:* Dr. Tim Hoden, Chief Operations Officer,  
Amherst County Schools

*Moderator:* June Eanes, Executive Director, VAPT

**Insurance – Limiting Liability**

*Location:* Buck Mountain Room

*Speaker:* John Bolling, ARM  
Senior Public Safety Specialist, VAcorp

*Moderator:* Floyd Miles, Richmond City Schools

5 pm – 6 pm **Reception**

*Location:* Roanoke Foyer

*Sponsor:* Kingmor Supply, Inc.

6 pm **Banquet**

*Location:* Roanoke Ballroom C-H

Presiding: Heather Handschin, President

Poster Contest: Susan Bernstein, Henrico County

Golf: Brian Simmerson, Roanoke County

Road-e-o: Beverly Young, Suffolk City

K5 Event: Dean Farmer, Sonny Merryman, Inc.

Scholarships: Lee Livingston, Prince George Co.

Dean Farmer, Sonny  
Merryman, Inc.  
Technicians: Mark Maggitti, Loudoun County  
Hall of Fame: Crystal Blowe, Essex County

**Dance** (30 minutes following end of Banquet)

*Location:* Roanoke Ballroom C-H

*Sponsor:* Kingmor Supply, Inc.

## **Thursday, June 22, 2023**

7:30 am – 8:30 am **Breakfast**

*Location:* Roanoke Ballroom C-H

*Sponsor:* Kingmor Supply, Inc.

8:30 – 9:00 am Dave Preston, Transportation Specialist, Kingmor  
Supply, Inc.

9:00 – 9:45 am **Lockdown Drills**, Sgt. Dan Walters, Special  
Operations, Roanoke County Police Department

9:45 am – 10:30 am **VAPT Business Meeting/Announcements**

### **Adjournment**

#### **VAPT EXECUTIVE BOARD**

President – Heather Handschin, Prince William County

Vice President – Darrin Wills, Hampton City

Secretary – Deborah Coles, Louisa County

Treasurer – Floyd Miles, Richmond City

Past President – James Lash, Virginia Beach City

Executive Director – June Eanes, Retired

## **Board of Directors**

- Region 1 – Mervin Hence, New Kent County
- Region 2 – Shay Coates, Newport News City
- Region 3 – Crystal Blowe, Essex County
- Region 4 – Justin Sarver, Orange County
- Region 5 – Charmane White, Albemarle County
- Region 6 – Kenyon Scott, Pittsylvania County
- Region 7 – Phillip Griffin, Smyth County
- Region 8 – Alfonso Bell, Cumberland County

## **VENDORS**

- ADS Transportation LLC
- AMF Bruns America
- AngelTrax
- App-Garden
- ASE
- Blue Bird Bus Sales of VA
- BusPatrol America LLC
- Bus Safety Solutions
- EasyWay Safety Services
- Education Logistics, Inc.
- EverDriven
- EXCEL Truck Group
- First Student
- Gatekeeper Systems
- GovDeals
- HopSkipDrive
- Kajeet
- Kingmor Supply, Inc.
- LPR Ground Transportation
- Mid-Atlantic Enterprise Solutions
- OnSpot of North America
- Operation Lifesaver
- Performance Plus Lubricants
- Pro-Vision
- Reflective Image
- Rush Truck Centers
- Safe Fleet
- SafeGuard/IMMI
- School-Radio
- Sonny Merryman, Inc.
- SouthAtlantic Diesel
- Syntech Systems, Inc/FuelMaster
- Trans/Air Manufacturing
- Transfinder
- Trueheart Transportation

**A BIG THANK YOU . . .**

Vendors who sponsored various events

Vendors who participated in the Trade Show

Speakers for various workshops/events

Officers and committees

School division personnel who attended the conference

Staff of the Hotel Roanoke and Berglund Center

**Please put on your calendars:**

June 16 - 20, 2024

Richmond Marriott

and

Greater Richmond Convention Center