



**2012
ANNUAL
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION
CONFERENCE**

**Sheraton Roanoke Hotel and Conference Center
Roanoke, VA**

June 18 – 21, 2012



**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION**

Monday, June 18, 2012

- 8 am **Exhibitors Setup**
Location: Salon A, B, C & Botany Ballroom
Coordinators: Fred S. Valentine, Michael Brown, Gail Putze, Harold Grimes, John W. Hazelette
- 8 am **Bryan W. Morris, Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament**
Location: Hanging Rock Golf Club, Inc.
Coordinator - Dennis Lewis, Chesterfield Co. Public Schools
Lunch sponsored by Kingmor Supply, Inc.
- 11 am-5 pm **Conference Registration/VAPT Shirt Sales**
Location: Ballroom Foyer
Coordinators – Registration: Alice Matthews, June Eanes, Barbara Goodman
Coordinators – Shirt Sales: Floyd Miles, Ed Tucker
Coordinator – Membership, VAPT: Bertha Thomas
- Noon – 4 pm **NAPT Professional Development Course SNT #101**
Location: Conference Theatre
Instructor: Dr. Linda Bluth
Moderator: James Day, Arlington Co. Public Schools
The cornerstone of the SNT Program, this course uses the most recent edition of the NAPT Manual for Transporting Children with Disabilities, written by Dr. Linda Bluth, to explore the legal basis for special needs transportation. It highlights the differences between laws & policies, particularly as they affect operations & includes definitions of transportation & related special education terms, transportation requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act; the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments; & the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. There is a specific focus on the characteristics of children with disabilities and the relationship of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process to the provision of the related service transportation. Scenarios are used to discuss multiple hot topics including discipline, climate controlled school buses, door-to-door transportation, medication and oxygen transport.

3 – 7:00 pm

Exhibits

Location: Salon A, B, C & Botany Ballroom

President’s Reception: 5:45 – 7 p.m. in Exhibit Area

Sponsored by Cummins Atlantic, American Traffic Solutions, Inc. and VAPT

(Three gift cards of \$200 each will be drawn at the banquet for those attendees who participate in the sticker event at the exhibit show. In order to be eligible, you must visit each vendor & receive a sticker to place on the form provided. If you get a sticker from each vendor, you will be eligible for a gift card.)

*(Individuals wishing to receive credit for **Trade Show Report (SNT #104)** received information on this class during the SNT 101 class. This course requires participants to attend a school transportation trade show, visit with a minimum of 10 vendors & demonstrate knowledge about products specifically designed to promote safety for the transportation of students with special needs. In order to receive credit, participants will be required to hand in a form/checklist to validate attendance /participation at an approved trade show & complete short answer questions.)*

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

7– 11 am

Conference Registration/VAPT Shirt Sales

Location: Ballroom Foyer

Coordinators – Registration – Alice Matthews, June Eanes, Barbara Goodman

Coordinators – Shirt Sales – Floyd Miles, Ed Tucker

Coordinator – Membership, VAPT – Bertha Thomas

7– 9:30 am

Exhibits

Location: Salon A, B, C, D & Botany Ballroom

7:30–8:30 am

Continental Breakfast

Location: Salon A, B, C, D & Botany Ballroom

Sponsored by Transfinder , Koroseal Floor Systems, and VAPT

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10 am –
3:45 pm

Technician's General Session

Location: Northside High School
Coordinator - Bob Clinebell, Norfolk City Schools
Lunch provided by Commonwealth Bus Sales

8 am

Road-e-o – Regular and Special Needs (judges and contestants report)

Location: Northside High School
Coordinator - Sharon Utley, Chesterfield Co. Schools

*(Individuals wishing to receive credit for **Roaddeo Report (SNT #103)** received information at the SNT 101 class. This event provides the opportunity for participants to observe or actively participate in an NAPT approved School Bus Roaddeo and complete a Roaddeo Report, which must be submitted to the NAPT designated course coordinator for the event. The Roaddeo Report includes a written assignment that demonstrates a general knowledge about roaddeo elements; a knowledge test about proper procedures; and subsequent online research. A grade of 70% on the test is required to receive credit.)*

9:30 am

Driving Events begin

Noon

Lunch provided by Commonwealth Bus Sales/subsidiary of Virginia Truck (Registered guests, judges and contestants only)

1– 5 pm

NAPT Professional Development Course 204 – Team Communication Strategies

Location: Conference Theatre
Pre-registration required - \$50 fee without premium registration
Instructor: Barry Sudduth, Prince William Co. Schools
Moderator: Cheryl Fisher, Fauquier Co. Schools
This course details good communication strategies for optimal team development. The course also outlines learning styles & personalities when managing team communication. It also discusses managing team conflict & providing praise & recognition programs to reinforce positive team behavior.

3– 4:30 pm

Conference Registration

Location: Ballroom Foyer

6 – 10 pm **Family Night Dinner**
Sponsored by Sonny Merryman, Inc & Thomas Built Buses

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

8am – 4 pm **Technicians' Workshops**
Location: Northside High School
Coordinator - Bob Clinebell, Norfolk City Schools
Breakfast provided by Kingmor Supply Inc.
Lunch provided by Sonny Merryman, Inc.

7:30 am – Noon **Conference Registration/VAPT Shirt Sales**
Location: Ballroom Foyer

7– 7:45 am **Breakfast**
Location: Salon A, B, C, D
Sponsored by Commonwealth Bus Sales and VAPT
Speaker: Greg McCalmon, Regional Sales Manager, Southeast

7:45 – 8:30 am **First VAPT Business Meeting**
Location: Salon A, B, C, D
Presiding: Dwight Elam, VAPT President

8:45 – 11:30 am **First General Session - Supervisors**
Location: Salon A, B, C, D
Presiding: Dwight Elam, VAPT President

Presentation of Colors: Salem Police Department

Pledge of Allegiance: Chad Seibert
Salem High School

Invocation: J. D. Booth
Salem City School Bus Driver

Welcome: Dr. H. Alan Seibert
Superintendent, Salem City Schools

Are You Smarter than a Transportation Director?

Moderator: Charmane White, Albemarle Co. Schools

Region 1	Ed Tucker, Dinwiddie Co. Schools
Region 2	Lonnie Reavis, Suffolk City Schools
Region 3	J. D. Satterwhite, Caroline Co. Schools
Region 4	Ed Bishop, Prince William Co. Schools
Region 5	Scott Hannah, Rockbridge Co. Schools
Region 6	Bobby Lovelace, Pittsylvania Co. Schools
Region 7	Robert Rife, Buchanan Co. Schools
Region 8	David Guill, Halifax Co. Schools

11 am Announcements and Door Prizes
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Adjournment

6 pm **Banquet**
Location: Grand Ballroom
Presiding: Dwight Elam, VAPT President
Poster Contest: Anne Pilson, Patrick Co.
Sure-Lok Award & Q-Straint Award Chris Yarber, Southeast Regional Sales Manager
Golf: Dennis Lewis, Chesterfield Co.
Road-e-o: Sharon Utley, Chesterfield Co.
Scholarship: Linwood Horne, Hanover Co.
 Dean Farmer, Sonny Merryman, Inc.
Technicians: Bob Clinebell, Norfolk City
Hall of Fame: Fred Valentine, Retired

Dance (30 minutes following the end of banquet)
Location: Grand Ballroom
 Sponsored by Kingmor Supply and IC Corporation

Thursday, June 21, 2012

7– 8:00 am **Breakfast**
Location: Grand Ballroom
 (7 – 8 AM)
 Sponsored by Kingmor Supply, Inc. and IC Corporation

8– 8:30 am Ms. Kathy Seegebrecht, VP Global Marketing, IC Bus, LLC

8:45 – 9:30 am **Second VAPT Business Meeting**
Location: Grand Ballroom

9:30 - 11 am **Lessons Learned**
 Roger Kelly – Gloucester Co. Schools - Tornado
 Anne Pilson – Patrick Co. Schools - Fire
 Kenny Forrest – Louisa Co. Schools – Earthquake
 Greg Sutton – Arlington Co. Schools – Maximum Driver Hours

8:45 – **“Love the Bus”**
 10:30 am Alexandra Robinson, M.Ed., CDPT
 Executive Director, New York City Schools
 Transportation

10:30 – **“Ten Years After the 9/11 Attack”**
 11:30 am William Arrington, General Manager,
 Highway and Motor Carrier Division, Transportation
 Security Administration

11:30 am –
 1 pm

Lunch on your Own

1– 2:20 pm

Breakout Sessions (1 hour – 20 min. sessions)

No. 1 – “Can you say “NO” to Special Education Transportation?”

Location: Conference Theatre
Presenter: Hank Millward, Complaints Specialist,
 Virginia Department of Education
Moderator: Cheryl Fisher, Fauquier Co. Schools
This workshop will cover the general requirements, under the federal & state laws & regulations, for transportation of students with disabilities, with a specific focus on how “special” transportation issues must be addressed & when it may be appropriate to say no & what is required when you do so.

No. 2 – Employee Evaluations Hot Issues

Location: Botany 1, 2
Presenter: Yvonne Wellford, School Board Attorney,
 Hanover County
Moderator: Edward Bishop, Prince William Co. Schools
Learn the hot issues and during the employee valuation process and how to properly handle them.

No. 3 – School Bus First Observer Program

Location: Salon G
Presenter: Charles Hall, Program Manager,
 First Observer Program
Moderator: Barry Sudduth, Prince William Co. Schools
The First Observer program teaches every citizen how to be aware & alert of what's happening on their surroundings. This

will enable us to learn what to do for unwanted situations, what to look for & how to report it properly to law enforcement officers.

No. 4 – Training Documentation

Location: Botany 3, 4

Presenter: Patricia Vance, Prince William Co. Schools
Patricia Hurley-Ritenour, Manassas Park City Schools

Moderator: Marty Quigley, Shenandoah Co. Schools
Ideas and tips from two neighboring schools systems on how to ensure you have properly documented your driver training program.

No. 5 – School Bus Video Camera Systems

Location: Salon F

Presenter: Darrin Wilson, Mid Atlantic Regional Manager, Seon Design, Inc.

Moderator: Margaret Hill, Stafford Co. Schools
Everyone knows that camera systems are good for documenting student behavior issues. But they can be used for so much more including protecting your employees and school system, idle reduction and preventing employee abuse.

2:30 – 4 pm

Breakout Sessions

No. 1 – “Can you say “NO” to Special Education Transportation?”

Location: Conference Theatre

Presenter: Hank Millward, Complaints Specialist
Virginia Department of Education

Moderator: Al Hampton, Loudoun Co. Schools
This workshop will cover the general requirements, under the federal and state laws and regulations, for transportation of students with disabilities, with a specific focus on how “special” transportation issues must be addressed and when it may be appropriate to say no and what is required when you do so.

No. 2 – Idle Reduction

Location: Botany 1, 2

Presenter: Brian Watkins, Southeast Regional Sales Manager, Webasto Products North America
Moderator: Justin Sarver, Orange Co. Schools

How to reduce unnecessary idling & reduce operating costs & blowing money out the tailpipe.

No. 3 – School Bus First Observer Program

Location: Salon G

Presenter: Charles Hall, Program Manager, First Observer Program

Moderator: Anne Pilson, Patrick Co. Schools
The First Observer program teaches every citizen how to be aware & alert of what's happening on their surroundings. This will enable us to learn what to do for unwanted situations, what to look for & how to report it properly to law enforcement officers.

No. 4 – The Next Step – Pupil Transportation Verification Report

Location: Botany 3, 4

Presenter: Michael Brown, Associate Director of Pupil Transportation, Department of Education

Moderator: June Eanes, Department of Education
Pupil transportation funding for school districts is impacted by the data submitted by each school district. This presentation addresses data collection, how to submit the data and how to interpret the information that comes from that data. Persons responsible for transportation planning, data collection and submission may find this presentation useful. If a school district has implemented cost cutting strategies, this reporting tool will assist in determining if those objectives have been achieved.

No. 5 – School Bus Video Camera Systems

Location: Salon F

Presenter: Darrin Wilson, Mid Atlantic Regional Manager, Seon Design, Inc.

Moderator: Charmane White, Albemarle Co. Schools
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5– 6 pm

Reception

Location: Ballroom Foyer

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