

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE DIRECTORS OF PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

November 5-9, 2016  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Kansas City, Missouri

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of State Directors  
of Pupil  
Transportation  
Services**

Welcome to the 2016 Conference of the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS) here in Kansas City, the barbecue and jazz capital of the world. Our conference is a great opportunity for you to be a part of the most important information and networking exchange available each year to state directors and others in our transportation community. This year's conference program and agenda is the result of collaboration among your board of directors, experts from within our association, our supplier partners, recognized national experts from across the country, and representatives from federal transportation agencies.

Thank you to everyone who helped to craft the program and to those making presentations and participating in panel discussions. It has truly been a successful team effort to produce what we hope is the best conference ever!

The Board and members of NASDPTS extend our special thanks to the Supplier Council members, especially those serving as Gold and Silver Sponsors, who are providing refreshments during breaks and helping to offset speaker costs. Gold Sponsors are also hosting our meals and deserve extra recognition for their generosity.

Please express your personal and professional appreciation to the sponsors listed on the inside covers of this program, and to all the Supplier Council companies listed on the next page. If you are attending the NAPT Trade Show on Tuesday, be sure to acknowledge those suppliers who proudly display the NASDPTS Supplier Council member logo plates. They are truly our backbone!

Thank you so much for joining us here in America's heartland! We hope you enjoy your time in Kansas City.

**Michael LaRocco**

*President-Elect, Program Chair*

**Diana Hollander**

*President*

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provide this conference  
and continue its  
leadership in pupil  
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# NASDPTS Conference Program Schedule & Agenda

November 5 – 9, 2016

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL / KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

*Note: All conference activities are in the Crowne Plaza hotel, except as indicated.*

## SATURDAY

## NOVEMBER 5

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

### **NASDPTS Board Meeting**

SALON B 1ST FLOOR

**4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

### **NCST Steering Committee Meeting**

EXECUTIVE BOARDROOM 10TH FLOOR

**1:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

### **Registration**

IN FRONT OF SALON B 1ST FLOOR

**6:00 – 10:00 p.m.**

### **Reception, Dinner, and Entertainment**

*Sponsored by Safe Fleet/SEON*

*Join Safe Fleet/SEON for an evening of authentic Italian food by celebrated chef, Lidia Bastianich. Lidia's 1st restaurant located outside of New York City evokes the warmth of an old Italian farmhouse and is located in a former railroad house just north of Kansas City's historic Union Station. Live music, drinks and chef selection appetizers will be served at 6:00 p.m. with dinner served at 7:00 p.m. in the atrium.*

*Lidia's Italian Restaurant*

*101 West 22nd Street*

*Kansas City, MO*

*Transportation will be provided. Buses will pick up guests in front of the Crowne Plaza at 5:45 p.m. and return at 8:45 and 9:30 pm and will drop guests back at the hotel or Power & Light District!*



## SUNDAY

## NOVEMBER 6

**7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

### **Registration**

STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**7:00 – 7:45 a.m.**

### **Breakfast**

*Sponsored by Blue Bird Corporation*

SALON A 1ST FLOOR



**8:00 - 8:15 a.m.**

**Opening Session—Welcome and Introductions**

Diana Hollander, NASDPTS President and  
Nevada State Director of Pupil Transportation

*Ms. Hollander will welcome attendees and allow time for introductions.*

STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**8:15 - 9:15 a.m.**

**School Bus Evacuation Study**

Jerry Davis, PhD, CSP, CPE

Professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering  
Auburn University, Alabama

Yousif Abulhassan, PhD, AEP

Assistant Professor, Occupational Safety and Health  
Murray State University, Kentucky

*Dr. Abulhassan will discuss his groundbreaking dissertation research and ideas for making the safest form of student transportation even safer. Dr. Davis will discuss plans to expand the research.*

STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**9:15 - 10:00 a.m.**

**National Congress on School Transportation**

Murrell Martin, NCST Steering Committee Chairman  
State Director, Utah

*Mr. Martin will discuss the 16th NCST National School Transportation Specifications and Procedures document and plans for the 17th NCST in 2020.*

STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**10:00 - 10:15 a.m.**

**Break**

*Sponsored by Trans/Air Manufacturing Corp.*

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**10:15 - 11:15 a.m.**

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Transportation Security Administration (TSA)  
Report**

Darrin McGreevy

Transportation Security Specialist, TSA

*Our federal partner will update the status of national security concerns relating to the school bus and review the emergency exercise conducted with NAPT on Saturday, November 5th.*

STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR



**SUNDAY** *continued*

**11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**State Directors' Reports**

Moderated by Michael LaRocco

NASDPTS President Elect and Indiana State Director  
*State leaders from each of the regions will discuss initiatives, innovative practices, and priorities in student transportation.*  
STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR



**12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

**Lunch**

*Sponsored by SoundOff Signal*  
SALON A 1ST FLOOR

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**What Do Local Directors Expect from You?**

Alexandra Robinson, M.Ed.  
Director of Transportation  
New York City Schools

*You can't do it all, but in a perfect world, what oversight and more importantly services and assistance would your local school districts and contractors like to see from your office?*  
STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**2:00 - 2:45 p.m.**

**Stop Arm Violations  
and the Instructional Messaging**

Shmuel Bollen, Principal User Experience Designer,  
ACI Worldwide

*Mr. Bollen will discuss his research on how the instructional messaging on the back of the school bus is not optimized for easy reading and comprehension.*  
STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**2:45 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Break**

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STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR



**3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**OEM Update**

Jeff Terlep, Vice President, North American Bus Sales,  
Blue Bird Corp.  
Justina Morosin, Vice President of Bus Sales, IC Corp.  
Ken Hedgecock, Vice President of Sales, Marketing,  
and Service, Thomas Built Buses

*What do the three large school bus manufacturers expect in coming years? What market trends do they see?*  
STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**NASDPTS Business Meeting**

(State Directors only)  
STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR





**5:00 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**SNAC Membership Meeting**

(SNAC members)  
SALON B 1ST FLOOR

**6:00 – 10:00 p.m.**  
**Reception, Dinner and Entertainment**

*Sponsored by Thomas Built Buses*

*Are you as good as Tiger? Phil? Or even Jack? Bring your "A" game and test your putting, chipping and long drive skills at Top Golf Entertainment in Overland Park. Not a golfer? No problem. There will be plenty of food and beverages to be had as you cheer on your fellow peers as they test their skills on the links.*

*Top Golf Entertainment  
Overland Park*

*To join in on the fun, hop on the buses at the front of the Crowne Plaza Hotel downtown. Buses will leave promptly at 5:20 p.m. Continuous shuttles will run to and from the facility and the hotel.*

**MONDAY**

**NOVEMBER 7**

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Registration**

STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR



**7:00 – 8:00 a.m.**  
**Breakfast**

*Sponsored by Rosco Vision Systems*  
SALON A 1ST FLOOR

**8:00 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Supplier Council Presentations**

NASDPTS Supplier Council Members  
*Representatives from member companies will highlight emerging technologies and services important to student transportation safety and cost effectiveness.*  
STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**8:30 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**NCST School Bus Specifications Committee Meeting**

Rick Lecker, Committee Chairman  
SALON B 1ST FLOOR

**9:30 – 10:15 a.m.**  
**U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)**

Larry Minor, Associate Administrator for Policy and Designated Federal Officer  
*Mr. Minor will discuss important FMCSA initiatives and actions, including the Entry Level Driver Training final rule.*  
STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

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**MONDAY** *continued*



**10:15 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Break**

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STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**10:30 - 10:45 a.m.**

**American School Bus Council Report**

Cari Long, ASBC Manager

*Ms. Long will discuss ASBC's role in the industry and its latest products and services.*

STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**10:45 - 11:15 a.m.**

**National Association Reports**

Keith Henry, President, NAAPT (invited)

Ronna Weber, Executive Director, NSTA

Diana Hollander, President NASDPTS

*The leaders of the three national student transportation associations will discuss what they see as the urgent and emerging issues in student transportation.*

STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Chairman's Report  
from the National Transportation Safety Board**

Christopher Hart, NTSB Chairman

*Chairman Hart will discuss recent NTSB activities and safety priorities.*

STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

**Lunch**

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SALON A 1ST FLOOR



**1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)  
Accident Investigation Reports**

Dr. Thomas Barth, Biomechanics Engineer and  
Survival Factors Investigator

*Dr. Barth will discuss the most recent NTSB Accident Investigation reports, including those most important to school bus safety.*

STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**2:00 - 2:45 p.m.**

**Service Animals in School Transportation**

Robert Harmon, State Director, Ohio

Kimberly Bish, Parent of Danielle Kneisly

Danielle Kneisly and Bobo

Vandalia Butler Schools, Vandalia, Ohio

*A parent's perspective on service animals in school transportation.*

STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR



**2:45 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Break**

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STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**2:45 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Supplier Council Membership Committee Meeting**

Dave McDonald and Rick Smith, Moderators

EXECUTIVE BOARDROOM 10TH FLOOR

**3:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

**NASDPTS Business Meeting**

(State Directors only)

STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**3:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

**Supplier Council Steering Committee Meeting**

Bob Ford, Supplier Council Chairman

EXECUTIVE BOARDROOM 10TH FLOOR

**3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**School Bus Manufacturers Technical Council (SBMTC) Meeting**

Joe Labonte, SBMTC Chairman

SALON B 1ST FLOOR

**3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Supplier Council General Membership Meeting with State Directors**

Bob Ford, Supplier Council Chairman

STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**4:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

**NASDPTS Board Meeting**

(old and new members)

STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**5:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Supplier Council Meet and Greet with State Directors**

SALON D TOP FLOOR

**TUESDAY**

**NOVEMBER 8**

**7:00 - 9:00 a.m.**

**Registration**

IN FRONT OF SALON A 1ST FLOOR

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**TUESDAY** *continued*

**SafeGuard** 

**7:00 – 8:00 a.m.**

**Breakfast**

*Sponsored by SafeGuard/IMMI*

SALON A 1ST FLOOR

**8:00 – 9:00 a.m.**

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Office of Safety Programs (NHTSA)**

Brian Chodrow, J.D., Program Analyst  
Safety Countermeasures Division

*Dr. Chodrow will discuss current and upcoming initiatives and priorities for school bus safety.*

SALON A 1ST FLOOR

**9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**42nd Annual NAPT Trade Show**

KANSAS CITY CONVENTION CENTER

**3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**After Trade Show Reception**

*Sponsored by Weldon*

SALON D TOP FLOOR



**WEDNESDAY**

**NOVEMBER 9**

**7:00 – 8:00 a.m.**

**Breakfast**

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**8:00 – 8:45 a.m.**

**Transporting LGBTQ Students – Understanding  
Their Challenges**

Kathleen Furneaux, Executive Director  
Pupil Transportation Safety Institute

*Current news events have spotlighted the potential challenges in transporting students from the LGBTQ community. Do our school bus drivers really understand the challenges these students face on a daily basis? Do they have the tools they need to support and safely transport these students? This cutting edge session will identify challenges and tools needed to support the LGBTQ student and provide a safe bus environment to and from school.*

STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**8:45 – 9:00 a.m.**

**NASDPTS Executive Director's Report**

Charlie Hood, Executive Director

*Mr. Hood will review policy trends and issues of importance to members and provide an update on the past year's association activities.*

STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**9:00 - 9:45 a.m.**

**EPA Report**

Gregory Crable, Architect, Air and Waste Management  
Division, EPA Region 7

*Mr. Crable will discuss current and upcoming initiatives and priorities of the US Environmental Protection Agency, including the VW Settlement, the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act and related grants, the School Bus Rebate Program, and the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Phase Two final rule.*

STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**9:45 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Break**

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**10:00 - 10:15 a.m.**

**State and National Associations Council (SNAC) Report to NASDPTS Members**

Jeff Vrabel, Sr., SNAC Chairman

*Mr. Vrabel will provide an update on the activities of SNAC this past year.*

STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**10:15 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Preventing Illegal Passing**

Derek Graham, North Carolina State Director

Charlie Hood, NASDPTS Executive Director

Max Christensen, NASDPTS Past President and  
Iowa State Director

*There has been a lot of progress, but we know it's still a problem. What has been done around the country and what still needs to be done?*

STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**NASDPTS Business Meeting**

(State Directors only)

STARLIGHT BALLROOM TOP FLOOR

**12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

**Lunch**

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**1:00 p.m.**

**Conference Adjourns**

*Have a safe trip home!*

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