



National Association
of State Directors
of Pupil Transportation Services

NASDPTS Annual Conference

Program Topics and Schedule

November 4 – November 8, 2017

Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown and Columbus Convention Center
Columbus, Ohio

Workshops and Events:

Conference Headliner- *All About Safety: Lap/Shoulder Belts in School Buses (2017 and beyond)*

This workshop will kick off our conference and challenge us with new ways of thinking. It will feature Charlie Gauthier, former head of NHTSA's school bus safety program and retired NASDPTS Executive Director, the National Transportation Safety Board, and newly released crash test results.

School Reform and Its Impact on School Transportation

Dr. Linda Bluth will lead this panel presentation on how recent education reform trends have affected student transportation and what we might expect.

National Association Reports from NAPT, NSTA, and NASDPTS

Federal Agency Updates- Reports from TSA, NHTSA, NTSB (including former Board Chair, Chris Hart), EPA, US Dept. of Education, and FMCSA

These workshops will feature updates from the federal agencies that regulate and support student transportation, including: school bus standards rulemaking; national illegal passing awareness campaign; safety defects reporting and recalls; recent NTSB crash investigations; CDL program changes; entry level driver training final rule; security incidents and awareness; clean school bus rebates and grants; the VW settlement; and, transportation of homeless and foster care students.

Mobile Data Terminals and Displays- Guidelines to Assist Drivers and Limit Distractions

OEM Updates from the Three Major School Bus Manufacturers

Driver Qualifications and Performance- Are We Doing Enough?

A handful of recent high profile crashes and reports of personnel "falling through the cracks" are causing us all to reflect on what we can do to ensure zero defects when it comes to driver performance. This round table discussion will highlight best practices and solutions.

Illegal Passing- The Problem and Solutions (joint session with NAPT, plus additional NASDPTS workshop)

The seventh annual NASDPTS survey on illegal passing of school buses documented a continued, unfortunate pattern of tens of thousands of violations by motorists each and every school day. Charlie Hood, NASDPTS Executive Director, Todd Watkins, Director of Transportation for Montgomery County (Maryland) Public Schools, and Jeff Vrabel, Columbus (Ohio) City Schools and SNAC Chair, will discuss what is working and what is not to mitigate this perennial problem.

Supplier Presentations- Highlighting Innovations and New Technologies and Services

American School Bus Council- New Ridership Research Findings and Awareness Products

42nd Annual NAPT Trade Show (non-state director members register through NAPT)

Special Invitation Events from NAPT-

Innovation In Action: Empowering The Most Important Feature On The Bus, The Driver (with Thomas Built Buses)
NAPT New Ideas Exchange

NASDPTS Special Evening Events- Sponsored by Safe Fleet and Thomas Built Buses

Membership and Committee Meetings- State and National Associations Council; National Congress on School Transportation; Supplier Council; School Bus Manufacturers Technical Council; NASDPTS Board; and, State Director Business Meetings

Conference Schedule:

Saturday, November 4, 2017:

- **Registration**
- **NASDPTS Board Meeting**
- **NAPT/Thomas Built Buses Event: Driver Assistive Technologies**
(NASDPTS attendees invited)
- **Reception and Dinner** *(sponsored by Safe Fleet; offsite)*

Sunday, November 5, 2017:

- **Registration**
- **Breakfast** (sponsored by Blue Bird Corporation)
- **Workshops and Educational Sessions** (break sponsored by Trans/Air)
- **Lunch** (sponsored by SoundOff Commercial Vehicle Products)
- **Workshops and Educational Sessions** (break sponsored by BESI)
- **Membership Meetings**
- **Reception and Dinner**(sponsored by Thomas Built Buses)

Monday, November 6, 2017:

- **Registration**
- **Breakfast** (sponsored by Rosco Vision Systems)
- **Workshops and Educational Sessions** (break sponsored by Pupil Transportation Safety Institute)
- **Lunch** (sponsored by SafeGuard)

- **Workshops and Educational Sessions** (break sponsored by Edulog)
- **Membership Meetings**

Tuesday, November 7; 2017:

- **Breakfast** (sponsored by HSM Solutions)
- **Workshop/Educational Session**
- **NAPT Trade Show** (*non-state director members register through NAPT*)
- **NAPT New Ideas Exchange Reception** (*NASDPTS attendees invited*)

Wednesday, November 8, 2017:

- **Breakfast** (Hampton Inn)
- **Workshops and Educational Sessions** (break sponsored by Fogmaker North America)
- **Conference Adjourns** (noon)