



Danny Reed, Haywood, Dare, & Richmond receive awards at NCPTA CONFERENCE

Danny Reed from Beaufort County Schools wins again. For the fourth time in eight years, Danny earned the top honor and \$500.00 at the NC Best Bus Inspector Competition. He has previously won in 2011, 2010 & 2007. From a field of 12 finalists who inspected three “rigged” buses on a very pleasant day in Kill Devil Hills, Danny emerged the top bus inspector in NC. Even with a newly developed (more challenging) written test designed to better prepare contestants for the nationals, Danny proved his superior ability above the rest of the pack. Danny will once again represent his state at the NAPT competition in Rocky Mount, NC, where he will try for his 2nd NATIONAL championship. In 2007 Danny won the Nationals held in Peoria, Illinois. He also placed 3rd nationally at the event held in Jasper Indiana. “Danny is a very strong competitor at these national events and we expect he will do well in Texas” states Randy Henson, Coordinator of the NCPTA competition. Danny says “I want to be the first two time national champion; I just have to do it!!!”



Tom Sullivan-Dare County (Right)

Finishing 2nd but not far behind was Tom Sullivan from Dare County, the contest host this year. Tom, who won 300.00, is a new contestant to the event but came with confident regards from his boss David Twiddy, Dare Transportation Director. “He is a sharp guy and I knew he would do well”. Tom will represent North Carolina at the “America’s Best Bus Inspector” competition in Rocky Mount this September. He will compete in the “diagnostic” competition. The “diagnostic” competition consists of troubleshooting a variety of challenges dealing with correcting defects related to school buses. NC has previously placed in the top three but never a win.



Ralph Trango-Wake County

Ralph Trango from Wake County rounded out the field finishing 3rd. Ralph has previously placed 2nd in the state competition and went on to place 2nd in the nation in the diagnostics competition last year. Ralph has entered this event almost every year since the beginning and will be back again next year. Ralph earned 200.00 for his effort at the Kill Devil Hills competition.



The Judges-Randy, Charles, Keith, Rick, Craig

The top 12 in order of finish are;

Danny Reed-Beaufort
Tom Sullivan-Dare
Ralph Trango-Wake
Brandon Smith-Bladen
Bobby Jones-Wake
Al Whitley-Wake
Tim Speer-Yadkin
Ashley Whitfield-Beaufort
Carl Cox-Washington
Randall Carter-Union
Frank Moribito-Brunswick
Jimmy Wynn-Orange

The top 12 received a rechargeable 3 watt LED flashlight.

SCENES FROM THE COMPETITION HELD ON 6/28/12





Thanks to all of the competitors who took time to participate and the folks who help make this event a success.

A special thanks goes out to;

- Dare County. schools for providing the buses used in the competition.*
- NCPTA for sponsoring the prizes given at Kill Devil Hills.*
- Cummins Atlantic which sponsors a travel scholarship*

DPI ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AWARDS

The “best inspection” banners were handed out at the NCPTA opening session at Kill Devil Hills on June 27th, 2012



1st place Eastern Region-Dare County Transportation Department



1st place Central Region-Richmond County Transportation Department



1st place Western Region-Haywood County Transportation Department

Congratulations go out to all of the transportation employees for the extra effort it takes to win the banner.