

Course Descriptions

Advisory Board Meeting – NCPTA State Officers and Board Members discuss association business. New slate of officers will be announced. Committees will report. Facilitator: Patsy Hudson, NCPTA President

App-Garden Product Demo – This session will introduce the product for information.
Presenter: Tammy Cook

App-Garden Travel Tracker – This session will offer course training on tips and tricks using Excel. Formatting tips, how to build pivot tables and charts. Also, how to make the most of excel and reporting.
Presenter: Tammy Cook

Are You Utilizing Alternative Student Transportation – We will show you how an alternative student transportation partner can solve your most difficult challenges including driver shortages and McKenny-Vento fluctuations, you'll discover why matching your most vulnerable student to the appropriate vehicle and a daily assigned driver trained to work with special needs kids will save you time and money, and concerns. Come see how district route sharing will ease your budget and walk away with the critical questions you need to ask an alternative transportation provider to ensure they're meeting district and state regulations critical to student safety. We will show you how we do this for districts across the country, all while focusing on the one. Presenter: Garret Bernal, ALC Schools

Ask the Field Guys - This session is a review of defects found during school bus inspections this year and an opportunity for LEA staff to talk with the DPI staff that performed those inspections. Facilitators: Keith Whitley, Danny Reed, Anthony Avant

Blue Bird Bendix Stability Control System and Automatic Disc Brake Training – The class will consist of proper inspection process, proper brake pad replacement, system components theory and how they function. Presenter: Joe Cogburn and Jack Seale (From Bendix)
Classes are scheduled for LEAs A Thru M - N Thru Y

Blue-Bird Multiplex Overview and T/S – The class will go over component location, system logic and using proper troubleshooting material to diagnose electrical issues. Attendees and classes are scheduled based on the beginning letter of your LEA. Presenter: Joe Cogburn - Class is given a total of two times. A Thru M - N Thru Y

Blue Bird Part 123 Advanced Training – This class will go over all the parts resource material available to the customer. Parts counter representatives should all attend this class. Presenter: Joe Cogburn and Don Dulong (from Blue Bird Parts)

Blue Bird Riffled Air A/C System Training and T/S – The class will go over system component location, maintenance best practices, technical resource material and trouble shooting. Attendees and classes are scheduled based on the beginning letter of your LEA. Presenter: Joe Cogburn
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Bosch Discussing Diesel After-treatment System Overview – Karl Schneider, Presenter
Exhaust gas after-treatment systems are an integral part of today's common rail diesel vehicles and understanding how to diagnose and service these emissions control systems is critical for optimal vehicle operation and longevity of these expensive components. In order to reduce Nitrogen-oxide (NOx) output, many vehicle manufacturers have elected to utilize a Selective Catalyst Reduction (SCR) system. This session sponsored by Bosch will provide the information needed to understand and diagnose passenger car and heavy-duty diesel Denoxtronic systems. Topics Covered:

1. Overview of after-treatment system components
2. Review of common rail pressure system
3. Review of SCR DE NOx theory of operation
4. Denoxtronic 3.1 passenger car system overview
5. Denoxtronic 2.2 heavy commercial and off highway system overview
6. Review diagnostic and service procedures

B.O.T.L. (Busing on The Look Out) - Bus drivers are the front line every day at helping identify potential victims of human and sex trafficking. This session will cover information that will give them the tools to help keep students safe. As of January 2, 2020, North Carolina required this program. Presenter: Amanda Rigsby, TIMS Specialist, Asheville City Schools

BSIP - Bus Parts Inventory–Searching, Stocking, and Verification - This class will focus on BSIP parts inventory; item search, new item application requests, and extension of the item to LEAs plant, items stocking, and verification of proper receipt. Presenter: Stephen Wright, DPI

BSIP – Data Entry Tips/Best Practices- Ways to work smarter, not harder with tips from fellow users and introductions to some of the tools already available that you may or may not be using yet. Presented by: Stephen Wright, NCDPI

BSIP - Director's Report – How to interpret the monthly transportation director's report and address issues.

Presenter: Kevin Harrison, DPI

BSIP - Fuel Receipt and Issuing Via ZFE2 This class will show users how to receive fuel, verify proper receipt, and issue fuel to vehicles via two different methods. The class concentrates on the accuracy of fuel data input and odometer readings, as well as identifying issues with incoming fueling data and resolving them. *Presenter: Stephen Wright, NCDPI*

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BSIP - Making Corrections-How to cancel and properly correct errors – This class will show users how to correct entry errors. It will deal with incorrect parts, time and how to make cancellation and corrections. *Presented by: Stephen Wright*

BSIP Report Class - *Presenter: Stephen Wright, DPI*

BSIP - TD-1 Annual Report – This class will focus on the TD-1 annual report components that come specifically from BSIP and the steps necessary to gather the data. *Presented by: Stephen Wright, NCDPI*

BSIP TD-10 Bus Inventory Class (No. of Buses Operated Annually) – The class will explore how to be effective and efficient when planning for the annual TD-10 report in the spring each year. Participants will be taught, with the assistance of BSIP reports, to review bus data and make decisions at the beginning of the school year, which will enable them to correctly report buses operated on the TD-10 bus inventory form. *Presented by: Jeff Moore, NCDPI*

BSIP – Work Order Printing, Entry, and Storage – This class will focus on work orders; 30-day inspections, preventative maintenance plans, and TD-18 maintenance orders. Concentration on the components of data (expectations, verifications, and input) along with work order printing and storage. *Presented by: Stephen Wright, NCDPI*

Buster – State Fair Functions and Presentations: *This session will cover duties required at the NC State Fair. We will also cover current presentations and share ideas for the improvement of them. We will also begin the sign up for volunteers.*

Presenter: Gail Baker, Wilson County

Carolina Thomas AC Basics, Theory and Operation - *This class is designed for the beginner or as a refresher for the more experienced techs. We will cover theory and principles of operation, automotive refrigeration, electric controls, and temperature control systems. This class includes training in diagnosis, testing, service and repair. Class Instructor: Jamie McCaskill, Journeyman Technician.*

LEAs A Thru M Class and LEAs - N Thru Y Class (4 HRs)

Carolina Thomas Basic Electrical Theory and Operation - *This course will take you back to the basics and covers electrical theory, electrical terms, wiring diagrams, test equipment, diagnostics and repair. Topics include circuit construction, wiring diagrams, circuit testing, and trouble shooting. Upon completion, technicians should be able to use a DVOM, properly construct electrical circuits, understand wiring diagrams, diagnose, test, and repair simple wiring circuits. Class instructors: Vinnie Rivera, Service Manager at Carolina Thomas and Harold McMillian, Journeyman Technician.*

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Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse - *The Federal Motor Carrier Administration (FMCSA) established the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse). This new database contains information pertaining to violations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) controlled substances (drug) and alcohol testing program for holders of CDLs. The Clearinghouse rule requires FMCSA-regulated employers, medical review officers (MROs), substance abuse professionals (SAPs), consortia/third party administrators (C/TPAs), and other service agents to report to the Clearinghouse information related to violations of the drug and alcohol regulations in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 40 and 382 by current and prospective employees. This is a round table designed to encourage discussion.*

Facilitated by: Rodney Hardy, Transportation Director, Surry County

Charter Bus Inspection – *This session will cover all procedures from inspection charter buses and best practices of sharing approved charter bus companies. Presenter, Greg Smith, Catawba County*

CPR Equipment Training – Catawba County Staff

Closing Session and Dinner - This is a working dinner. We will have our business meeting and election of officers. The officers will take their oath of office. We will announce award winners and service pins.

Denso – Denso DPF fundamentals. Presented by Andrew Shlatz

DMV –Q & A Session for Directors – This is a session designed for director to ask questions concerning information new or changed policies regarding school buses. Presenter: Paul Dlouhy, DMV

DPI Updates – Staff from DPI will provide updates to LEA staff on the happenings in the Legislature and any other information relevant for the school year. Presenter: Kevin Harrison, State Director of Transportation for North Carolina.

Fueling Procedures Best Practices – Vehicle and equipment procedures and practices are designed to minimize pollution of surface or ground waters. Understanding the procedures for delivering fuel into vehicles, mobile fuel tanks, and storage tanks is critical for this purpose. Safety is always the priority. This session will be a round table discussion on fueling standard procedures across the state. Presented by: Amena Hodge, Pasquotank County Schools

Google Docs Class – This session will cover using Goggle drive and using google for tracking and safety purposes in TIMS. Presenter, Cindy Fain, Granville County School Transportation Office

How to Deal with Stress in the Workplace – Presented by: Jessica Andrews, Moore County

How to Use Diagnosis Software – Allison – Technicians today are using technology to diagnose bus repairs daily. It is critical that they are trained not only to make the repairs, but how to use the software designed to assist them. Presenter: Billy Sharpe

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How to Use IC Bus University and Diagnosis Software – This class will provide information on how to enroll in courses, complete courses and printing certificates. The class will include engine, electrical and body diagnostics training. The class is one hour. Presenter: Steve Kappus, White's International

How to Implement a Stop Arm Camera Program in Your LEA - This session will focus strictly on how to implement a stop arm camera enforcement program and how to get stake holders in the community on board with the program. Product neutral, just focused on how to implement a program. Presenter: Katie Sharkey

Inclement Weather Tips for Transportation – This session will cover the best indicators for forecasting inclement weather. Understanding national weather service alerts. What are your options? Communication with public and local authorities and documenting your findings. Presenter: Art Whittaker, Director, Cabarrus County Schools

IC Brake Training – This class will give training for heavy duty foundation brakes. Training program is designed to address customer's immediate products-and-systems technical training needs on undercarriage and drivetrain after-market components. This training will include both S-Cam Drum Brakes and Air Disc Brakes. This training will focus on service awareness and repair for service managers and service technicians. Air disc brake inspection procedures, Brake pad replacement, Tappet and boot assembly servicing, Caliper guide pins servicing, best practices.

Class is given a total of 2 times. A Thru M - N Thru Y
Trainer: Jack Seale, Bendix Brake Trainer

IC Bus Air Conditioning Training / Trans/Air Mfg. - Troubleshooting and Maintenance – This class will cover the basics of air conditioning, preventative maintenance and troubleshooting. Basics of air conditioning will cover each component and its function and how the system works. The preventative maintenance section covers all the routine inspection points and schedule. Troubleshooting gets in depth on diagnosing common issues on systems including proper evacuation and charging procedures.

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Presenter: Michael Johannesen

IC Bus - Cummins – ISB6.7 and B6.7 Engine Diagnostics – In this 4-hour training course we will cover some of the most recent service procedure changes on the EPA 2013 and 2017 ISB6.7 / B6.7 engines. We will also give a review of the aftertreatment system. The course also includes the most recent changes with Cummins Engine and Aftertreatment Diagnostics. We will be using the Expert Diagnostic System and the latest version of the Insite software to support our most recent diagnostic strategies.

LEAs A – M and LEAS N - Y

Integrated Child Seat and Lap Shoulder Belted Seat Repair and Maintenance – This class will give the technician hands on step by step instruction on how to repair, maintain and change covers on integrated child seats and the seats with lap/shoulder belts. We will show you the quick and easy way to keep your Syn-Tec seats in great condition on your Thomas Buses. Instructed: Rick Smith

Leadership Training – Presented by: Earnest Gillespie, Director of Transportation, Cumberland County Schools

Leece-Neville – Prestolite Electric, Understanding the School Bus Charging System - This course discusses what it takes to properly maintain the charging system on school buses. Discussion includes an overview of the battery, alternator, cabling and connections, testing and replacements, system interactions, under hood temperatures and product support. Presenter: Marion Jett

NC Best Bus Inspector Contest – Top Twelve Hands On – The top twelve contestants compete with each other for the title of Best Bus Inspector. Presenter: NCDPI Staff

NC Best Bus Inspector Contest Written Exam – The contestants for the competition will take the first part of the contest, the written exam. The top 12 scores will go on to compete in the hands-on test. Presenter: DPI Staff

NC Best Tire / Safety Competition - The competition is designed to stress the importance of performing a thorough tire inspection of each of the rolling wheel position on the school bus. It is a timed event. This exercise gives the individual an opportunity to properly inspect the tire and wheel assembly. The competitor will be required to identify and document any potential items that may compromise the safety and performance of the tire. The primary goal is safety first! The contestant will be asked identify and document items that could lead to any potential downtime and overall performance of the tire. This competition is designed to be educational, interesting, while stressing the importance of safety for our children. Of course, we would like everyone to enjoy and have fun before and after the event. The top three highest scoring contestants will be recognized.

NC Bus Inspection Certification Course – *Inspection certification and re-certification class. Presenter: DPI Staff*

NC Bus Inspection Certification Test – *Inspection certification and re-certification test. Remember for re-certification test a twenty-hour verification form must be turned in at the time of testing. Presenter: DPI Staff*

NC School Bus Specification Committee Meeting – *This session is only open to those members who serve on this committee. Presented by: Jeff Moore, NCDPI*

NCPTA New APP – Q/A – *This session will cover how to use the new NCPTA APP and how it benefits our association. Presented by Cynthia Phillips*

Opening Session – *The NCPTA President, along with local dignitaries will welcome members to the Transposium. A dinner will be served.*

Organization Structure and the Roles They Play – *The session will focus on organizational structures of transportation departments and the roles these individuals play in that structure. This is a round table for sharing information and a good training ground for those wanting to move up in the transportation field. Presenter: Don Burns, Retired Director, Cleveland County*

OSHA –*This session will focus on Heat Stress and how it relates to school bus garages across the state. Do you know what Heat Stress is or how to recognize the symptoms? Do you know what to do if you or a colleague suffers from Heat Stress? This session will inform you of the steps to take. Presenter, Ed Hardy*

Reducing Tire Cost Through Effective Maintenance - *Easy to find dollars that may be hidden in your tire program. Learn how to utilize Out-Service-Tire-Analysis and performance tracking to reduce tire cost. Presenter: Terry Lewis*

Roundtable for Cost Clerks – *This open format session will allow people to converse about issues and solutions they face with BSIP and other areas of transportation. We all face the same challenges and sometimes hearing what a neighbor has accomplished just might help you as well. Facilitator: Angie Drum, Catawba County School Transportation Office*

Roundtable for Directors - *Come join fellow transportation administrators from around the state discuss current issues and resolutions. Perhaps someone has an idea that has paid off in their LEA that can benefit you. Facilitator: Dianne Grumelot, Executive Director Cumberland County Schools*

Roundtable for Technicians – *This session is designed for mechanics only. The session will provide an opportunity for fellow mechanics to openly share their challenges and successes. Facilitator: Kevin Davis, Cumberland County Schools*

Safe Fleet Seon Live GPS, Parent Notification and Student Track –
Instructor: Joy Walsh, Safe Fleet/Seon Company

Safe Fleet Seon Vmax View and Wireless Playback Software – *This session will cover wireless video downloads and live GPS with camera interaction. Instructor: Joy Walsh, Safe Fleet/Seon Company*

SBTS – Additional Driver Training Available – *This session will cover other training available from your School Bus Driver Trainer. Etc., defensive driver training. Presenter: Bill Carey, NCDMV – School Bus and Traffic Safety Division*

School Bus Evacuation Training Workshop – *The class will cover how to perform school bus evacuations. The instructor is Marge McGill. She is a Transportation Coordinator from Johnston County Transportation Services*

School Bus Maintenance and Operations for New Transportation Staff - *The class will explore sections of the “Transportation Directors Manual”. Sections covered will be fleet maintenance and school bus operations. The participant will learn about NCDPI policy and procedure as it relates to school buses. Presented by: Jeff Moore, NCDPI*

School Bus Routing: Lessons Learned from Fox River Grove (25th Anniversary) – *Twenty-five years ago, in Fox River Grove, IL, a school bus was struck by a train, killing seven students. The lesson learned from that tragedy rings true today as then. We discuss the facts of that crash, the recommendations from the National Transportation Safety Board and discuss proactive steps that school districts can take to keep students safe. Presented: Derek Graham, Graham Consulting*

SN – Autism – *This session will cover what Transportation Staff need to know about Autism. Presented by: Heidi Carico, Consultant for Autism and Charter Schools, NCDPI*

SN – Contract Transportation – *Presented by Carol Bowes, Director, Person County*

SN – Driver and Safety Assistant Training Procedures – *This session will cover information concerning a back to school training/meeting with your special needs driver and safety assistants. Presented by: Charles Sheppard, Stanly County*

SN - Ensuring Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care – *Children in foster care represent one of our most vulnerable groups of children in the country. When compared to their peers, studies have shown student in care struggle more academically, can experience more school instability and have lower graduation rates. This presentation will provide an overview of the new federal protections under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) for children in care and how collaboration between health and human services and education is working to improve the educational success for students in foster care. Presented by: Sara Bigley, State Coordinator for Foster Care*

SN – Handbook, A Guide for Your Teams Success – *This session will cover what materials should be in your handbook. It is designed to help parents understand the transportation procedures. Presented by Vicki Wilson*

SN – Round Table – *Presented by Deb Zeiber, Cumberland County Schools*

SN - Sensory Perception Disability – *What if the squeak of the strobe light on a bus drives a student crazy? What if the EC child is yelling in his chair makes another student scream and cover their ears? We will cover how to handle sensory perception situations on the bus. Presenter, Carol Bowes, Director of Transportation, Person County*

SN - Social Workers and Transportation Staff... Opening a Dialogue – *This session will allow both departments the opportunity to share challenges and achievements in school transportation. This is a new class and a new opportunity to bridge any gaps past or present between the two departments. Presenter: Catawba County Schools*

SN - Transportation Requirements for Students Experiencing Homelessness - *This session will provide participants will an outline of the transportation requirements under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) for students who are experiencing homeless. Discussion on working with the local homeless liaisons, strategies for providing the most cost-effective transportation services for students to and from school, and determining the best interest of a student will also be addressed. Presenter: Lisa Phillips, State Coordinator for Homeless Education*

SN – What Your Driver’s Need on the Bus- *This session will cover information your drivers and safety assistants need to have with them on the bus. Presented by Vicki Wilson, Cumberland County Schools*

State Bus Driver Rodeo - *The best drivers in the state come to Catawba Community College in Hickory, having placed in the top ten in their district Rodeo. They come to compete for the title of "Best School Bus Driver in North Carolina." They will take a test, go over the rules, and share a meal with NCPTA members.*

State Surplus Property – (Offered Twice) *Presented by: Stan Black, Areas covered will be:*

Data entry procedures, making sure that the funds are redistributed correctly back to your garage location.

First Thursday Training Sessions and Webinar Classes

Using our Helpful Information Page

Property Description Entry.... Who, What, When and Where?

Mandatory Contracts and Vendors...Pricing Magic

What happens when funds are not entered or incorrectly entered...?

SSP Contacts for questions and information

Synovia Training—*This class is designed for members who have Synovia. You will learn shortcuts and hear success stories from across the state. Presenter: Eddie Sutton*

TAG Meeting – *A session to discuss major school transportation issue. Open for all members to attend. This session is facilitated by: Don Burns.*

Team Building – *Learning to work together in a group setting to enhance problem solving skills. Presented by: Deb Zeiber*

TIMS - Data Management - *This session will help Transportation Directors, TIMS Staff and School Administrators better understand bus routing concepts to achieve a better operation as well as discuss strategies for getting better student data from parents, schools and drivers. Presenters: Phil York and Andrew McGomery*

TIMS – Edulog Data Analysis - Comparative Analysis and On-Time Performance through detailed GPS analysis of where buses are expected to go and what really happens on the road. Learn about reviewing GPS data in Routing (on one screen) and detecting unrecorded substitutions. Presenter: Andy Leibenguth, Education Logistics

TIMS – Edulog Enhance Communication with Parents - With Edulog’s Parent Portal, parents will no longer have to call into the transportation department asking questions like “Where is the bus?” or “Why is the bus late?” This session will demonstrate how to provide parents with peace of mind via a routing-enhanced mobile application that allows parents to view the real-time location of their student’s bus as it travels between the bus stops and the school, all displayed on a clean Google map overlay. Presenters: Derek Graham and Amanda Millington, TIMS Coordinator, Onslow County

TIMS – Edulog Routing, GPS and Parent App Product Demo – This session will introduce you to Edulog’s new GPS product, how it integrates with TIMS, the parent notification smart phone app and mobile data terminals (MDTs) for drivers. The MDT is home to Edulog’s Driver Portal which interfaces with Edulog’s Driver Time and Attendance, Student Ridership and Driver Directions. Presenter: Derek Graham

TIMS - MARIS Skills: Refresher Course - This 2-Hour Session will provide TIMS Staff the opportunity for hands-on practice in MARIS. The course begins with a refresher on basic MARIS Concepts (Nodes, Segments, Shape Points, etc.) and features several hands-on examples for drawing in new streets and reshaping existing streets that are spatially inaccurate. This course is for TIMS Staff who have taken MARIS previously and are familiar with the concepts of Geocode Edits. Participants do not have to be Fully Certified in MARIS to attend, but must have at least taken MARIS Courses previously. Presented by: TIMS Staff

TIMS - New Hanover County Overview: UPSTU Tricks & Daily TIMS Procedures - This session will provide an overview of daily procedures within New Hanover County. New Hanover County perform a Daily UPSTU each morning, which includes not only Ridership Requests from PowerSchool (Yes/No for AM and PM) but Daily UPSTU steps also require several different data merges and updates to student school codes and other assignment flags within TIMS. While working in TIMS, New Hanover Staff code each student after completing new assignment requests. The TIMS Coordinator then provides Printed Bus Pass Slips to all schools for all students with a new assignment completed that morning. TIMS Staff, Transportation Directors and School Administrators are all encouraged to attend this session. Presented by: Kevin Hart

TIMS - Reports (Hands-On for TIMS Operators) - *This Hands-On TIMS Reports Class will provide an overview of basic report tricks within TIMS: including modifying Report Filters, Editing Displayed Data within Existing Reports as well as sending TIMS Data to a Spreadsheet via Worklists within Advanced (Launchpad) TIMS.*

Presented by: Bonnie Aycock-Person

TIMS - Reports for Open House, Schools and Drivers, Accident Reports - *This presentation is based session will showcase a variety of different report options available from TIMS. Driver Packets for the first day of school and/or Sub-Drivers during the year, Master Spreadsheets for Open House, Accident Reports for Emergency Officials and More...*

Presenter: Bonnie Aycock-Person

TIMS Routing Competition – Sponsored by Edulog - *Are you the Best TIMS Operator in North Carolina? Come put your Edulog Skills to the test versus other Bus Routers from across the state in the First Annual TIMS Bus Routing Competition. Similar to the School Bus Inspector Competition, TIMS Operators will be given a bus routing scenario to complete in Edulog and a winner will be chosen based on the final results of the bus routes created. This competition will require a full array of TIMS Skills: from creating new stops, runs and routes, to shifting School Bell Times, reverse\copying runs, adding double loads to a bus, creating alternate stops for AM\PM assignments, using worklists and advanced searches, assigning students to stops, running driver reports, etc. The competition is scheduled for Thursday morning, the last day of conference, and may take several hours for each participant to complete.*

Therefore, space in the TIMS Competition is limited to 24 participants. Please email Kevin Hart at NC State University (krhart@ncsu.edu) if you are interested in participating in the 2020 TIMS Bus Routing Competition. For the 2nd Year in a Row... The winner of the TIMS Bus Routing Competition will be announced at the NCPTA Awards Ceremony and will receive Free Registration, Airfare and Hotel Accommodations at the 2021 Edulog Conference in Las Vegas, NV! A prize package of more than \$2,000!

TIMS - The TIMS eSQL Experience - *The TIMS eSQL Experience is a Demo with some Hands-On Activity within the Edulog eSQL Module. TIMS eSQL includes Google Street Maps and Satellite Imagery backgrounds as well as many enhanced search and assignments features to help with daily bus routing. Presenter: Kevin Hart*

TIMS - Transfer Stops and Managing Mid-Day Runs in TIMS - *This session will provide general training on creating and inserting Transfer Stops within TIMS as well as tips, tricks and strategies for managing irregular mid-day bus runs for students. Presented by: TIMS Staff*

TIMS - Updated Website Preview: NCBUSSAFETY.Org - *This session, presented by ITRE Staff, will provide a preview and overview of the newly redesigned NCBusSafety.Org Website. All LEA Staff (Directors, Mechanics, Cost Clerks, TIMS Staff, Administrators, etc.) are encouraged to attend. All suggestions for improvement and general feedback regarding the website design and information available on the web will be taken into consideration as ITRE prepares to finalize and rollout the new website.*

Presented by: TIMS Staff

Tort Claims – Judicial Decision Affecting Local LEAs – *This session will cover new rulings from the NC State Supreme Court that directly affect local LEAs. Presenter: Alex Walton, NCDOJ*

Tort Claims Paperwork and Procedures–*The North Carolina Tort Claims Act allows parties to bring a claim against the state of North Carolina. There are many special rules, exceptions and notice requirements involved when you sue a North Carolina governmental unit and the laws dictating what the government can be sued for and how are extremely complicated. This session will cover the proper way to complete paperwork. It will also discuss procedures. Presenter: Shelly Perry, Tort Claims Investigator Supervisor, NCDOJ*

Trade Show – *Meet the vendors who supply our buses and everything in between. See new and innovative ideas from companies across the nation. Take a stroll through the expo center and meet vendors and discuss transportation needs.*

Trade Show for Decision Makers Only– *This allows directors and supervisors who make purchasing decisions early access with the vendors. They will also have lunch with them.*

Transportation Funding and Budget Rating Simulator - *Learn the basics of transportation funding as well as how to use the budget rating simulator to look at how changes in operations will impact your funding. Presented by: Kevin Harrison*

Type C School Bus, Service Trucks, Fuel and Wrecker Specification Class – *A new type c school bus contract has been awarded by purchasing and contracts. The class will discover what's new on the Type C bus specifications for a school bus. It will include a review of the service trucks, fuel and wrecker specifications and orders. Participants will be able to provide feedback on what is good and what is not good for vehicles. Presented by: NCDPI*

Using Excel to Predict and Control Driver Expenses – *This session will cover creating a spreadsheet using Excel to track expenses. Presented by: Toni Floyd, Retired Director*

What to Expect When Law Enforcement Officials Arrive at Your Bus - *This session will cover information your staff and drivers should know when a law enforcement official is called to one of your buses. Presented by: Brian Litke, Director, Nash-Rocky Mount Schools.*

What's New with Mobile Lifts for Fleet Maintenance - *This class is being offered for all technicians. See what is new in lifts for fleet maintenance. Instructor: Randy Linhart, Alan Tye & Associates*

Wheelchair Lift Training Braun - *Braun wheelchair lift training will cover lift preventative maintenance, wiring schematics, training manuals for each attendee, power point presentation and "Hand's On" training on the lift. David Grant, owner of Grants Service Company, resides in High Point, NC and has been a certified BraunAbility & Ricon dealer for 19 years. He is a Master Trainer for both Braun and Ricon wheelchair lifts. Each tech that attends and signs in with name and email address will receive a Certificate of Attendance, normally 2-4 weeks after completion.*

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