

# SOUTHEASTERN STATES PUPIL TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE

60<sup>TH</sup> Annual Meeting - July 11 – 14, 2010  
Columbia, South Carolina

## Joint Conference with the South Carolina Association for Pupil Transportation (SCAPT)

### Saturday, July 10, 2010

2:00 p.m. **SESPTC Board Business Meeting**

6:30 – 10:30 p.m. **State Director's Dinner**

### Sunday, July 11, 2010

7:30 a.m. **Golf Tournament**

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **NAPT Professional Development Series**  
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2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Registration of Delegates**

5 – 6 p.m. **State Directors Meeting**

7 – 10 p.m. **Reception**

### Monday, July 12, 2010

7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast for Attendees and Opening Session**  
**All Delegates and Guests**

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Exhibit setup

8:30 – 9:45 a.m. **First General Session**  
Opening Ceremonies and Welcome  
Presiding: Leonard Swilley, President, SESPTC  
State Director, Mississippi Department of Education  
Invocation  
Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance  
Welcome  
Roll Call of States  
Report of critical issues by state directors from each state

#### **Keynote Speaker: Mr. Glen Ward**

Glen Ward is a professional humorist and inspirational speaker. His engagements take him all across America addressing corporations; national, regional, and state associations; government agencies; chambers of commerce; schools; civic organizations; and churches.

9:30 - 10:00 a.m. **SCAPT Opening Session**

9:45 – 10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

### **A Tale of Two Crashes**

**Lt. Eddie Carroll, Director of Pupil Transportation Safety MN State Patrol; MN State Director Denny Coughlin, Director of School Bus Maintenance, Minneapolis Public Schools**

A discussion of two Minnesota Crashes through the eyes of the law enforcement agency charged with investigating causes and using the results to improve the overall safety of school bus operations. In Cottonwood, MN, a horrific crash resulted in the deaths of four students. In Ham Lake, MN there were no fatalities in the school bus, but there were tragic results for the motorist that was hit. There are important lessons to be learned about school bus maintenance, repairs and dealing with the media.

11:30 – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch on your own. **SCAPT Annual Awards Luncheon (all SCAPT members)**

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

### **Second General Session**

Roll Call of Industry – An introduction of all vendors participating in the conference.

#### **What Happened in Warrensburg?**

A report of the key actions taken by the delegates to the 15<sup>th</sup> National Congress on School Transportation

#### **National Transportation Safety Board (invited)**

It has been a busy year for the NTSB, including the release of the Huntsville Report. Learn about the specific role of NTSB, how they interact with NHTSA and other agencies and how they investigate and report on serious motor vehicle crashes.

2:15 – 6:00

#### **NAPT Professional Development Series Option #1**

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#### **NAPT Professional Development Series Option #2**

NAPT COURSE # TBD

#### **School Bus First Observer – Train the Trainer**

At this session you can become certified as a SBFO trainer in order to train drivers in your district or state in the SBFO curriculum where those attendees can, in turn, become certified in SBFO. The course will be taught by a master trainer from Total Security Systems, Inc (TSSI) in the D.C. area.

### **Tuesday, July 13, 2010**

7 a.m – 1 p.m.

SESPTC Exhibition and Trade Show / Breakfast in Exhibit Hall

11:30 – 1 p.m.

Box Lunch in Exhibit Hall

1 p.m.

Drawing for Grand Prize

1:30 – 3:15 p.m.

### **Third General Session**

#### **What Parents Think About Pupil Transportation and How Do We Respond?**

**Derek Graham, State Director, North Carolina**

Hear the results of a study at North Carolina State University where parents were surveyed about their perceptions of pupil transportation. Does your focus match up with the main concerns of parents?

#### **Transportation of Homeless Students**

**Diana Bowman, Director, National Center for Homeless Education**

Just because budgets are tight doesn't relieve us of the responsibility to ensure that students experiencing homelessness have access to education. Hear the latest from the National Association for the Education of Homeless Youth and Children

#### **American School Bus Council (ASBC)**

**Ken Hedgecock, Thomas Built Buses, ASBC Member**

A discussion of the latest research by the ASBC and its plan for a national public awareness campaign to encourage the use of school buses.

3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

#### **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

**Richard Boyd, Director, Office of Defects Investigation**

An overview of NHTSA's defects investigation process and how they need your help, particularly as it relates to school buses.

7:00 p.m.

#### **Banquet & SESPTC Awards Ceremony**

**Wednesday, July 14, 2010**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.     **Breakfast**

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

8:00 a.m. –8:55 a.m.     3 Concurrent Sessions

9:05 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.   3 Concurrent Sessions (some repeated)

10:10 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.   3 Concurrent Sessions (some repeated)

**9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.   SCAPT-SDE Session**

Concurrent Sessions include the following:

Student Transportation in Motorcoaches – What’s the latest? A discussion of NHTSA’s rulemakings impacting motorcoaches, particularly as it relates to the transportation of students. Also, what are states and school districts doing to ensure that students are safe on motorcoach trips. Derek Graham, NC State Director

Special Needs Issues. A review of the latest issues affecting the transportation of children with special needs. Cathy Staggs, consultant, Alabama Department of Education.

Distracted Driving. Cell phones, texting and other distractions. Hear about the latest research as well as state and national legislation aimed at improved highway safety in general and school buses in particular.

Pupil Transportation Efficiency. Now more than ever local boards of education are asking about efficiency and need to understand the impact of cost saving measures. This discussion will highlight various means of improving efficiency and focus on tools that can be used to achieve it.

Schools of Choice and Other Programmatic Challenges. As if getting students back and forth to school was not enough, the demands on a transportation system are increased by numerous educational programs. These programs are most often implemented to ensure that those students that may be at risk of not being successful in school are, indeed, able to be successful. But the transportation is non-standard and costly. This discussion will focus on background, tips and case studies.

Driver Management. When is it appropriate to remove a driver from behind-the-wheel responsibilities on a temporary or even a permanent basis? Hear what districts around the Southeast are doing in this regard.

Student Management. Parents it from their children and drivers list is as one of their biggest problems on the job. Student behavior is distracting and not getting better!. What kind of training can drivers receive so that they are the ones that impact appropriate behavior on the bus? What is the best use of various technologies to help support drivers and supervisors?

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.   **Business Meeting**  
Presiding: Leonard Swilley, President, SESPTC  
State Director, Mississippi Department of Education  
**SCAPT Business Meeting**

12:30 p.m.               **Conference Adjournment**

12:30 p.m.               **SESPTC Executive Board Business Meeting**  
**SCAPT Executive Board Business Meeting**

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**Reflects SCAPT only events**