

50th

South Carolina Association of Pupil
Transportation

Conference & Trade Show

Program

July 13 - 17, 2025



COOPERATION

The SCAPT Board of Directors wishes to thank all attendees for their participation in this year's annual conference. In order to make the conference enjoyable and educational experience for everyone we would ask your cooperation with the following:

1. Cell Phones - Please turn off or mute your cell phones while attending program sessions. Speakers and attendees have invested considerable time and expense in attending this event, and we need to be respectful of their presence at our conference.
2. Name Badge - Please wear your name badge at all times. This helps others to know who you are, and that you are properly registered for the conference.
Name badges are required for admittance to the Trade Show and all meal functions.
3. Trade Show - Please respect the exhibitors time and efforts while they set-up and get ready for the exhibits by staying out of the exhibit area until the start time. Make sure to thank all exhibitors for their participation in this year's Tradeshow.
4. This is YOUR Conference - SCAPT and the program partners want to make the conference as informational and enjoyable as possible. Look for SCAPT Board Members if you have questions.



SCAPT Members! Don't forget to VOTE for SCAPT Board Candidates
On Thursday, July 17, 2025

IMPORTANT: Any nominations from the floor will take place Monday during General Session, before Division candidate introduction! Voting for candidates will take place on Thursday, July 17th during SCAPT General Session Elections and Audit

VOTER ELIGIBILITY: You must be a current SCAPT member to cast a vote. You can only vote within the Division that you are a member of and you can not vote in more than one Division. A current membership list will be available at the voting booth. The SCAPT Board of Directors urges you to show your support of these candidates by casting your vote on Thursday, July 17th.

Board of Directors

Thank You To Our SCAPT Members!



Past President/President Elect

Darryl Webb, Past President
Director of Trans. Anderson Five



Rob Rickenbacker, President Elect
County Supervisor Dorchester



Division Three

Marcus Clark, Chairman
Berkeley School District



PJ Krause, Co-Chairman
SCDE



Division One

Gary Bradley, Chairman
Director of Trans. Colleton



Tyra Ramsey, Co-Chairman
Director of Trans. Berkeley



Division Four

George Blackwell, Chairman
Asst. Dir. of Trans., Lexington One



Dominique Winns, Co-Chairman
Berkeley School District



Division Two

Wayne Southard, Chairman
SCDE



Luke Patrick, Co-Chairman
SCDE



Division Five

Dana Cash, Chairman
Berkeley School District



Gerald Henry, Co-Chairman
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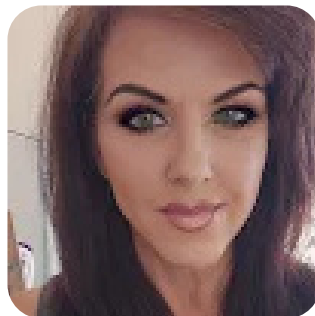
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MaShannon Rice,
Anderson School District 5

Theresa Taylor, SCAPT President Welcome to the 50th SCAPT Conference



I am deeply honored and privileged to serve as the President of the South Carolina Association for Pupil Transportation (SCAPT) during this milestone year leading up to our 50th Annual SCAPT Conference and Trade Show. This momentous occasion is not just a celebration of our organization's history, but also a testament to the dedication and hard work of everyone involved in pupil transportation across our great state.

For half a century, SCAPT has been a pillar of support, advocacy, and education for South Carolina's school transportation professionals. Our mission has always been clear to ensure the safe and efficient transportation of students to and from school every day. Throughout the years, SCAPT has played a crucial role in providing training, sharing best practices, and fostering collaboration among industry leaders, transportation professionals, and school districts. This commitment has directly impacted the safety and well-being of the children we serve, and I could not be more proud to be part of such a dedicated organization.

As we celebrate our 50th Annual Conference and Trade Show, we have the opportunity to reflect on our achievements and look forward to an even brighter future. This event will not only showcase the advancements in pupil transportation but will also celebrate the professionals who have tirelessly worked to keep South Carolina's students safe. I encourage each of you to participate, engage, and contribute to making this conference one of the best yet.

I want to personally thank all of you our members, industry partners, and supporters for your unwavering commitment to our mission. Your dedication to excellence in pupil transportation is what makes SCAPT such an invaluable organization. I've been honored to lead and serve alongside you during this historic year, and I look forward to celebrating our shared successes together.

With gratitude and excitement.

Theresa L. Taylor

President, SCAPT

SCAPT 2025 BOARD CANDIDATES

Candidates will be introduced during Monday morning's general session on July 14, 2025. This year you will be selecting board candidates to fill five(5) open SCAPT board positions. The candidates that receive the most votes will fill the five(5), 2-year term positions. You must be a current SCAPT member to cast a vote.



Division One

Daphne McNeely, Director York School District One - I have held the Director 's position for the past year. Prior to serving as director, I served three years as the Routing Coordinator while assisting and training to serve as the director. My journey with York School District One spans over two decades, during which I have accumulated a wealth of experience and a deep connection to the community. (See extended Bio on display)



Division Two

Nicholas Ginn, Program Coordinator SCDE - I have spent my life in and around the public service community. Since joining SCDE I have obtained my inspection certification, attended SCAPT three years, am part of our state support team for our Student Transportation (Traversa) software, am OSHA 30 certified and a part of our internal OSHA team, and on the roster for our agency's position with the South Carolina Emergency Response Team (ESF-1) as well as locally with Hampton County. (See extended Bio on display). It is my passion to create a legacy that demonstrates public service, teamwork, and a healthy culture.



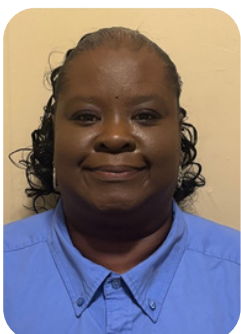
Division Three

Donnie Bradley, Third Part Tester Rock Hill School District - I have been a member of the Transportation team with the Rock Hill School District since 2016. I have been a Third Party Tester for 2 years. Also holds a seat on the TCB board representing drivers and participating in special event planning and prep. Participates in job fairs to draw interest in candidates becoming driver.



Division Four

Juan M. González, Field Trip Supervisor Lexington School District One - I have been with Lexington School District One for 24 years. During my time here I was a bus driver for over 17 years, a Safety Officer and Third Party examiner for approximately 5 years, assisted with cameras/videos and have been the Field Trip Supervisor for the last 6 ½ years. During my time here I have also served as Spanish translator for the district for approximately 12 years, mainly translating IEP's. (See extended Bio on display)



Division Five

Kristie Mosley - Transportation Officer, Richland One - With 17 years at Richland One, Kristie began as a bus assistant and now serves as a Transportation Officer. She has extensive experience in special needs transportation and has been a Special Needs Liaison since 2010, advocating for students and ensuring safe, inclusive services.

SCAPT 50TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 13TH

8:00 a.m.- Until Board members/Trailer arrives for setup

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Registration (Atlantic 1st Floor)

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Vendor Setup (Exhibit Hall Ground Floor)

4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Meet and Greet - Ocean Blue Terrace
----- *Sponsored by Safety Vision*

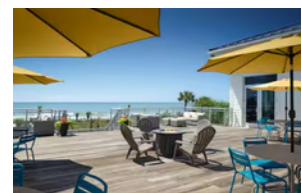
7:30 p.m. - Evening Event off site - Division One only
----- *Sponsored by Gregory Poolé Bus Sales*

SUNDAY NIGHT MEET AND GREET

Relax and enjoy an evening of refreshments, fellowship
and fun!!!

4:30 - 7:00 p.m. ----- Ocean Blue Terrace

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50th Annual SCAPT Conference /Trade Show!

Monday, July 14, 2025 -- Program Schedule

Opening Ceremonies:

Presiding.....Theresa Taylor
 Invocation.....Darryl Webb
 Presentation of Colors
 Pledge of Allegiance SCAPT
 National Anthem SCAPT
 Vendor Parade.....
*MaShannon Rice, SCAPT
 Vendor Liaison*

Breakouts:

Driving Change or Just Driving - This session explores the critical role both drivers and supervisors play in shaping a culture of respect, communication and shared leadership

Emissions Training

Tire & Wheel Training

C2 Electrical Training

SCDE & District Technician
 Training Sessions

Tech on Top, Tradition Underneath

- Donald Tudor, Retired State Director, SCDE
 John Martin, Retired Director - Hampton 2
 Eddie McKenzie, Retired Director- Darlington
 Darryl Owens, Past Director, Jasper
 Pam Wessinger, Director, Lee County
 Mike Bullman, State Director SCDE
 Luke Patrick, Asst. Director SCDE
 Harold Wil Williams, Director, Lex/Richland
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DOT Drug: Crystal Leaphart, Director of Safety &
 Information, SCDE
 Mandatory training for Transportation
 employees in safety-sensitive positions

Traversa Routing Training - Great for supervisors, Assist.
 Directors, Routing staff, Directors and more to learn advanced
 techniques within the Traversa software.

Tyler Hub - Dedicated one on one assistance to optimize routes,
 explore new features, or troubleshoot challenges. Take advantage
 of this opportunity for personalized support.

MONDAY, JULY 14TH

7:30 a.m. - Noon	Registration (1st Floor)
8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Meet SCAPT Board Candidates & Floor nominations for Board Divisions Ronny Townsend, Executive Director SCAPT
8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies <i>(2nd Floor Carolina)</i>
9:15 - 10:00 a.m.	50th Celebration of Time and Progress <i>(2nd Floor Carolina)</i>
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Trade ShowGround Floor <i>(Directors/SCDE Area Supervisors Only)</i> <i>(Badges Required - colors)</i>
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Emissions Training -- <i>(Atlantic C)</i> <i>Gregory Poolé</i>
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Driving Change or Just Driving <i>(2nd Floor Carolina)</i>
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Trade ShowGround Floor <i>(All Delegates-Badges required)</i>
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Box Lunch.....Ground Floor <i>Sponsored by Carolina International and SCAPT (Badge required)</i>
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Traversa Routing Training --- <i>Tyler</i> <i>(Atlantic AB)</i> <i>Technology Staff</i>
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.	DOT Drug & Alcohol Training--- <i>(Atlantic C)</i> <i>Crystal Leaphart</i>
1:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Tyler Help Hub --- <i>Tyler Technology</i> <i>(Atlantic D)</i>
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	"Tech on Top, Tradition Underneath" --- George Blackwell MC- <i>Past/Present Roundtable</i> <i>(Springs Ballroom)</i>
1:45 - 2:45 p.m.	Tire & Wheel Training -- <i>Fraiser Tire</i>
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	C2 Electrical Training - <i>Interstate Trans.</i> <i>(Atlantic C)</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening Event Front Lawn (Division Two Only) <i>Sponsored by Michelin (Badge Required)</i>
6:00 p.m. -	Evening Event -- Off Site (Division One Only) <i>Sponsored by Interstate Transportation</i>



Lunch

Lunch provided for Delegates Only.
 Ground Floor Exhibit Hall
 (Badges Required)

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK



Sunday
MEET & GREET



Monday
Trade Show



Tuesday Night



2025 South Carolina's Best School Bus Inspector & Technician Road-E-O
July 14th, 15th and 16th 2025



PRIZES

- 1st Place Winner: \$1000
- 2nd Place Winner: \$500
- 3rd Place Winner: \$250



Ice Cream Social
Wednesday



Wednesday Night

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50th Annual SCAPT Conference /Trade Show!

Tuesday, July 15, 2025 -- Program Schedule

Breakout Sessions:

Leading in Turbulent Times - This presentation explores the vital roles of leaders and subordinates during emergencies, crises and change. It also addresses organizational change, culture, and the need for strong leadership in challenging times.

Tips and Tricks - Join us where we'll share expert tips and tricks for getting the most out of your school bus routing software. Learn advanced routing techniques to boost efficiency, improve accuracy and make your transportation planning smarter and faster.

Fostering Effective Relationships - This course teaches strategies for effective communication, empathy, and conflict resolution to build strong, supportive relationships in both personal and professional settings.

Teamwork and Dynamic Group Development - This course highlights teamwork and collaboration, offering strategies and activities to build strong teams and manage group dynamics effectively.

Division One Roundtable

1:30 - 2:30 --- Rommy Townsend & Rita Allison
2:30 - 3:30 --- Senator Ronnie Saab - represents Williamsburg County and serves on key Senate committees including Education, Ethics, Finance & Medical Affairs. An Attorney and lifelong public servant, he earned his B.S. from Voorhees College and a law degree from University of Florida. A former Assistant Solicitor and current General Counsel for Santee Electric Cooperative, Saab is a Voorhees College Hall of Fame inductee, a church deacon, and a proud father to daughter Whitney A.

SPEAKER:



Frank Richards - A public safety professional with over 16 years in law enforcement, having held roles from Patrol Officer to Assistant Chief. A 19-year U.S. Army Veteran, he currently serves as a Sergeant First Class in the National Guard, with experience in military police, combat and flight medic duties, and protective services in the Middle East. An expert in violent incident response, Frank develops training and policies for public and private organizations, including anti-robbery measures from banks. He is also a nationally registered paramedic and EMS educator, delivering safety training through Gray Ram Tactical.

TUESDAY, JULY 15TH

8:00 - 12:00	Tyler Hub ---- Tyler Technologies (Atlantic D)
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Leading in Turbulent Times - Keynote Speaker - - Frank Richards (2nd Floor Carolina)
9:45 - 11:00 a.m.	Tips and Tricks --- Tyler Technologies Atlantic AB
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Fostering Effective Relationships --- - Frank Richards (2nd Floor Carolina)
11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Teamwork and Dynamic Group Development - Frank Richards (2nd Floor Carolina)
9:00 - 4:00 p.m.	2025 SCAPT Tech/Inspect Competition - Horry County Bus Lot 6058 Investors Blvd. Myrtle Beach
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. ---	Lunch & Learn - Sponsored by Tyler Technologies (Badge required) (Springs Ballroom)
1:30 - 2:30 p.m. --	<div> <div>Division One (Carolina) Roundtable</div> <div>Division Three - (Atlantic B) Rolling with Transportation</div> <div>Division Four - (Atlantic C) Bridging the Generational Gap</div> <div>Division Five - (Atlantic D) Autism/Awareness & Specialized Transportation</div> </div>
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	All Divisions - (Carolina)
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Awards Banquet Dinner - Sponsored by Interstate Transportation (Badge Required)
7:30 - Until	Awards Ceremony --- Open to guests



Lunch

Lunch and Learn
(provided for delegates only)
Location - Springs Ballroom

Sponsored by: Tyler Technology

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PRIZES

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Hollands Garage

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Tuesday Night

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The SCAPT 50th Awards Banquet

6:00 pm - Dinner

Springs Ballroom

(Ticket Required)

7:30 pm - Awards Ceremony

*****Semi-formal attire*

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50th Annual SCAPT Conference /Trade Show!

Wednesday, July 16, 2025 -- Program Schedule

Breakout Sessions:

NAPT 405 - Student Needs & Management

A look at student behavior issues from the management perspective. A brief review of "normal" student characteristics and behavior management strategies is followed by an in-depth look at preparing drivers and attendants for student management, working within the school district structure, developing district policy, procedures, and forms.

--*Brandi Wetzel, Darlington County Schools*

Gang Task Force: -Cheretha Kinlaw-Hickman

With 25 years in law enforcement and four years in school safety, Cheretha brings extensive experience to her role. She oversees safety policies and training, with a strong focus on school bus safety. Her background includes a B.A. in Criminal Justice and dual M.A. degrees in Counseling and Gerontology.

SC Laws and School Bus Transportation:

Rep. Tim McGinnis - Representative Tim McGinnis serves in the South Carolina House of Representatives and has done so since 2018. He represents District 56 in the Myrtle Beach area. He is a member of the Education and Public Works Committee, where he serves as Subcommittee chair for Higher Education. He also serves on the House Oversight Committee and its Subcommittee on Transportation.

Sen. Greg Hembree - Senator Greg Hembree represents the 28th District, covering Little River and parts of Horry County, in the South Carolina Senate since 2013. He serves as Chair of the Senate Education Committee. As a practicing attorney, Sen. Hembree has been a key voice in shaping education policy across the state.

The Courtroom and School Buses: - Matthew Gates has served as Deputy Attorney General for Government Affairs under SC Attorney General Alan Wilson since 2017. He holds a B.A. in Political Science (1998) and a J.D. (2002) from the University of South Carolina. A former legal advisor to the Adjutant General of SC, he is also a lieutenant Colonel and judge advocate in the SC Army National Guard,
Deputy Attorney General, Matt Gates, SC Dept. of the Attorney General

SC Transportation 101 -- Get answers to all your South Carolina school transportation questions in one session --- from Forms and McKinney Vento to routing, additional bus requests and more
..... *Harold "Wil" Williams and Theresa Taylor*

A.I. for Beginners (Atlantic C - 1:30 - 2:30)

Using Today's Technology to Get Ahead-
(Atlantic D - 1:30 - 2:30)

Using Technology to help keep the Wheels Rolling
(Atlantic D -- 2:45 - 3:45)

A.I for Beginners (Atlantic C -- 2:45 - 3:45)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16TH

8:00 - 12:00 p.m. NAPT Class 405 -- *Student Needs and Management - Brandi Wetzel, Darlington County Schools*
(Dunes Room)

8:00 - 9:30 a.m. - Gang Task Force --- Cheretha Kinlaw-Hickman, Safety Security Emergency Management Officer, Berkeley Schools
(Atlantic AB)

9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Legal Insights on School Transportation: What South Carolina Law Means for You
Matt Gates, SC Deputy Attorney General
(2nd Floor Carolina)

11:00 - 12:00 a.m. SC Laws and School Bus Transportation -
(2nd Floor Carolina)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch -- On Your Own

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. 2 - One Hour Breakout Sessions
Topics for you to choose from: (*see side panel*)
2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Break
2:45 - 3:45 p.m. ----- *Speakers: Mike Bullman, SCDE*
Trey Thomas, SCDE
---- (Atlantic C & D)

1:15 - 2:00 p.m. SC Transportation 101 - (Carolina)
--*Harold "Wil" Williams, Lex/Rich 5*
--Theresa Taylor, Spartanburg 5

2:00 - 3:15 p.m. Partner Power Hour (Carolina)

3:15 - 4:00 p.m. Break - Ice Cream Social ---
- *Doubletree by Hilton*
(Outside Atlantic Ballroom)

6:00 -- 9:00 p.m. Casino Night --- *Sponsored By:*
Gregory Poole Bus Sales & Service
(Springs Ballroom)





Wednesday Night Springs Ballroom Refreshments and Fun are in store for you!

6:00 p.m.



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Speakers:

*Mike Bullman - State Trans Director,
SCDE*

*Crystal Leaphart - Director of Safety &
Information SCDE*

*Bill Tindal- Director for Business,
SCDE*

*Luke Patrick- Assistant Director
Maintenance & Training
SCDE*

THURSDAY, JULY 17TH

- 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. SCDE - What's new -- *Mike Bullman,
Crystal Leaphart, Luke Patrick
and Bill Tindal*
(2nd Floor Carolina)
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. SCAPT General Session Elections &
Audit -----*Mr. Ronny Townsend, Executive
Director and Theresa Taylor, President*
- 11:30 - 11:45 a.m. Adjournment
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. New Board Meeting

Thank you for your
attendance at the
50th SCAPT Conference
and your support
throughout the year!

**SAFE TRAVELS TO
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Everyone on the SCAPT Board is
looking forward to working another
year for school bus transportation in
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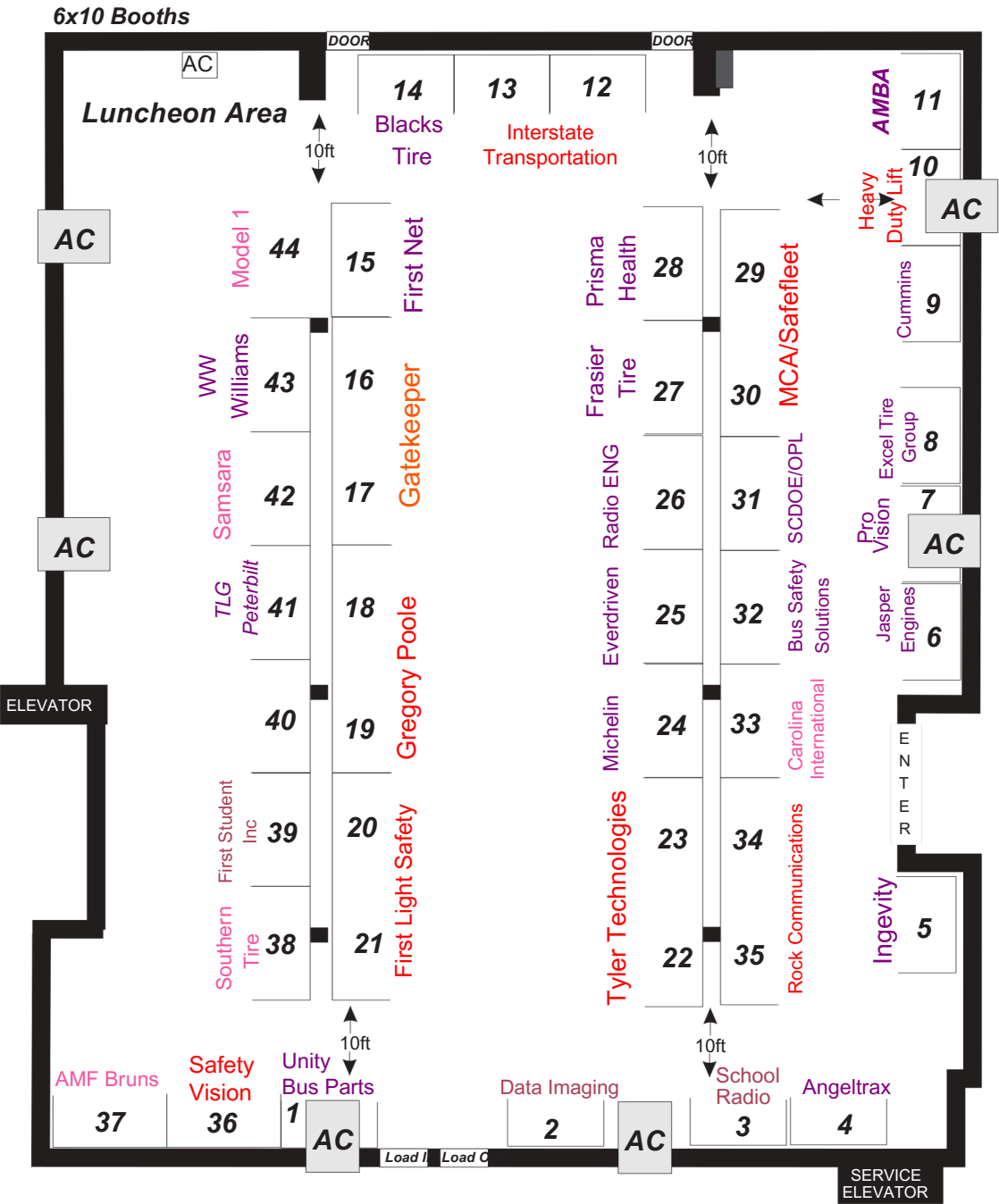
2025 SCAPT Trade Show! (Exhibit Hall Ground Floor)

We have an outstanding and comprehensive group of vendors that have registered to provide attendees a look at a wide variety of school bus related products & services at the Monday, July 14th, Trade Show!

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2	Data Imaging
3	School Radio
4	Angel Trax
5	Ingevity
6	Jasper Engines
7	Provision
8	Excel Truck Group - Gold Sponsor
9	Cummins Sales & Service
10	Heavy Duty Lift & Equipment
11	AMBA
12	Interstate Transportation -Diamond Sponsor
13	Interstate Transportation - Diamond Sponsor
14	Blacks Tire
15	First Net-Platinum Sponsor
16	Gatekeeper - Diamond Sponsor
17	Gatekeeper - Diamond Sponsor
18	Gregory Poole - Diamond Sponsor
19	Gregory Poole - Diamond Sponsor
20	First Light Safety - Diamond Sponsor
21	First Light Safety - Diamond Sponsor
22	Tyler Technology -Diamond Sponsor

23	Tyler Technology - Diamond Sponsor
24	Michelin Tires - Platinum Sponsor
25	Everdriven
26	Radio Eng
27	Frasier Tire - Gold Sponsor
28	Prisma Health Urgent Care - Gold Sponsor
29	MCA/Safefleet - Diamond Sponsor
30	MCA/Safefleet - Diamond Sponsor
31	SCDOE/OPL
32	Bus Safety Solutions
33	Carolina International
34	Rock Communications - Diamond Sponsor
35	Rock Communications - Diamond Sponsor
36	Safety Vision - Platinum Sponsor
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