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The Newsletter of the Wyoming Public Transit Association

WYTRANS Board of Directors Election Results

Kaden Cochran (2024-2025)
Casper Area Transit, Casper

David French (2024-2025)
Goose Creek Transit, Sheridan

Linda Cockett (2024-2025)
Goshen County Senior Center, Torrington

Randy Firnekas (2025-2026)
Ten Sleep Senior Center, Ten Sleep

Paul Kunkel (2025- 2026)
UW Transit and Parking, Laramie

Trenda Moore (2025-2026)
Hot Springs Senior Center, Thermopolis

Pam Ward (2024-2025)
Uinta Senior Center, Evanston

AJ Mock (2025-2026)
Buffalo Senior Center, Buffalo

Dwane Pacheco (2025-2026)
Sweetwater County Transit Authority—STAR,
Rock Springs

*The next board meeting will be held 1/31/25.
Contact Jaime at WYTRANS for details.*

Welcome new Transit Program Coordinator at WYDOT

My name is Lenaya Alverson and I'm the new Transit Lead down here in Cheyenne. Although I made it to Cheyenne about 6 years ago, I grew up in Thermopolis and graduated from Hot Springs County High School (go Bobcats!). Now I live here with my husband and our 5 children, which pretty much makes me an expert at coordination! Most of my professional background is in the legal field, both in State and federal government, as well as the private sector. I'm excited about this opportunity here at WYDOT and I am really looking forward to meeting you and working with you and your team! Please always feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Drug & Alcohol Program Management & Compliance Training

Jan. 30, 31 & Feb.1 from 8:00–11:00 each day.

Attendance for all 3 days is required to receive a certificate. Contact WYDOT with questions.

The Drug & Alcohol Program Management & Compliance training is designed to be a 3-part series focusing on the drug and alcohol regulations governing a transit system's compliance under the United States Department of Transportation (49 CFR Part 40) and the Federal Transit Administration (49 CFR Part 655). This training series will provide a comprehensive overview of the FTA Drug and Alcohol testing program, covering all major topic areas of FTA drug & alcohol program management and compliance. The comprehensive nature of this course makes it useful for both new and experienced drug and alcohol program managers (DAPMs)/designated employer representatives (DERs). The course offers the needed foundation and introduction for any new drug and alcohol program manager who may not have a lot of exposure/training on the USDOT-FTA drug & alcohol regulations; however, the course also provides and allows time for, the in-depth and detailed discussions/case-studies often sought after by the most seasoned and experienced drug and alcohol program managers.

WYTRANS Trainers' Corner

Trainers,

I hope all of you had a great Christmas and now another year is upon us. Where does the time go?

At the last Board Meeting it was voted on and passed that the trainers are to attend one recertification training per year. In the past, I have called this event a Trainer's Retreat. It is one day of not only getting up to date information and practicing hands-on exercises but a little fun also. One of the best parts of this event is you, as a trainer, will meet each other and exchange your ideas and thoughts regarding our training program. These events will be held twice a year, so you will have a chance to attend at least one.

The last Trainer recertification was held on July 24, 2023 in Casper. I am planning on sometime in April 2024 in Casper or Riverton. The trainers that were unable to attend in July are spread around the state and Casper or Riverton is central for them. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. (307) 258-6095 or nttc@bresnan.net.

If you are planning on a TSI class, please let me know. There are a few of you that I have not met or evaluated one of your classes. This evaluation is to be done every three years. Plus, I don't bite, scream or cry. It is really very painless. Give me a call.

Faye Nash, WYTRANS Trainer Liaison

Training Numbers for 2024

WYTRANS provides manager and driver training for grantees, using Federal Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) funds provided by WYDOT. **Training programs are open to all transit providers.**

Drivers across the state are certified in *Transit Safety Institute's Driver Operator Course*. This 16-hour course covers a variety of topics including: safe driving techniques for transit providers, proper lift operation and mobility device securement. WYTRANS Trainers have certified **122** transit drivers in Wyoming this year.

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