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The Newsletter of the Wyoming Public Transit Association

WYTRANS Board of Directors Election Results

Renae Jording (2024-2025)
Cheyenne Transit Program, Cheyenne

Trenda Moore (2023-2024)
Hot Springs Senior Center, Thermopolis

Ron Snyder (2024-2025)
Goose Creek Transit, Sheridan

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

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

AJ Mock (2023-2024)
Buffalo Senior Center, Buffalo

Randy Firnekas (2023-2024) - *Treasurer*
Ten Sleep Senior Center, Ten Sleep

Dwane Pacheco (2023-2024)
Sweetwater County Transit Authority—STAR,
Rock Springs

Paul Kunkel (2023- 2024)
UW Transit and Parking, Laramie

The next board meeting will be held 1/23/24 via Zoom. Contact Jaime at WYTRANS for details.

News From WYDOT:

It is time, once again, for WYDOT to report to the National Transit Database (NTD) on behalf of our subrecipients. Please remember that WYDOT staff may be reaching out to you with questions about the information you submitted during the calendar year of 2023. We are also moving forward in the development of different training opportunities, including reasonable suspicion drug and alcohol testing so be on the lookout for it and other training soon. As a reminder, WYDOT is always open to your suggestions for training topics as well. Email us if you have topics you would like to learn more about, and as always, email or call if you have any questions or concerns. - *Sara Janes-Ellis*

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.

Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2089646473815871061>

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 2023

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 **96** new transit drivers in Wyoming this year.

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