



## **TRANSIT TIDBITS**

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We have several training sessions in the works so be sure to go to our web site: [dakotatransit.org](http://dakotatransit.org) for registration and information.

**SPEARFISH, SD: March 27-29:**  
Maltreatment Awareness & Defensive Driving will be on March 27<sup>th</sup>, PASS on March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> (PASS Recert on March 29<sup>th</sup>).

**BROOKINGS, SD: March 28-29:** This session will be PASS & PASS Recert with only a limit of 12 participants. *As of today, we only have room for 2 more people.*

**GRAFTON, ND: May 9-11, 2013:** Room for up to 40 participants. Defensive Driving and Maltreatment Awareness will be on May 9 with PASS Class May 10-11 (PASS Recert May 11). We are working on motel arrangements and will post on the DTA Web Site when we have completed them.

**BISMARCK, ND: June 5, 2013:** PASS Recertification class only at West River Transit in Bismarck.

**YOU CAN HELP!** We use the DTA membership list for our addresses for mapping for the classes so please let Jacque know if there are any changes during the year. **THANKS A BUNCH!**

Linda Freeman  
PASS Coordinator  
Kenmare Transit

**2013 FALL CONFERENCE  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA  
RAMADA INN (FORMALLY THE  
DOUBLEWOOD INN)**

**The dates for the Fall Conference are:  
Rodeo September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
Conference September 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>  
Please mark your calendars as this proves  
to be an exiting conference.**

**SOUTH DAKOTA DOT  
PROVIDERS  
REMINDER!!**

**Drug and Alcohol MIS reports are due online  
by Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Melissa Hull  
SD DOT

**2013 DTA MEMBERSHIP  
DUES  
Jacque Senger**

**Last year we had a total of 51 transit memberships including associate memberships....to date we have 47. Thank you to each of you who responded by the due date.**

**Palace Transit**  
Jessica Pickett  
Senior Services Executive Director  
City of Mitchell

Hello! My name is Jessica Pickett and I am the new Executive Director at Palace Transit in Mitchell, SD. I started in the public transportation world as the Transportation Manager at Inter-Lakes Community Action in 2007. I managed transit systems in Deuel County, Miner County, Moody County, Madison, Dell Rapids and Brandon as well as the Head Start school buses. This position provided the opportunity to learn about public transportation, rules and regulations, funding challenges and reporting requirements. I completed PASS training and became a Certified Community Transit Supervisor (CCTS) and Certified Community Transit Manager (CCTM). In 2010 I was elected to the DTA Board of Directors and served as the secretary. I was also a member of the South Dakota School Transportation Association.

In 2012 I was hired at School Bus Inc. (SBI), a private school bus and charter agency, in Sioux Falls as their Charter Dispatcher. SBI provided the opportunity for me to learn about the school bussing system and private enterprise charter bussing rules and regulations. During my time with SBI I maintained relationships with the South Dakota DOT, DTA and many transit agencies.

A transit management opportunity opened with the City of Mitchell as their Senior Services Executive Director. As many of you know, once transit is in

your blood it's in your heart! This position with the City of Mitchell is not just the director of Palace Transit, but also involves managing their Senior Nutrition, the Senior Center and the RSVP program.

As soon as I accepted the position with the City of Mitchell, I was able to rejoin the DTA Board of Directors and fill their open position. I would highly recommend you all to take the opportunity to not only serve on the DTA board, but volunteer to help the DTA in whatever capacity you are able. It's a wonderful learning experience that will not only benefit yourself, but your entire agency.

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE MANAGEMENT  
AND PROGRAM COMPLIANCE  
COURSE**

Melissa Hull  
South Dakota DOT

South Dakota is hosting a Substance Abuse Management and Program Compliance course in Sioux Falls, SD on March 12-March 14, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites at 2501 S. Shirley Avenue in Sioux Falls. The cost for the course is \$50.

SDDOT has picked 12 attendees to attend so far. 16 of 18 seats are open nationwide until Tuesday, February 12. After this date, if there are seats available, SDDOT will allow other sub-recipients and staff to attend. South Dakota sub-recipients should contact Melissa at SDDOT if they are interested in attending. SDDOT sub-recipients should not sign up directly for this class until directed to do so by Melissa.

Colleagues in North Dakota: You can sign up for this class at <http://www.tsi.dot.gov/lms/ClassListing.aspx?CourseID=6&AOE=1>.

A block of rooms has been set up at the same hotel for \$77.

**DOT Spring Coordination Summit**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> 9-5**

**April 10<sup>th</sup> 8-1**

**Comfort Inn & Suites – Bismarck, ND**

**Kim Adair, ND DOT**

There will be several speakers including:

.....Jennifer Stewart, FTA

.....Charles Carr, MS DOT

.....Lynnda Basshar, Multi-Service Agency

Lynnda is a multi-service agency and operates a one click/one call center in Akon, SC.

We have invited more speakers for your benefit. This should be a very educational summit.

Please plan to attend this educational opportunity. A block of rooms has been reserved under NDDOT Training Meeting.

Comfort Inn – 701-223-1911

Comfort Suites – 701-223-4009

Main Stay Suites – 701-223-9119

(The block of rooms will be held until March 24<sup>th</sup>)

**Transit Director Appointed as Member of Transportation Research Board Committee**

**Pamela Ternes, Director  
Standing Rock Public Transportation  
Fort Yates, ND**

Pam Ternes, Director of Standing Rock Public Transit has been appointed for a second 3-year membership of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) of the *National Academies* - Committee on Native American Transportation Issues.

TRB is a division of the National Research Council, a private, nonprofit institution that provides expertise in science and technology to the United States government, the public, and the scientific and engineering communities. TRB fulfills this mission through the work of more than 200 standing committees and task forces.

As a member of the Native American Transportation Issues committee, Mrs. Ternes participates in research and practices pertaining to transportation issues on or near tribal lands and communities. This includes all modes of moving people and goods from one place to another, all relevant agencies, and all relationships and interactive processes of various governmental units with regard to the development, planning, administration, coordination, and implementation of transportation laws, policies, plans, programs, and projects.

The annual TRB meetings are held in January in Washington, DC and are typically attended by more than 10,000 transportation professionals from the United States and abroad.

For more information about TRB go to <http://www.trb.org/AboutTRB/AboutTRB.aspx>.

**CTAA ARTICLE ON BROOKINGS AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
Jacque Senger, Ex. Director**

At the 2012 Fall Conference held in Brookings, SD, Scott Bogren, CTAA, chose to take a tour of Brookings, SD. Mike Mullaney, Assistant Director of BATA, was the tour guide/bus driver. When you finish a tour of Brookings with Mike, you have had the ultimate tour of Brookings. Scott was obviously impressed as Scott contacted BATA and interviewed them for an article for this month's CTAA Magazine.

Attached is the link for the article under **Elements of Innovative Transit Leadership**. <http://web1.ctaa.org/webmodules/webarticles/annviewer.asp?a=23&z=2>

The article is informative and worth your time reading.

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