



TRANSIT TIDBITS

Issue 7 – April, 2012

DRIVER TRAINING

We held two successful driver training sessions in March – one in Brookings, SD, and one in Bismarck, ND. As you know, DTA sponsors PASS & PASS Recert training along with a Defensive Driving course called Coaching the Van Driver and a Maltreatment Awareness Course. Plans are being made to hold a session offering all three courses in Spearfish, SD, toward the end of June and in Minot, ND, toward the end of the summer or early fall. Once dates have been finalized, the registration information will be posted on the DTA web site: dakotatransit.org. Agencies can register their drivers for any one or all of the courses on the web site.

If any other agencies would like to sponsor a training session, please contact Linda Freeman at 701-385-4364 or 701-848-6480 or e-mail wandm@restel.net.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Carol Joy Brandvold, Project Director for Nelson County Transit, McVille, ND, has been working there longer than she cares to admit. Let's just say since it was called Nelson County Senior Citizens Transportation. She enjoys working there because it is never boring and no two days are alike. Carol Joy earned a B.S. at NDSU in Textile and Clothing and a minor in Child Development. Those degrees came in handy while raising four children. Kirk earned a Business Degree in Marketing and Finance at UND. Bethany is pursuing a Masters in Kinesiology and Nutrition from UND. Troy has his own carpentry business. Elisha is in her second year at UND pursuing a teaching degree preparing to be a science teacher. Troy & Lacey have a sweet 1 year old, Peyton Rylee Brandvold. Carol Joy likes collecting pretty much anything old; mostly furniture, old hats, any baby and women's clothing.

SDDOT TRANSIT PROGRAM PONDERINGS

SOUTH DAKOTA FEDERAL DRUG TESTING CUSTODY AND CONTROL FORM

A quick reminder to everyone that you and your drug testing facilities should now all be using the new Federal Drug Testing Custody and Control Form. The new form was announced in September 2010, but you were given until October 1, 2011, to use up your old forms and transition to the new. Please make sure the new forms are now in use. An easy way to identify the new form is by reviewing Step 1, Item D on the form. The new version has a notation to Specify DOT Agency, followed by the various agencies to select from, including FTA. Information on the new form can be found in the fall 2010 issue of the FTA Drug & Alcohol Regulation Updates newsletter at <http://transit-safety.fta.dot.gov/DrugAndAlcohol/Newsletters/issue43/pdf/Issue43.pdf>. An example of the form can be found on the USDOT website <http://www.dot.gov/odapc/documents.html>.

SOUTH DAKOTA MANDATORY QUARTERLY MEETING MAY 1st AND 2nd, 2012

The SDDOT will be holding a Mandatory Quarterly Meeting on May 1st and 2nd at River Cities Transit in Pierre. Although the meeting is mandatory for 5311 sub-recipients, all other transit providers and partners are also invited to attend. The meeting will commence at 1 p.m. on May 1st and will wrap up no later than 3 p.m. on May 2nd. Training topics will include:

- Presenting the Benefits of Public Transit Research Study results to councils, commissions and partners.
- Ideas and tips on presenting to/requesting funds from various groups.
- Working with nursing and medical facilities: Transporting riders and residents safety.
- III-B and Medicaid: Refreshers and Updates.
- River Cities Transit Facility tour.
- Guest Speaker Bob Sutton, President of the South Dakota Community Foundation: Developing and sustaining important community relationships, getting and gaining Board champions and thoughts on ongoing giving opportunities.
- Conducting a Drug and Alcohol Testing Facility walk through.
- DOT updates and project discussions.

We look forward to seeing you in Pierre! Thanks to River Cities Transit for hosting this quarter's meeting!

SOUTH DAKOTA
FY 2013 Section 5311 & Title III-B
Application and Guides

The SDDOT will be sending out the FY 2013 Section 5311 & Title III-B Application and Guide prior to the end of April. Please take some time to review the document before the Quarterly Meeting on May 1st and 2nd and bring any questions you have with you to the meeting. Jim Severson from the Department of Social Services will also be on hand to answer Title III-B related questions. The applications will be due to the SDDOT no later than July 1, 2012.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Brenda Oien has been with Community Transit, Inc., Sisseton SD, since October of 2010. Brenda started out as a part time driver. Once we found out she had computer and office skills, we put her to work in the office as needed. She has very good organizational skills and is forever trying to keep my desk clean!! (Which some progress has been made!) Brenda continues to fill in driving as needed as well. She has a great rapport with the passengers.

Brenda took a short leave of absence from May 2011 thru mid-July 2011 to pursue an adventure in Florida. After a short while there she realized her roots were in South Dakota. She called us and asked if we still needed her, and without hesitation I said "absolutely!" Brenda is a real asset to Community Transit and we are very fortunate to have her on board!

(Submitted by Kathy Holman)

"SNEAK PEAK"

Presentations on "Website Building" and "Rollover Simulator" will be available at the DTA CONFERENCE in BROOKINGS, SD, September 21st through September 26th. SEE YOU THERE!

**FALL CONVENTION HINT:
COLLABORATION**

The new DTA Mailing Address is: PO Box 973, Devils Lake, ND 58301. My e-mail address is jacque.senger@hotmail.com and my phone number is 701-662-2464.