

Bourne Inducted into Kentucky Transportation Hall of Fame

Vickie Bourne, Executive Director of the Office of Transportation Delivery, was inducted into the Kentucky Transportation Hall of Fame at the Kentuckians for Better Transportation Conference on January 10, 2014.

Bourne has spent over 40 years in the Transportation Cabinet and Department of Highways. In 1986, Ms. Bourne became the Section Supervisor of the Public Transit Section in the Division of Mass Transportation. Through technology, she streamlined the entire grant making process and reduced costs and time in processing the grants and managing the funds. She has made

sure that all parts of the Commonwealth have access to public or specialized
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Vickie Bourne, Executive Director of OTD induction of the KY Transportation Hall of Fame.

Steinhofer and Whitaker Inducted into 2013 KY Transit Hall of Fame

The seventh annual Transit Hall of Fame inductee was announced at the 2013 KPTA/KYTC Conference.

Chuck Steinhofer, COO with Louisville Wheels Transportation and Mona Whitaker, Deputy Director with Daniel Boone Community Action Agency.

These individuals join previous inductees Vickie Bourne, Executive

Director of the Office of Transportation Delivery, Buddy Fugua, retired Transportation Director of GRITS, Sue

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Chuck Steinhofer



Mona Whitaker

From The Desk of The President

Dear KPTA Members:

I want to thank everyone for all their work during the 2014 Kentucky General Assembly. Without the efforts of the membership and our attorney/lobbyist, Oliver Barber, the Office of Transportation Delivery budget was not cut. Even though we were not successful in our efforts to obtain Veterans funding we will continue our efforts to educate the legislatures about funding Veterans Transportation in the future. I want to thank Ms. Juva Barber of KBT for her help during the session.



Also on Thursday, February 13, 2014, the Kentucky Public Transit Association sponsored Kentucky Transit Day at the State Capital. I want to thank the following speakers for their time and comments, Lt. Governor Jerry Abramson, Rep. Jimmy Lee, Vickie Bourne, Exec. Dir. Office of Transportation Delivery, Ms. Margaret Platter, Deputy Commissioner Kentucky Veterans Administration, Ms. Juva Barber, Exec. Dir. of KBT, Barry Barker, Exec. Dir. of TARC, and Rocky Burke, Exec. Dir. of LexTran. I want to thank Ms. Shirley Cummins, Vice President of KPTA who was the chairperson for this event. Without her efforts this event would not have occurred and we are truly grateful for her great leadership. I would be remiss if I didn't thank Shirley's staff at RTEC, Pam Shepherd, KPTA Secretary/Treasurer and many others who helped in pulling off this great day. We want to keep contacting our legislatures and thank them for not cutting the public transit budget. Encourage them to increase funding and fund our Veterans Initiative.

Finally, we will keep everyone informed about the Concurrent Resolution on Public Transit that we are planning to present to the House and Senate during the interim session. I want to express on behalf of KPTA and myself condolences to Barry Barker in the passing of his wife Kathleen. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

As always, I want to thank the membership for their on going support of KPTA.

Sincerely,

Beecher Hudson

Beecher Hudson
KPTA President
Chief Executive Officer of WHEELS Transportation Louisville

Lextran completes purchase of former General Electric site

The Lextran Board of Directors voted in June to enter into an agreement with General Electric for the purchase of the 13.69 acre tract of property at 200 West Loudon Avenue, former site of the GE Lighting Kentucky Glass Plant. The purchase, which was contingent upon approval from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the completion of the 90-day due diligence period, is now complete and Lextran has assumed ownership of the property.

Lextran will use this property to construct a new facility just steps away from their current location at 109 West Loudon Avenue. The move to the GE site will allow Lextran to develop a cost-effective and efficient operations and maintenance facility that will meet the future needs of Lexington. In addition, the move will consolidate administrative functions which are currently housed at two locations.

Rocky Burke, Lextran's General Manager, welcomed the completion of the purchase, stating, "We are so excited to have taken another step forward in this process. This move is critical for Lextran's continued advancement and our ability to provide first-class bus service to the people of Lexington."

Lextran's purchase of the GE site utilizes a vacant industrial site in Lexington. Consistent with trends around the country, GE's clean-up and Lextran's redevelopment plans for the site have been studied and approved by the KY

Department of Environmental Protection as eligible for the Kentucky Brownfield Redevelopment Program, which promotes the re-use of former industrial sites.

The GE Lighting Kentucky Glass Plant opened in 1946 and manufactured several different types of glass for light bulbs prior to its closing in July 2010. Since the plant ceased operation, the property has been vacant.



The future site of Lextran's operations and maintenance facility.

Send items for the KPTA Newsletter

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2013 KPTA Rodeo Activities

First Place



First place KPTA Rodeo trophy to Bobby Lawson, RTEC.

Second Place



Second place KPTA Rodeo trophy to Kevin Johnson with ARC Wheels and FTSB

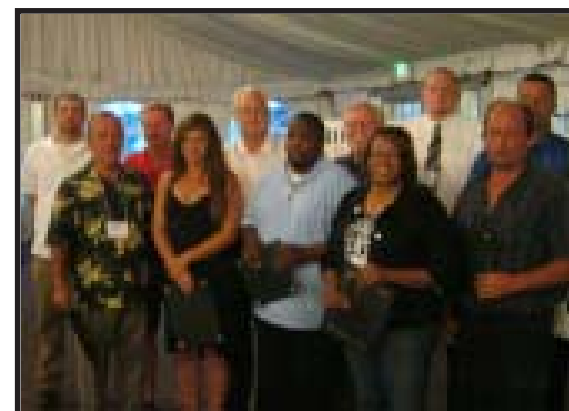
Third Place



Third place KPTA Rodeo trophy to James Glover, GRITS

Rodeo Participants & Judges

Thanks to all who participated.



KPTA Members Enjoy Activities During Conference



Bryan Basford (KY Foothills) instructs Raymond Austin and Greg Rogers (Frankfort Transit) and Taylor Veatch (BUS) during the Leadership in Transit session.



Rebecca Waggoner (Fulton County Transit) and Arthur Boykin (Paducah Transit Authority) talks with Inez Evans with TCRP Research Board.



Beecher Hudson, Louisville Wheels instructs FTSB's staff: Michelle Brooks, Sharon Harwell and Meredith Johns during the Leadership in Transit session.



The spies are checking out Dale Shelton (RTEC).



Gail Mayeux, Susan Perkins and Vickie Bourne with OTD awards.



Fred Harris, Erica King, Wilma Massie-Betts and Chuck Steinhof (Louisville Wheels) in afternoon session after Rodeo.



Bjarne Hansen (Murray Calloway Transit Authority) meets with Pam Helton and Katie Haller with KBT.



Michael Hughes (Owensboro Transit), Vickie Pennington, Dan Lanham and Cindy Powers (GRITS) and listening during a training session.



Waiting on Prizes: Shirley Lewis (CVADD), Kerri Moran (Licking Valley CAP), Pam Whitter (HART), Linda Proctor (RTEC) Daniele Milholland (FTSB) and Brenda Wethington (HART).



Michelle Brooks (FTSB) is firing for prizes at the Big Night Out.



Sarah Haydon (Health & Safety Services), Taylor Veatch and Roger Kirk (BUS) talks to vendors.



Listen to Dr. Greg Elam (National Toxicology Specialists) is so much.

Infrastructure. It's a win-win!
Lexington malaise..... it's a distant memory!

2013 KPTA Golf Tournament 1st Place



2013 KPTA Golf Tournament first place team included: Meredith Johns and John Langendorf (FTSB). Not pictured: Chuck Harvill and Mark Parsons (Central State)

2nd Place



2013 KPTA Golf Tournament second place team included. The second place was from RTEC included: Randy Lewis, Jackie Hansford, Mike Dixon and Nicholas Lewis.

3rd Place



2013 KPTA Golf Tournament winning team included from left to right: Rob Roy (American Bus), Rick Jacobs (Braun) and Rocky Burke (Lextran). Not pictured Bud Fears (Q'Straint/Sure-Lok)

Fulton County Transit provides vehicle to responders for warmth

On Thursday, February 6, 2014 the Fulton Fire Department responded to a house fire at the Payne residence at 801 Vine Street in Fulton, KY. The family was present at the time of the reported fire at 6:30 p.m.

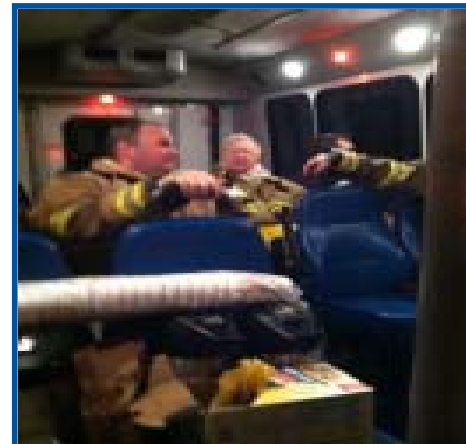
The cause of the fire is still under investigation. The house was severely damaged but many of the contents were salvageable.

The Fulton County Transit Authority provided a vehicle for responders to use for warming.

This proved invaluable to be able to allow responders to rehab from the frigid temperatures. "The transit is always in support of our area in times of emergency

situations and in day to day transportation. The service they provided to us on this scene was very much needed and appreciated," says Fulton Fire Chief Mike Gunn.

Other departments among the 50 responders included the South Fulton Fire Department, The Union City Fire Department, AERIAL Truck and three firefighters from Burna Fire Department (Chief Rodney Hall) who were here with the driving simulator, Tri-Cities EMS, Fulton Electric System, Fulton Public Works, and the Fulton County Transit Authority. Seven Coffee and Angelina's Pizza Provided Coffee.



Fulton Fire Fighters warm up on the Fulton County Transit bus.

KPTA Award winners from OTD

STATEWIDE KENTUCKY OVERALL TRANSIT SYSTEM AWARD

Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK). provides transit service in 35 cities within their service area that encompasses over 265 square miles.

They provide close to 4 million trips and travel over 4.6 million miles annually. This transit system utilizes all the latest advanced technology to provide services which help improve traffic flow, protect the environment and assist in the economic development of their transportation region.

They have their own mobile App that provides riders with on-demand, location aware bus routes, times, and trip planning tools.

Google Transit is available on their website, which allows people to have access to detailed trip planning from home to work.

Their buses are equipped with bike racks for easy on-easy off bike loading, which offer riders another way to get around while getting some exercise and saving on high gas prices.

In 2013 their employees and board members started a special fund to help make life easier for their loyal riders with special needs. Board members gave personal gifts to launch the fund and shortly after the employees also began contributing to the fund by payroll deductions. This fund provides financial assistance to their users who find it difficult to pay even the small fare for their transportation. Their employees are true role models. They could have looked the other way, but instead they decided to help their fellow citizens who they see every day. They are truly an inspiration for all of us!

Not only does this system operate efficiently and show their compassion for their customers, but they also managed to do all of this while being in compliance with FTA rules and regulations. They received ZERO deficiencies during their last FTA review. Which we all know is not an easy thing to do.

OUTSTANDING STATEWIDE SECTION 5307 URBANIZED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Lextran transit system operates a fleet of 73 vehicles which includes vans and 35 to 40 foot buses. They provide over 6 million trips a year.

This transit system offers many services to benefit its community, including a shuttle service for the local university, door to door Paratransit service and a JOBS Bus service to help individuals get to and from work during late night hours.

The COLT Trolley is a free circulator service connecting two universities and the downtown.

LexTran also thinks of their customers first and makes public transit as convenient and customer friendly as possible.

Buses are now being provided with onboard digital advertising. This advertising will broadcast onboard advertisements at specific times and locations on the routes and can also broadcast public service information. The digital audio announcements will play in tandem with text scrolls on the bus marquees.

One of the most exciting ventures undertaken by this system has been their partnership with Art in Motion as part of a \$150,000 state and federal transportation grant for the design and construction of up to 8 art shelters. The design of the shelters is put out for competition through public contests for the design of each unique art shelter. Each shelter and area will have a theme on which to base the design. Thus far, there is a shelter made of bottles, another is a tribute to a renovated historic theater, another revolves around horses and another is a garden theme. LexTran has other partners and participates in many other programs such as Safe Place and Transit Watch to help ensure the safety and security of the riders and of the general public. Because of their innovations and commitment to public services.

OUTSTANDING STATEWIDE SECTION 5311 PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM

Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated, Inc. (RTEC) is really a Giant when it comes to rural public transportation in the Commonwealth. This system operates in more rural counties than any other operator in the State. They provided almost

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800,000 trips last fiscal year and traveled almost 8,000,000 miles. They have a diverse fleet of over 200 vehicles and maintain transit facilities in several counties. This transit system has taken unused shells of buildings and, through transit, have turned them into something productive and useful for the entire community. This includes the renovation of an empty building that has become a cafeteria for their employees and the public. Their maintenance and security procedures are second to none.

RTEC is a Human Service Transportation Delivery (HSTD) Broker. They also provide valuable employment transportation and transportation for persons with disabilities. Their intercity services allow their rural citizens to access Greyhound in three (3) different cities.

RTEC is near the top every year in almost every category, from DBE purchases to ridership and mileage improvements. They remain in the forefront of serving their communities. Their Veterans Transportation Initiative should become a shining light for this State. They are committed to equal access with regard to employment and with regard to their services. They are also the third largest EMPLOYER in their home county.

OUTSTANDING STATEWIDE SECTION 5310 SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER

Pennyrile Allied Community Services, Inc. (PACS) operates a fleet of over 80 vehicles in nine counties serving the transportation needs and quality of life needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities.

While the of percentage of Elderly in the United States is 13.7% and the percentage of Elderly in Kentucky is 14%, the average percentage of Elderly in these nine counties is 17% with a high rate of 22%. PACS serve over 5,000 unduplicated persons for outreach, information and assistance, homemaking, escorts, congregate meals and meals on wheels. They provide the most trips under Section 5310 annually in the Commonwealth – over 200,000 trips. They provide these trips while also providing public transportation and being the HSTD Broker in the area. PACS is now reaching out to the Veterans and their families. They are proud that their service area covers Fort Campbell and are reaching out to the active military as well.

This award is also an opportunity to honor Twana Johnson, their long-time transit manager who is retiring at the end of this month.

OUTSTANDING JOB TRANSPORTATION

Jobs...Jobs...Jobs... That is the big topic in today's news and in today's economy. We are recognizing a system that is really trying to do something about it.

In a county with an unemployment rate of over 11% and three (3) points higher than the State rate, this public transit agency is providing valuable transportation services to jobs and job-related activities such as interviews, training, GED classes and college classes. Federated Transportation Services of the Bluegrass, Inc. (FTSB) is taking citizens of this rural county to where the jobs are and many times they are transporting outside the county to larger communities and even out of State, places such as Maysville, Morehead, Ashland, and Portsmouth, Ohio. All vehicles are lift-equipped. This service is not only for persons without cars, but for all persons who want to save on gas and help the environment. The service has provided over 8,000 job or job-related trips the last two years and has operated over 500,000 miles the past two fiscal years. They begin services as early as 4:00 am and run as late as 10:00 pm for the convenience of their riders. Services have been extended to other parts of the county. Riders can also be picked up at a sheltered park and ride lot.

FTSB will be extending job-related transportation services to include three (3) more rural counties. This system will also make a special effort to make these services available to our Veterans and Active Military.

With larger, more comfortable vehicles and the latest in technology, the citizens in this very rural county have been given options and a chance at a better life. Because of the valuable, lift-altering services provided to Vanceburg and Lewis County through L'Trans.

OUTSTANDING INTERCITY MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS AWARD

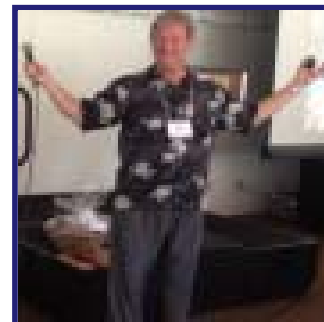
Providing accessibility and mobility to the citizens of the Commonwealth is one of the most important objectives of public transportation. In our rural areas, another objective is to support the connection between nonurbanized areas and the larger regional or national system of intercity bus service in order to give rural citizens access to more distant points. Many of our rural systems have taken this objective to heart and are endeavoring to develop or improve their intercity connections.

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KPTA Conference addressed by many speakers



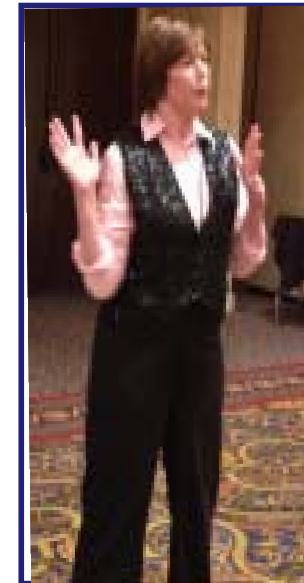
Rick Jacobs, Braun, "Wheel-chair Lift Training"



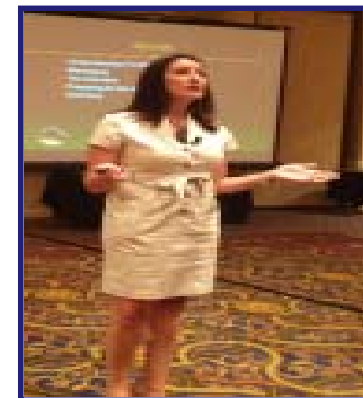
Dr. Greg Elam, National Toxicology, "Reasonable Suspicion".



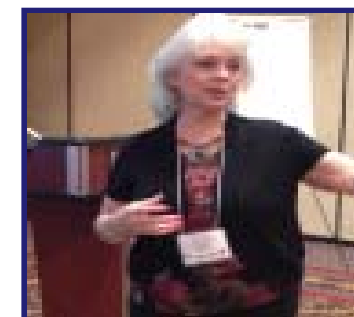
Joseph Seitz, The Learning & Performance Improvement Group, LLC, "Fatigue in the Workplace".



"Cousin Geri from Facts of Life", Geri Jewel, "Leading force in Disabilities Advocacy"



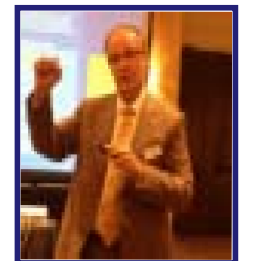
Kristan Getsg, Life's Eyes Media, "International Video Production, Media Training Company"



Jo Ann Hutchinson, "Mobility Management/Veterans Initiatives"



Rich Sampson, CTAA, "Medical Transportation and Social Media"



Gary Ramsey, Bluegrass Family Health, "Health Care Reform"



Chris Campbell, RouteMatch, "Expanding Your Base Scheduling/Dispatching Technology"



Shawn Weir and Corey McIlvoy, KACO, "Risk Management"

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Statewide Kentucky Overall Transit



Andy Aiello, TANK, 2013 Outstanding Overall Kentucky Transit Agency Award from Tom Thomson, FTA Deputy Regional Administrator.

Statewide Kentucky Section 5310



Twana Johnson, PACS, presented the 2013 Outstanding Statewide Kentucky Section 5310 Award from Tom Thomson, FTA.

Statewide Kentucky Section 5311 & Kentucky Transportation Broker Call Center



Shirley Cummins, RTEC, is presented the 2013 Statewide Kentucky Section 5311 Award and Statewide Kentucky Transportation Broker Call Center from , Tom Thomson, FTA..

Statewide Kentucky Transportation Broker, DBE Transit Agency & Outstanding Transit Manager



Joyce Hinkle, Sandy Valley Transportation Services is presented the 2013 Outstanding Manager of the Year, DBE Transit Agency and Statewide Kentucky Transportation Broker Award from Tom Thomson, FTA.

Kentucky Outstanding Intercity Transit Agency



Kenny Etherton, Fulton County Transit, is presented the 2013 Intercity Transit Award from Tom Thomson, FTA.

Outstanding Eastern Kentucky 5311 Award



Mona Whitaker, Daniel Boone Transit is presented 2013 Outstanding Section Eastern Kentucky 5311 Award, Tom Thomson, FTA.

Outstanding Western Kentucky 5311 Award



Dan Lanham, GRITS, is presented the 2013 Outstanding Section Western Kentucky 5311 Award, Tom Thomson, FTA.

Outstanding Central Kentucky 5311 Award



Beecher Hudson, Louisville Wheels Transportation is presented the 2013 Outstanding Section Central Kentucky 5311 Award, Tom Thomson, FTA.

Outstanding Section 5307 Award



Rocky Burke, LexTran, is presented the 2013 Outstanding Section 5307 Award from Eric Perez, OTD.

Outstanding JARC Section 5316 Award



Pam Shepherd, FTSB, presented the 2013 Kentucky Outstanding Section 5317 Award from Tom Thomson, FTA.

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TANK's Florence Hub opens with new service

Grand opening and Ribbon cutting held on October 29

Service to the new Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK) hub at Mall Road and Heights Boulevard began on Saturday, Nov. 2, following a nine-month construction project to build the facility.

On November 2, the #1 Florence/Industrial route started service to the Florence Hub and on Monday, November 4, TANK began offering direct, fast, express service to downtown Cincinnati via a new bus route, the #42X.

To celebrate TANK's second Northern Kentucky suburban hub, TANK offered free rides on the Route #42X from November 4 through 8th.

The new hub serves two purposes – a park and ride for up to 150 cars and a transfer point between routes.

“The hub allows people to begin to travel between routes without having to go into Covington and downtown Cincinnati to make a transfer,” TANK General Manager Andrew Aiello said. “This change will save time for our customers that are used to having a much longer bus ride to make this same trip. This effect will be amplified as more and more Boone County routes begin to stop at the hub.”

The Florence hub was a development project that came out of the 2007 Transit Network Study. The Network Study report identified the concept of suburban transit hubs as a way for TANK to begin changing the way we operate the currently mostly hub and spoke system. Transit hubs that allow

people to transfer out of the downtown area will make suburban to suburban travel more convenient and much faster for potential passengers.

The Florence hub is the second of four transit hubs that TANK is constructing in suburban

Northern Kentucky as part of a recommendation from the 2007 study. The first suburban hub is in Fort Wright near TANK's main garage on Madison Pike. The next hub will be located at Northern Kentucky University. These locations join the

Covington Transit Center as focal points for TANK service in the community.

Florence is an important transit market for TANK...the Florence Mall and surrounding area in Boone County is one of the areas with the highest ridership in the system and with a large amount of both retail, commercial and industrial development.

FTSB hosts RTAP training: PASS and Safety and Security Officer



Kevin Leek, FTSB provided assistance during the Passenger Assistance Service and Safety (PASS), Train the Trainer. FTSB hosted PASS Train the Trainer and Certified Safety and Security Officer.

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Fulton County Transit Authority, in a particularly isolated area of the Commonwealth, has worked diligently with local officials, local communities and the Intercity Bus Industry in setting up true intercity services. They have interlined with Miller Trailways to be a bus ticket sales agent. This agency advertises and sell bus tickets for Greyhound and Miller Trailways to anywhere in the nation. Fulton County Transit Authority also serves as a feeder service to the Miller Trailways bus, which stops daily at their transit facility. They feed into the Greyhound bus station in Paducah for those unable to board the Miller Trailways bus at the transit facility.

One of the most valuable services this public transit agency provides is transportation to and from the area Kentucky Amtrak Station. They will pick up in their county and surrounding counties to deliver individuals to the Amtrak station. This system also provides free, secure parking for people boarding their transit bus to ride to the Amtrak Station. Ridership for this service has increased by 29% from FY 2012 to FY 2013. Here is just a sample of the comments received on their Amtrak service:

Knowing the needs and problems in their own region, this system has taken on the job of going beyond the USDOT/FTA Drug Testing Requirements and are requiring testing for additional illegal and prescriptive substances that are a particular problem in their area.

This system is a consistent partner and valuable member of the public transit community. They can be relied upon by their communities and by the State to continue to provide these invaluable services no matter the weather, no matter the economic turn, no matter the terrain, no matter anything.

Reliability and consistency – traits of this system and traits that make this system this success it is.

OUTSTANDING SECTION 5311 PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM FOR CENTRAL KENTUCKY

Louisville WHEELS Transportation, Inc. operates in six (6) rural counties with a fleet of over 70 vehicles. They have state of the art transit facility and maintenance garage with state of the art security. They provide around 120,000

trips and travel almost 1.5 million miles annually. Over 44% of trips provided are trips for individuals in mobility devices. Cameras, MDTs, new radios, new dispatching and scheduling software have helped this system continue to provide safe and valuable public transportation services. While expanding the transportation options for their region, they serve the mobility needs and improve the lives of the rural public, elderly and individuals with disabilities.

Their regular route Intercity service has become a model for the rest of the State. Ridership on this route increased by 54% in FY 2013 over FY 2012.

After a thorough analysis and a tougher safety policy, this agency also reduced at-fault accidents by 47%.

This transit system has been a vital part of the region for decades. The Executive Director and his staff have made many personal sacrifices with their own time and their own resources in order to maintain operations at a high level. This is a transit system that has reached out to other transit systems and provided public transit expertise and advice to transit systems throughout the State.

OUTSTANDING SECTION 5311 PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM FOR WESTERN KENTUCKY

Audubon Area Community Services and Green River Intra-County Services (GRITS) are a Human Service Transportation Delivery Broker and a Complimentary ADA Paratransit Provider. They operate deviated fixed routes, intercity and demand-response services. They have their hands in many fires and are a valued member of their community.

GRITS has been ahead of its time with their infrastructure by recognizing that purchasing low-floor vehicles, vehicles with wider and heavier lifts, and purchasing a 10-position bus better accommodates their area needs. They have also constructed a “green” facility garage that recycles oil, tires, filters and utilizes an environmentally friendly HVAC system. They also rent out bicycles to help alleviate congestion and pollution.

Dan Lanham, Transportation Director of Grits is involved in many activities to benefit the entire state. He and his system have been invaluable partners to the State during the last two (2) years as major transitions have taken place. But this system never

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forgets their own motto: “Customer Services is not just a slogan; it is the heart of the business. Every client is valued and treated with the utmost respect and care. We transport people, not packages.”

OUTSTANDING SECTION 5311 PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM FOR EASTERN KENTUCKY 2013

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency operates in multiple mountainous counties with a diverse fleet of over 100 vehicles. This agency has as a modern Transit Facility and Garage set upon a mountain with one of the most stunning views you will ever want to see. They provide over 200,000 trips and travel over 2 million miles annually.

With their demand-response services, they provide public, non-emergency medical and in this high unemployment area, offer valuable transportation to jobs and training. Intercity services connect to Greyhound in three (3) cities. While the poverty rate in Kentucky is 16.9%, the poverty rate in this area averages over 29%. This transit agency is aware of this fact and provide transportation for basic needs at an affordable fare.

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OUTSTANDING STATEWIDE PUBLIC 2013 TRANSIT MANGER

Joyce Hinkle of Sandy Valley Transportation, Inc. steps up whenever there is flooding or any disaster that may impact the community. The community can count on this manager and her

transit system to go way beyond what is necessary to help those most affected. This system provides transportation for Housing Authorities and transportation to social service organizations and works with the local educational institutions. Both Local and State officials know they can count on her and do not hesitate to give her their support.

Under this Manager – and running over two million miles annually – the 80 fleet system provides approximately 140,000 trips annually.

This manager and her transit agency provide diverse transportation services from public, non-emergency Medical, New Freedom, Jobs, Intercity and Dial-A Ride. Additional work is gladly received.

OUTSTANDING DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE ACHIEVEMENTS AWARD FOR 2013

Our public transit agencies’ achievements in purchasing from Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) remain an important factor in the Cabinet’s efforts each year to fulfill the mandates and the objectives in the important area of Civil Rights. By your efforts, the Cabinet is able to meet its federally-mandated transit DBE goal. Your efforts not only help these small businesses but allow Kentucky to continue to receive valuable federal public transit assistance.

We are also pleased to note that your attainments through race-neutral means are increasing throughout the State.

For rural systems, finding eligible firms has not always been easy. We know that you seek out firms and help them to obtain Cabinet certification. There are some agencies that come through year after year with good percentages, including FTSB, Glasgow, LKLP, Sandy Valley, GRITS, BUS, Daniel Boone, RTEC, Harlan, Paducah and Louisville WHEELS. We encourage all of you to continue your hard work and efforts in assisting these small businesses. Based on the total amount of dollars spent with DBE firms here are the top three achievements and we congratulate you all: Daniel Boone, RTEC and Sandy Valley. Sandy Valley is the winner.

2014 KPTA Transit Day



Thanks to Shirley Cummins, Chair of Transit Day and all who made it a success.



KPTA presents awards during 2013 conference

The Kentucky Public Transit Association awarded three distinguished awards during the 2013 KPTA Conference in Lexington, on August 21, 2013.

The first award presented was to Mike Dickerson with Owensboro Transit, as the 2013 KPTA Dispatcher of the Year.

Dickerson has worked for Owensboro transit for 26 as a driver for 17 and a dispatcher for nine years. He uses his experience and background to serve the passengers. He assists daily in scheduling regular maintenance, assigns buses to drivers, assists mechanics in the shop, orders parts and processes drivers daily buses to drivers, assists mechanics in the shop, orders parts and processes drivers daily paper work. When a driver calls in sick or is absent for whatever reason, Dickerson is right there to fill in and cover the route, as well as dispatch from the bus. Dickerson has experienced a tremendous amount of growth within the transit department in his 26 years, from a new transit office being built, to a new maintenance garage being constructed.



Mike Dickerson, OTS was presented the KPTA Award for 2013 Outstanding Dispatcher of the Year by Cindy Powers, GRITS and Michael Hughes, OTS.

Many citizens of Owensboro will never forget the EF3 tornado that hit Owensboro. During these days, Dickerson assisted in the clean up effort by operating heavy machinery for the Public Works department.

The second award was presented to Marsha Van Hook with Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated, Inc. (RTEC) as the 2013 KPTA Volunteer of the Year.

VanHook has been an Outstanding Volunteer over the years for RTEC and the public transportation industry in Kentucky. She attends conferences, meetings, workshops, and speaks out on behalf of fellow citizens promoting the importance and expansion of public transportation. She has been an important liaison and has stood by transit's side on countless occasions, helping us to maintain and build stronger connections with advocacy groups, our peers and colleagues.

VanHook has been a friend to RTEC and a strong advocate for public transportation at least since 1992.



Marsha Van Hook, RTEC, presented with the KPTA Award for 2013 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year from Michael Hughes (OTS), Jodie Alford (TACK), Cindy Powers (GRITS) and Shirley Cummins (RTEC).

In addition to being a strong advocate for public transportation, VanHook is also deeply committed to The ARC of Lake Cumberland where she is President and advocates for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, covering the 10 counties of the Lake Cumberland area of Kentucky. VanHook serves as the Public Policy Chair for the ARC of Kentucky and serves as a member of ARC on the national level as well. She has served as a member of the South Central United Way and regularly attends meeting of the General Assembly when in session. VanHook is on a first-name basis with the Senators and Legislators and they know she will be present to discuss any upcoming bills that have an effect on the lives of persons with disabilities.

The 2013 Driver of the Year was presented to Kristy Nation with Louisville WHEELS Transportation.

Nation is the definition of reliability and dedication. She is employed in our Henry County service. On any given day, however, she could be driving Shelby, Spencer, Oldham, or Trimble counties, wherever we need help. She does this with the expertise of someone permanently assigned to those areas. She took it upon herself to backup our Transportation Coordinator for the rural counties. She takes reservations, schedules runs, and assigns drivers for five counties and does it all extremely well. She functions as a one-woman Wheels Program even though she is really a driver.

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KPTA Members Enjoy Activities During Conference



Bryan Basford (KY Foothills) instructs Raymond Austin and Greg Rogers (Frankfort Transit) and Taylor Veatch (BUS) during the Leadership in Transit session.



Rebecca Waggoner (Fulton County Transit) and Arthur Boykin (Paducah Transit Authority) talks with Inez Evans with TCRP Research Board.



Beecher Hudson, Louisville Wheels instructs FTSB's staff: Michelle Brooks, Sharon Harwell and Meredith Johns during the Leadership in Transit session.



The spies are checking out Dale Shelton (RTEC).



Gail Mayeux, Susan Perkins and Vickie Bourne with OTD awards.



Fred Harris, Erica King, Wilma Massie-Betts and Chuck Steinhof (Louisville Wheels) in afternoon session after Rodeo.



Bjarne Hansen (Murray Calloway Transit Authority) meets with Pam Helton and Katie Haller with KBT.



Michael Hughes (Owensboro Transit), Vickie Pennington, Dan Lanham and Cindy Powers (GRITS) and listening during a training session.



Waiting on Prizes: Shirley Lewis (CVADD), Kerri Moran (Licking Valley CAP), Pam Whitter (HART), Linda Proctor (RTEC) Daniele Milholland (FTSB) and Brenda Wethington (HART).



Michelle Brooks (FTSB) is firing for prizes at the Big Night Out.



Sarah Haydon (Health & Safety Services), Taylor Veatch and Roger Kirk (BUS) talks to vendors.



Listen to Dr. Greg Elam (National Toxicology Specialists) is so much.

Bourne inducted into Hall of Fame.....

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transportation. Under her guidance, public transit now provides over 29 million passenger trips annually in both rural and urban areas. These trips provide Kentucky’s citizens with access to jobs, shopping, education, medical services, etc.

Even before the Federal mandate for all Federal programs to coordinate their transportation services, Bourne worked with the Department of Medicaid Services and key legislators in coordinating and linking human service/Medicaid transportation needs with the Transportation Cabinet’s transportation resources. Bourne was appointed by then Governor Patton to serve on the initial Empower Kentucky Committee that worked on the details of a coordinated human service transportation system. Bourne helped write the laws and administrative regulations that authorized and still oversee Human Service Transportation and other public transit programs.

In 1998, soon after the incorporation of non-emergency Medicaid transportation and the development of the Human Service Transportation Delivery Program, the public transit section of the Division of Multimodal Program (formerly Mass Transportation) was pulled out to become the Office of Transportation Delivery. On November 1, 2001, Bourne was appointed the Executive Director. The coordination, safety, and cost-savings associated with the Human Service Transportation Delivery Program (HSTD) has become a model for other States and has received national recognition in national media (CSPAN) and in transportation research publications. The HSTD program not only has saved the Commonwealth millions of dollars, it has increased the reliability and safety of the transportation services provided to our eligible Medicaid recipients and now provides over three million non-emergency medical trips annually.

Kentucky was recognized for being the first State in the entire nation to have an ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Stimulus) public transit grant awarded. Bourne applied for these funds as soon as they were announced in order to help improve Kentucky’s public transit infrastructure and to help provide needed jobs. Through the efforts of Bourne, Kentucky has once again been awarded two nationally competitive grants in the amount of \$1,655,927 for transportation improvements. These new grants, through the Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative, will work within the Office’s Human Services Transportation Delivery

Program to enhance and coordinate access to local, affordable transportation services for veterans, the military, their families and spouses, and our wounded warriors. In the first round, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) competed with 70 other proposals around the country representing \$52 million in funding requests and was one of the 55 awarded projects totaling \$34.6 million. In the second round, KYTC competed with 81 other proposals around the country representing \$41 million in funding request and was one of the 64 projects totaling \$29 million.

As the Regional Administrator for USDOT/ Federal Transit Administration Region IV stated in her praise of Bourne and Kentucky, “Kentucky gets it.” Under Bourne’s leadership, Kentucky Public Transit has accomplished an almost impossible feat – nine years in a row with zero deficiencies found during three Federal Transit Administration (FTA) intense, on-site reviews covering 27 different areas. Bourne was voted one of the first three inductees into the Kentucky Transit Hall of Fame in 1999.

Bourne, throughout her career, has always been the first to arrive at work, rarely taking breaks or full lunches. Public Transit agencies and Federal officials all have her cell phone number and know that they can (and do) call her on any day or at any hour. FEMA even called her on a Sunday to get an assessment of the ice storm disaster in Kentucky in 2009. She stayed in touch with them throughout the crisis. She is truly a “working” Executive Director that is willing to do any job required, whether it is meeting with government or legislative officials or just stuffing envelopes. She will do whatever is required to get the job done, always keeping in mind that we represent the Cabinet and work on the taxpayers’ money.

Other States are frequently seeking information and advice from Bourne. Beecher Hudson, President of the Kentucky Public Transit Association, has traveled all over this country and he states that other State Transit associations want to know how Kentucky’s association gets along so well with our State DOT. “My answer is always - Vickie Bourne - because she loves the transit agencies in the State and she treats us like a family.”

Bourne still lives in Owen County where she and her family are active in the community. She has been married to Mark Bourne for 40 years and has a married daughter. She is now very proud to be called, “Nana.”

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Jeffers Care, retired Transportation Director of BUS, Shirley Cummins, Executive Director of RTEC, Beecher Hudson, CEO with Louisville Wheels Transportation, Bonnie Rhoades, retired Transportation Director at Owensboro Transit, Gary Kitchin, former General Manager with Paducah Transit Authority, Gail Mayeux, from Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Office of Transportation Delivery, Pam Whitter, Transportation Director with HART, Barry Barker, Executive Director with TARC, Joe Sheilley, KYTC, Pam Shepherd, Executive Director at FTSB, Mark Davis, Assoc. Dir. of Physical Planning Purchase Area ADD, Joe Duke former Executive Director of LKLP and the late Louis Lindsay, former Transit Manager of Owensboro Transit.

A Special Thanks to Daniel Boone Transit Staff

Wolfe County Health and Rehabilitation Center would like to take the opportunity to give special thanks to the staff of Daniel Boone Transit. Their dedication to Wolf County Health and Rehabilitation residents was outstanding.

Daniel Boone Transit not only work extra hard to make sure that the residents get safely transported to both appointments and outings. They will also call to check on or stop by to visit the residents on their off hours. They also work holidays and weekends so that our residents can attend special events in town!

Thanks guys for all your loving and kind work!

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If we’re in a bind, she’s the first to volunteer to help. She’s come in before dawn, worked 13 hour days, and worked on holidays. One Thanksgiving, she came in at 5 a.m. to take people to the dialysis centers, ran home to start her Thanksgiving dinner, then came back to return her riders before joining her family in the meal that she prepared. All of this so that the other drivers could be off.



Michael Hughes, OTS presented Kristy Nation with Louisville WHEELS Transportation, 2013 Outstanding Driver of the Year.

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Thoughts for the Day

"Safety First" is "Safety Always"

- Charles M. Hayes

Safety doesn't happen by accident

- Author Unknown

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