

Kentuckians honored at the 2003 AASHTO Conference

The Office of Transportation Delivery (OTD) was awarded the 2003 American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Public Transportation award. OTD was presented this award from the Kentucky Transportation Secretary and AASHTO President James C. Codell, III at their annual conference in Minneapolis.

OTD received this award for their creation of an integrated transportation system for human services programs, welfare training services and vocational rehabilitation services. By placing what was a fragmented, costly

transportation delivery process under auspices of the Transportation Cabinet.
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The Office of Transportation Delivery Staff: front row left to right, Paula Cissell, Della Davis and Beverly Metcalfe, second row, Robin Croley, Susan Perkins, Gail Mayeux, Holly Scudder and Vickie Bourne, third row, Kristi Broyles, Janet Allen, Lisa Adler, Kalem Juett, Joe Sheilley, and Brian Beaven.

2003 Kentucky Transit Hall of Fame winners inducted

The third annual Transit Hall of Fame inductees were announced at the 2003 KPTA/KyTC Conference.

Beecher Hudson (American Red Cross WHEELS Louisville), Bonnie Rhoads (Owensboro Transit System), Gary Kitchin (Paducah Transit System) and Gail Mayeux (Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Office of Transportation Delivery) were the newest inductees into the Transit Hall of Fame.

Their transit peers selected Hudson, Rhoads, Kitchin and Mayeux for this

honor. Other individuals receiving votes were: Steve Rowland (LexTran), Ray Young (Maysville Transit), Greg Hamlin (Sandy Valley Transit), and Kay Brooks (Frankfort Transit).

Bonnie Beecher, Gail and Gary



2003 Kentucky Transit Hall of Fame Award winners from left to right: Beecher Hudson, Bonnie Rhoads, and Gary Kitchin.

join previous inductees Vickie Bourne, Executive Director of the Office of Transportation Delivery, Buddy Fugua, retired Transportation Director of GRITS, Sue Jeffers, Transportation Director of BUS and Shirley Cummins, Executive Director of RTEC.

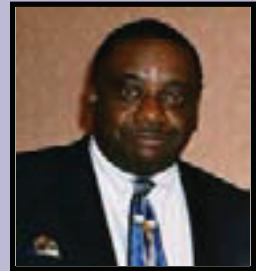
Congratulations to the new inductees they are well desired of this honor.

From The Desk of The President

Dear KPTA Members:

From the desk of the President

If anyone had told me that I would be writing this letter, I am sure I would have lost the bet. Due to the illness of our former President (Sue Jeffers) I was recently elected KPTA President at the last board of directors' meeting.



Kudos to our former President, Ms. Sue Jeffers, for leading this organization during this past year. We all hope and pray that she will fully recover from her illness and that she will continue to be an asset to the KPTA as an executive board member.

Kudos to Ms. Pam Shepherd for putting on one of the finest KPTA conferences ever. We cannot thank Pam enough for the hard work she and the FTSB staff did in planning the conference. I want to thank the KPTA membership, all the wonderful agency volunteers, guest presenters, entertainers, Hyatt Regency, Lexington Convention center and our wonderful vendors. We want to thank Ms. Vickie Bourne and her staff for their participation. Without the Office of Transportation Delivery as our partners we wouldn't have the finest State Association conference in the nation.

Finally, do not forget to contact your local state representative in the house and senate to let them know how important it is for them to support community transportation. It also doesn't hurt to contact your congressional delegation to let them know how much we need their help and to thank them for past successes.

Sincerely,
Beecher Hudson
KPTA President
Director of WHEELS Transportation Louisville Red Cross

KPTA has been awarded a \$3,000 APTA Grant

Kentucky Public Transit Association has been awarded a \$3,000 APTA Grant to produce a directory of service providers, as well as a one page fact sheet describing the state's transit services and its customers, to be useful for advocacy efforts.

KPTA was one of 19 recipients of the local transit coalition grants awarded totaling \$60,000. More than 50 individual coalitions submitted applications for the grant program, with a total funding request of nearly \$300,000.

Since 1999 APTA has awarded over \$350,000 to local coalitions for this program.

The purpose of the coalition grants is to develop grassroots support for public transportation in preparation for this year's reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

KPTA Members Enjoy Activities During Conference



Bonnie Rhoads (OTS) talks with Donna Smith with Project Action at the KPTA Vendor Show.



Donna Tooley with Southern Kentucky Community Action talks with Paul Erway with Superior Conversion Vans.



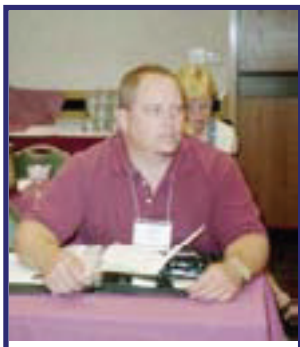
Mike Rogers with Ashland Bus checks out the new items at the vendor show.



Dawn Johnson, Wilma Betts, and Chuck Steinhofner (ARC-Louisville) busy taking notes during a training session.



Casino Night enjoyed by all at the KPTA Conference.



Mike Jackson with LKLP during one of the training sessions.



Debbie Wallace (BUS), LaVaughn Brown and Sharon Burge (FTSB) man the KPTA booth at the Vendor Expo.



Lois O'Keefe and Jody Alford with TACK listen during a training session.



Lets stretch during one of the training courses.



Gina Boaz (GRADD), Alyce French-Johnson (TARC) and Catherine Miller (National Toxicology Specialist) during Casino night.



Cathy Bear and Greg Dehart with Northeast Transit.

KPTA presents awards during 2003 conference

The Kentucky Public Transit Association awarded three distinguished awards during the 2003 KPTA Conference in Lexington, on August 13, 2003.

The first award was given to Olivia Frederick a dedicated volunteer who has brought her intelligence and compassion to bear as chairman of TARC's Elderly and Disabled Committee for the past year. She was elected president after serving two terms as a board member. She has been the voice of reason as the committee has taken up difficult issues, such as the contract renewal for TARC's paratransit providers and devising new standards for ADA certification.

Frederick has been president of the board of the Center for Accessible Living for four years and has served on the center's board for 10 years. She is also on the Outreach Committee of Christ Church Cathedral. She devotes long hours to her service at TARC and the Center for Accessible Living even though she works part-time as archivist for Metro Louisville Government.

Frederick has a strong sense of what's important to the disability community. "Transportation is vital to independent living," she said.

Olivia Frederick was presented the 2003 KPTA Volunteer of the Year Award.

The second award was presented to Lora Turner as the 2003 KPTA Dispatcher of the Year. Turner is a manager/dispatcher for Owlsey



County, one of Kentucky's most rural and isolated areas. Although Lora could have retired last year, this 66-year old enthusiastic, single lady truly loves her work with Daniel Boone Community Action, and has postponed retirement for a few more years.

Turner is known in the area for her dedication to the job and compassion for Community Action causes, which involve helping those who are less fortunate.

There have been occasions when the absence of drivers necessitated Turner herself taking the bus's helm. Once she made sure a passenger, who was on a walker, kept her doctor's appointment. Turner didn't hesitate to drive the woman herself, even though oddly enough, she, too, was on a walker and under a doctor's care for a broken hip. Nevertheless, the women hobbled into the doctor's office together on time.

"It is so refreshing to have an employee like Lora who can be counted on to do whatever it takes to get the job done," said Mike Buckles, Executive Director of Daniel Boone Development Council.

Turner also manages a clothing bank distribution center from her home garage in Booneville. In addition, during her lunchtime and after hours, she volunteers her singing talents to the funeral services of local residents.

"It took me 32 years to get this," said a smiling Turner. "It was a total shock; I'm so proud of my plaque."

The 2003 Driver of the Year was presented to Greg Chandler a dispatcher and lead driver from LKLP CAC, Inc. He is especially well thought of by the elderly passengers that he transports. They even call him at home just to talk. One in particular is Mr. Brown. His wife whom he calls "Lovey" fell and broke her hip; Mr. Brown does not drive

and LKLP provides all her transportation needs. She had surgery and was in the Hazard ARH for about six weeks. When Mrs. Brown got out of the hospital he continued to provide transportation until she was well enough to drive. Mr. Brown brought "Lovey" by to



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Louisville American Red Cross WHEELS staff honored by Metro Disability Coalition

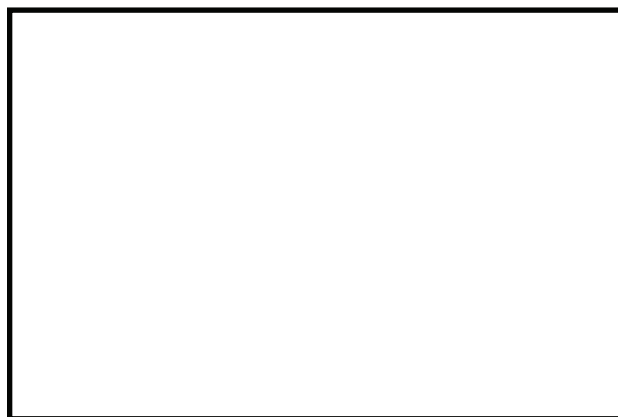
On October 8, 2003, the Metro Disability Coalition of Louisville presented its Breaking Barriers Awards. Two members of the Louisville Red Cross Wheels staff were honored for the extraordinary job they do in providing transportation to the disabled community.

Driver George McDaniel works in the TARC-3 ADA program. On many occasions, George has worked long hours to insure that there would be no disruption of our service. He is here every day doing his job and then being one of the first to volunteer whenever and wherever extra help is needed. An amazing effort under any circumstances but even more so for a man one year shy of his 70th birthday.

Administrative Assistant Dawn Johnson is in her 25th year of helping our agency serve this community. Dawn is in charge of our Scheduling Department. She works directly with our clients to arrange transportation and solve problems, with our drivers to coordinate assignments, and with the Assistant Director in the day to day operation of WHEELS. Always the consummate professional,

Dawn is respected and appreciated by both staff and clients.

George and Dawn are fine examples of the American Red Cross and our commitment to helping our neighbors. Please join us in congratulating them on this well-deserved recognition.



Pictured from left to right: Dawn Johnson and George McDaniel, staff of the Louisville American Red Cross, were honored by the Metro Disability Coalition of Louisville.

LexTran's Naked Guy Is Back! And this time, he's dressed...sort of

LexTran has reprised the popular, federally funded "Go Free" program, which provides free bus travel for all UK & LCC students, employees, and faculty. To deliver the message, the naked guy is back, too—only this time he's not quite as bare as when we last saw him.

LexTran's naked rider first appeared in TV and radio spots in December of 2002, and the campaign was one of the transit system's most successful ever. Audience surveys revealed that a whopping 83% of the intended audience recalled the campaign. "Target audience response to the 'Go Free' campaign has been right off the charts," said Jenny Williams, LexTran's Director of Marketing, "and since this program is paid for by a federal transportation grant, the public relations benefits for LexTran are invaluable."

The "Go Free" print, radio, and TV campaign elements were cited for creative excel-

lence at the Lexington Advertising Club's annual ADDY awards in February, and Henry Layton, the actor who plays the Naked Guy, was the subject of a news feature on WLEX-TV.

So, what's the response to this Fall's advertising? It has been spectacularly successful, reaching almost 90% of its target audience. 93% knew something about "how the go free program works". The "Go Free" usage is also up 6% since February 2003. Today 19% of LexTran riders are using the "Go Free" program.

It looks like the naked guy is working to get the message to college students and they don't just look they listen as well. It works to help understand the program and get riders on the bus.

KPTA TARC's Night Owl Service fills a gap

Sandra Norris admits that she is “a lousy driver,” and gets physically ill when forced behind the wheel of a car. So it’s been a challenge to find a way home from her second-shift job in a downtown packaging plant, 30 minutes from her suburban home. Then she found about the Transit Authority of River City’s Night Owl service, which for the last four years has picked her up at midnight at her company’s loading dock and brought her to within a block of her home each night. “I used to rely on friends, family, co-workers,” she said. “It was hard, but I wanted to stay on the night shift because I like it and it’s more money. I hope the Night Owl never quits. They’ve been good to me over the years.”

The TARC Night Owl service was initiated in 1997 as a stopgap measure for welfare-to-work programs. It was expanded in 1999 with a \$1 million grant from the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program that was part of the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century (TEA-21). The twofold purpose of the JARC program is to develop transportation services designed to get welfare recipients and low-income individuals to and from jobs, and to develop transportation services for residents of urban centers and rural and suburban areas to suburban employment opportunities.

The TARC Night Owl runs during the wee hours, beginning at 10:30 p.m. when the fixed-route bus schedule is winding down. The service averages

about 70 passengers a night, and costs \$1.50 a ride. Riders are approved for the service based on service availability, and transit center specialist Cathy Weathers coordinates the routing to maximize efficiency and avoid empty buses between runs. That means sometimes workers arrive early for their third-shift job so that the same bus can carry second-shift workers home. “I constantly go through the schedules all day, every day, making sure the people who are already approved are on the schedule the day they need and to see if I can make room for more,” she said.

Filling a clear and immediate need, a second \$1.1 million grant was awarded in 2001. This year, ridership has peaked at 1,674, an increase of 21 percent over 2002. The demand for rides has been growing as the word spreads, but the ability to schedule new riders is limited by schedule constraints and financing. There is always a waiting list — currently about 65 people who are qualified cannot be accommodated.

With NIGHT OWL emblazoned on its marquee, bus 1164 left TARC’s Union Station at 10:30 on a recent night. Driver Marilyn Napier picked up Andrea Sullivan at her downtown apartment and delivered her to her job at McDonald’s in the eastern suburb of Jeffersontown. Two miles and six minutes later, Napier picked up four workers ending their shift at a tool-making plant and then swung past an assisted living center for an 11:25 pick up of Deborah Buckner, a certified medical technician. All five were back at their homes in western Louisville by midnight.

Night Owl riders have many reasons for not driving: Deborah Buckner has never owned a car; James Malone can’t afford to have his car’s engine replaced. Clarence Robinson uses the service because it’s cheaper and safer than driving. Many riders, like Yvonne Clements, are completely dependent on the Night Owl. She got her job at a suburban manufacturing plant this summer after a co-worker told her about the Night Owl service. “If Night Owl stopped running, I would probably lose my job,” she said.

TARC is now looking for ways to finance it until more money becomes available from the JARC program. And TARC will be working to see that the Job Access and Reverse Commute program is included in the next transportation authorization bill, the successor to TEA-21 that is currently under discussion. “This is a successful, innovative service that ties in nicely to Louisville’s workforce development efforts,” said J. Barry Barker, TARC’s executive director. “It would be a blow to this community to lose it now.”

TANK provided park & ride service for Tall Stacks

TANK provided bus service to the 2003 Tall Stacks event from Turfway Race Track. Service operated into the Metro Riverfront Transit Center in the heart of downtown Cincinnati.

The largest celebration of America’s steamboating era and the late 1800s, Tall Stacks is Cincinnati’s signature event. Steamboats from more than a dozen of America’s premier Midwestern river cities take part in the event that also features acres of on-shore historical exhibits and musical entertainment celebrating the region’s river culture and heritage.

Riverboat cruises, tours and races; on-shore jazz, blues, gospel, Heartland Rock and bluegrass music; strolling musicians; period-costumed re-enactors; historical demonstrations and re-enactments; river exhibits; Tom Sawyerville children’s area; food vendors and merchandise. All activities are along the banks of the Ohio River in Cincinnati and southern neighbors Covington and Newport, Kentucky.

GRITS installing mobile data comput-

GRITS has taken a step in saving two valuable resources — time and trees.

The Audubon Area Community Services Inc. Green River Intra-County Transit System installed mobile data computers in several of its vehicles in a pilot project that could soon encompass most of the fleet.

GRITS is a paratransit system which provides services to disabled, elderly and low income people. They also transport the general public.

According to Shah, the computers will save drivers time and cut down on the amount of paper work they are required to do.

"We used to print 25,000 pieces of paper a month," he said. A new dispatching system last August whittled that down to about 2,500 pieces of paper a month, he said.

The mobile data computers will make it an almost

non-paper system, Shah said.

"They'll download their trips. All the data they'll need" such as who the client is, funding information, the pick up and drop off points, he said.

Before, drivers would have to write down all of that information. That data would then be logged in.

"On an average, drivers would spend an extra 15 to 30 minutes a day on paperwork," he said. The mobile data computers will do away with that.

Additionally, as they pick people up, drivers can input that information which will go back to the main office, Shah said.

This allows the routes to be tracked, he said.

Currently, the computers have been installed in about five vehicles.

Shah said in about three months, GRITS will assess the program.

"If it's beneficial we'll roll it out to most of the fleet," he said.

"The past year has been pretty exciting," he said. "It's good to have technology but we want to impact the level and quality of service provided."

Shah said the drivers seem excited about the computers not just to minimize paperwork but for the efficiency in coordinating the pick-ups.

"We're going to take this very slowly and get them to where they're comfortable," he said. "We'll train a few and let them train their colleagues."

The first day with the computers had its ups and downs, Shah said.

"We're encountering some things we anticipated and some things we haven't," he said. "We're going to be fine with it."

Taken from The Henderson Gleaner, by Beth Smith, Gleaner staff, August 21, 2003

Licking Valley assisting their passengers needs



Licking Valley CAP (Region 16) serves the five counties in the Buffalo Trace area. Disabled transportation continues to be one of the biggest needs in their area.

Larry Lester, of Lewis County, was in dire need of a ramp for the home he shares with his aunt. Licking Valley CAP worked with Lester's area Magistrate, Milt Stanfield, to get a ramp built for his needs.

Stanfield and a local church provided the materials and built the ramp.

Pictured is Licking Valley CAP driver, Bob Marshall and Lester returning from therapy being transported by a Licking Valley CAP vehicle.

SVTS sells vehicles to assist other agencies

Sandy Valley Transportation System (SVTS) is selling vehicles across the state for the 10% state share.

Fulton County Transit (FCTA), Murray-Calloway Transit (MCTA) and Northeast Transit all have purchased vehicles and it's working well for all involved.

Paula Cissell, Office of Transportation Delivery (OTD), introduced each of the systems to each other at the KPTA Conference. MCTA and FCTA took delivery of the vehicles the second week of September.

Joe Sheilley, OTD, was doing a compliance review and saw a caravan of five SVTS van's going across the state. It was a nine hour trip to western Kentucky. This shows true coordination from the east to the west.

2003 KPTA/KYTC Conference Honors Transp

Kentucky Outstanding Transit Manager



Bonnie Rhoads, Owensboro Transit System, presented the 2003 Outstanding Transit Manager Award from Joe Sheilley, KyTC.

Outstanding Overall Statewide Transit System



Gary Kitchin, Paducah Area Transit Transportation Director, presented the 2003 Outstanding Overall Transit System Award from Joe Sheilley, KyTC.

Kentucky Outstanding Statewide Section 5311 Transit Agency



Greg Hamlin, Sandy Valley Transportation Services Executive Director, is presented the 2003 Outstanding Statewide Section 5311 Transit Agency Award from Paula Cissell, KyTC.

Kentucky Outstanding Statewide Section 5310 Transit Agency



Ed Brady, American Red Cross WHEELS Lexington Transportation Director is presented the 2003 Outstanding Statewide Section 5310 Transit Agency Award from Kalem Juett, KyTC.

Transportation Representatives for Exceptional Work

Outstanding Western Kentucky Section 5311



Kenny Etherton, Fulton County Transportation, Executive Director, is presented the 2003 Outstanding Western Kentucky Section 5311 Transit Agency Award from Joe Sheilley, KyTC.

Outstanding Central Kentucky Section 5311 Transit Agency



Sue Jeffers, Bluegrass Community Action Transportation Director, is presented the 2003 Outstanding Central Kentucky Section 5311 Transit Agency Award from Kalem Juett, KyTC.

Outstanding Eastern Kentucky



Jimmy Keen, LKLP Transportation Administrative Assistant for Operations, presented the 2003 Outstanding Eastern Kentucky Section 5311 Transit Agency Award from Robin Croley, KyTC.

Outstanding DBE Transit Agency



Shirley Cummins, RTEC Executive Director, presented the 2003 Outstanding DBE Award from Robin Croley, KyTC.

RTEC adopts new

Shirley Cummins, Executive Director for Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated, Inc. (RTEC) announced they have entered into a contract with Avail Technologies to update 140 vehicles with Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's). The funds for the new equipment and technology were made possible through a Section 5309 Grant with the Kentucky Office of Transportation Delivery.

Avail Technologies is the successful bidder following RTEC's request for proposals for Automatic Vehicle Locators (AVLs) and the mobile data computer equipment. Bids were reviewed in March and the contract was awarded in April this year, beginning with the Proof-of-Concept to be certain that the proposed equipment would be effective in the rural area of Southeast Kentucky.

The Proof-of-Concept was completed in June at RTEC's office in Mount Vernon. During this test RTEC was able to test the units in the field and track the vehicles from the office. RTEC was very pleased with the outcome of the test and the ability of the units! Over the next couple of months Versyss and DDS will complete the interface between their software and hardware. Once the interface is complete, installation of the units will begin. The next phase of the project is a 30-unit vehicle test before installing equipment in 110 vehicles, the final phase of the project.

Avail Technologies contracted to install Digital Dispatch Systems (DDS) MC 1790 Windows CE device. This is a very practical size device with a color touch screen that also provides mapping capabilities to the vehicle operators. Versyss will interface the current scheduling and dispatching software TransView. Avail will enlist installation and support of the mobile units through Wilson & Deal Communications of Somerset. For data transfer, RTEC will be using Cellular Digital Packet Data, otherwise known as CDPD, provided by Cellular One. Besides having the ability to provide up-to-date information on vehicle locations for clients, the use of MDT's will also provide RTEC with a more accurate reporting capability. RTEC is very excited to be working with Avail and are eager to get the vehicles installed with the MDT's and provide our clients with the best transportation available.

RTEC anticipates that by the beginning of the new year to have vehicles installed with the MC 1790's and data transfer-taking place. The MDT will provide accurate odometer readings (or mileage) and accurate vehicle location, as well as Latitude, Longitude and current speed. The interface between the MDT and RTEC's TransView software will immediately update the software on no-shows or instantly let drivers know of cancellations without voice contact from dispatch.

RTEC's GIS Specialist, Anne Piercy is the project manager for the AVL/MDT installation and Gary Higgins is the Information Systems Technician.

Kentucky Rural Transit Assistance Program Committee Members

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net, this program has provided a cost effective reliable and safer Human Services Transportation Delivery (HSTD) program. Operated under a brokerage system, it provides transportation services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year.

The OTD was the first in the nation to consolidate transportation for these types of programs statewide.

Others receiving awards at the AASHTO Conference included: John Mettelle (Chief Environmental Program Administrator) and Kentucky's 511 Implementation Team was presented the highway traffic safety award.

Secretary Codell also presented the AASHTO President's Special Award of Merit to: John Carr (KYTC Deputy State Highway Engineer, Office of Intermodal Programs) for leadership in AASHTO during his 32 year career with KYTC, Clifford C. Linkes (KYTC Deputy Secretary for Administration), James M. Yowell (KYTC State Highway Engineer), and Cheryl Caldwell (KYTC Staff Assistant to the Office

KPTA Conference addressed by many speakers



Bill Millar, APTA President, was the Thursday, luncheon speaker.



Tom Thomson, Federal Transit Administration Region 4, Deputy Regional Administrator



Henrika Buchanan-Smith, Community Planner, Federal Transit Administration



KBT Executive Director, Jack Fish

TARC puts emergency directions on desk-

Employees of the Transit Authority of River City (TARC), now have emergency response information at their fingertips.

With the click of the computer mouse, they can call up on their computer screens step-by-step directions for handling emergencies, from hostage situations and civil disturbances to tornados and earthquakes.

This simplified version of TARC's Emergency Management Plan has been placed on employees' desktops to make them more aware of the resource and able to refer to it more quickly.

"If someone has a heart attack in your office, and your emergency management plan is buried under three feet of paper it doesn't do you much good," said TARC Executive Director J. Barry Barker. "This way they can just call it up on their screen and read what to do."

This low-cost innovation was the inspiration of TARC's Safety Director Dan Franklin. He got the idea during a meeting of the emergency response committee, when a long-term

employee said she didn't realize TARC had a plan for evacuating its Union Station headquarters in the event of an emergency.

With the folders on their desktop, labeled with the type of emergency, employees will be reminded frequently of what is available. They will be asked to download periodic updates of the information so they stay informed.

The files are one-page guides with simple, bulleted instructions. In case of a fire, for instance, a team member would:

- ✓ From a safe location contact 9-911.
- Provide information concerning location and extent of fire.
- ✓ Notify your immediate supervisor.
- ✓ If a pull alarm station is nearby and it is safe to do so, activate it.
- ✓ Proceed to evacuation recovery point, normally the walkway canopy.

Franklin said even those familiar with the Emergency Management Plan can get panicked if something catastrophic happens. "It just gives them two or three little guides to help them calm down and figure out what to do," he explained.

Louisville Red Cross plans building for bus and bus fleet

The Louisville Red Cross is set to begin construction of a \$2.5 million transportation hub in Smoketown.

Red Cross officials say it will help them provide better service to thousands of elderly and disabled people in Louisville and surrounding counties who rely on the agency for transportation.

The Red Cross which operates 67 vans and buses, has contracts with the Transit Authority of River City and other agencies to transport disabled and elderly patients to and from doctor visits, dialysis and other appointments. Brian Quail, chief executive officer of the agency's Louisville-area chapter, said the Red Cross transportation program needs more space.

The Red Cross Wheels program focuses on providing transportation to the elderly and disabled population in a seven-county area, comprising Jefferson, Oldham, Trimble, Henry, Shelby, Spencer, and Bullitt counties in Kentucky. The program uses a fleet of buses and vans.

The Louisville operation is the largest among the American Red Cross'961 chapters nationwide. Louisville drivers travel more than 1.3 million miles and transport more than 137,000 patients each year.

"Many people don't realize the level of service we provide within the community," Quail said, "We see it as an opportunity and way to provide critically needed service. It also gives us the capacity to grow.

"Without this service there would be a big gap," he said.

The project involves constructing two buildings on Preston Street just north of Oak Street. One is an 8,000-square-foot maintenance garage; the other is an adjacent 7,120-square-foot office structure that will house the program's administrative staff and employees, a drivers' lounge, and dispatch and scheduling offices.

Community and training classroom space will be available for meetings and CPR and first-aid classes.

The site also will house the program's fleet of vans and buses, which Quail said we will then have room to expand to as many as 150 vehicles.

In times of emergency, it will also be used as a secondary Red Cross disaster site.

Money for the project came from federal, state and local sources.

Quail said U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-KY, and U.S. Rep. Anne Northup, R-3rd District, both of Louisville, and U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, R-5th District, of Somerset, helped obtain \$2 million from the Transportation Department.

"The Red Cross Wheels program provides a vital service to many members of our community who are unable to move independently from place to place," Northup said in the release. "With this much-needed funding, Red Cross Wheels can expand its program and continue serving elderly and

disabled Louisvillians.

The James Graham Brown Foundation and the state each contributed \$262,000.

Louisville Metro Councilman Willie Bright, whose 4th District includes Smoketown, praised the project.

"I think it will be an asset to the community," Bright said.

Patricia Bell president of the Smoketown Neighborhood Association agreed.

"It will be closer to the people in the area who need it," Bell said. "I believe it will help our community."

Portions taken from Louisville Courier-Journal, by Sheryl Edlen, October 19, 2003.

Call for CMAQ Projects

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) Division of Multimodal Programs has issued a call for project applications for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding. Past projects include reduced fares, bicycle racks, bike/transit education, new routes, ITS equipment, and van pool assistance. CMAQ can cover up to 80% of the projects cost. Applications are due to KYTC by January 1, 2004.

CMAQ funds are available for areas with an air quality status of nonattainment or maintenance. The Kentucky counties eligible are: Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Jefferson, Bullitt, Oldham, Scott, Fayette, Daviess, Hancock, Edmonson, Marshall, Livingston, Greenup, and Boyd. All these counties are in maintenance for the 1-hour ozone standard. Eligible CMAQ projects must show an emission reduction for the ground level ozone precursors such as hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides. Project funding may be eligible for up to three years. Exceptions include projects with an outreach and education or educational focus

Applications are due to KYTC by January 1, 2004. In metropolitan areas, applications should be submitted through the local Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Outside the MPO areas, applications should be submitted directly to KYTC. Applications are available on the Division of Multimodal Programs' website. <http://transportation.ky.gov/Multi-modal/index.htm>. The Division of Multimodal Programs can assist in filling out the application and with estimating emission reductions. For questions, please contact Jesse Mayes or Lynn Soporowski at (502) 564-7686.

OTD is guest speakers at Ohio DOT Conference

Ohio's Office of Transit invited the Office of Transportation Delivery's staff Brian Beaven and Kalem Juett to present as guest speakers on Kentucky's Human Service Delivery Program and how the program coordinates with Public Transit.

The Ohio Department of Transportation Transit Conference was held in Columbus, Ohio, June 3 and 4, 2003. Beaven and Juett presented the history, current status, and results of the Kentucky Human Service Delivery Program.



Pictured above from left to right: Pat Crocker, from Vermont, Brian Beaven and Kalem Juett with the Office of Transportation Delivery during the Ohio DOT Conference.

Jeffers gives presentation at the New Hampshire Conference

Sue Jeffers, Transportation Director for Bluegrass Community Action, spoke at the Manchester Coordination Conference in New Hampshire on September 24, 2004.

Jeffers gave her perspective on running the Region Eight Human Service Transportation Delivery Brokerage and also showed the Office of Transportation Delivery's power point presentation from the state's viewpoint on all regions.

The group consisted of transit providers and the disabled community in the local area.

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Sue Jeffers - BUS
Shirley Cummins - RTEC
Rajen Shah - GRITS

GOVERNMENTAL/REGIONAL (2)

Shirley Lewis - CVADD
Gina Boaz - GRADD

MEMBERS AT LARGE (3)

Bob Busch - CATS
Lois O'Keefe - CKCAC
Aaron Cox - KRFH

RTAP REGIONS (5)

Mike Rogers - Ashland Bus
Gary Kitchin - PATS
Bonnie Rhoads - OTS
Mike Jackson - LKLP

KPTA presents

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meet him and he still continues to call or drop by with baked goods. They do not have any children and they only have each other and consider Greg part of their family.

Not only does he do his job, but he also, volunteers for every special project that LKLP provides. Whenever something in the office needs fixing he fixes it and he stays late to work the LIHEAP program.

Not only does he do all of this but he also coaches his youngest son's football team and is the assistant coach for his baseball team. He, also, is part of a three-man crew that takes care of the high school football field.

2003 KPTA Roadeo Activities

First Place



David Ware, BUS, presented a first place KPTA Roadeo trophy to Helen Tucker, BUS. KPTA will send Helen to the National CTAA Roadeo in Seattle, Washington in June, 2004.

Second Place



David Ware, BUS, presented a second place KPTA Roadeo trophy to Jim Nichols, RTEC.

Third Place



David Ware, BUS, presented a third place KPTA Roadeo trophy to Tyrone Tevis, TANK.

Roadeo Participants & Judges



*Thanks to all who
participated.*



David Braun to replace Mark Donaghy as TANK's GM

David Braun has been selected as the new General Manager for TANK. Braun was selected by the Transit Authority Board of Directors to head the three-county agency.

Braun is currently the General Manager of CityLink, the operating name of the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District, and has worked for eight years as both the Assistant General Manager and the General Manager. CityLink operates 75 vehicles with 130 employees and carries nearly 2 million passengers per year. In contrast, TANK operates 127 vehicles with 250 employees and carries nearly 4 million passengers per year. TANK serves Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties in Northern Kentucky and the downtown Cincinnati central business district.



Braun has been employed by First Transit, Inc., a professional transportation management and consulting firm, for 15 years. TANK, common to public transit systems throughout the country, contracts with First Transit Inc. to provide key management positions and various services. First Transit provides management and

Braun earned his bachelors degree in Public and Environmental Affairs with a concentration in Transportation from Indiana University and his Master of Business Administration degree from Bradley University.

Braun brings a history of community involvement with him to Northern Kentucky. In Peoria, Braun is a member of Downtown Rotary; sits on the Peoria Chamber of Commerce's

Transportation Committee and East Peoria Chamber's Government Affairs Committee; sits on the finance committee of the Business Leadership Network; is the Treasurer for the Illinois Public Transit Risk Management Association; is a Board Member of Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Central Illinois; is Vice-Chair of an Eagle Scout Outreach committee of the WD Boyce Boy Scout Council and was named one of Peoria's 40 leaders under 40 in 2001.

Braun will replace Mark Donaghy, who is leaving TANK, after 14 years as General Manager. Donaghy, a Regional Vice President for First Transit, Inc., has taken on a new role with the company.

Vivian Llambi, Chair of the TANK Board of Directors comments, "We (the TANK Board) are excited to have found a person that brings to the table a great balance of proven management and technical skill and a truly big picture approach to transit. Dave, judging by his accomplishments in Peoria, believes in thinking outside the box and being creative and innovative. We (as a Board) look forward to seeing what he can accomplish here in Northern Kentucky."

Braun will assume his new role on October 20, 2003, with a brief transition period.

2003 KPTA Golf Tournament



2003 KPTA Golf Tournament winning team included from left to right: Mike Buckles (Daniel Boone Development Council), Jimmy Keene (LKLP), and presented by Aaron Cox (Kentucky River Foothills). Not pictured were Joe Duke and Jack Duff (LKLP)



2003 KPTA Golf Tournament second place team included from left to right: John Van Benschooten (Trapeze Software), presented by Aaron Cox (Kentucky River Foothills) and Gary Kitchin (PATS). Not pictured were Ronnie Thomas (TACK) and Steve Barker (Sure-Lok).



2003 KPTA Golf Tournament third place team included: Bob Gardner (TACK) pictured and his three sons Doug, Kevin, and Ron.

Closest to the Pin: Doug Gardner
Longest Drive: Jack Duff

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Thought for the Day

“The man who goes alone
can start today; but he
who travels with another
must wait till that other is
ready.”

-Henry David Thoreau

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