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Connecticut Transportation Updates



CSSO Training

On June 22 & June 23, CACT and CTRTAP sponsored the Certified Safety and Security Officer Program. Instructor Michael Noel who has more than 40 years of experience in the transit industry conducted the CTA course. Participants learned how to perform an assessment of existing operations, identify system strengths and areas for improvement along with developing emergency, safety, security preparedness plans. Following the course a CSSO examination was given on the second day. Our thanks to Greater New Haven Transit District and their staff for providing the facility and set up for the course.



Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon

The Annual Meeting was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed a served luncheon beginning with a lovely salad, selected entrée, dessert and beverages. New and old members had the opportunity to network and it's clear everyone was having a great time.

Joe thanked vendors Hocon Gas and Shepard Bros. Inc. who were this year's sponsors and had well designed vendor tables.

Following the Membership Meeting reports and presentations, a lovely lunch featuring three different entrees and desert was served. Then the awards presentation began.

The **"Excellence in Transportation"** Awards were presented to Billie Kowalewski, Estuary Transit District; Gardner Hudson, Middletown Area Transit; Maria Vaccarelli, North East Transportation Co.; Mike Lanteri, North East Transportation Co., Jennifer Kritzler, CTTransit; Kristy Stefano; Pat Smith, CTTransit; Dave Higgins, CTTransit; Bernie Bausch, Greater Bridgeport Transit; Ernest Hanson, Norwalk Transit District; Gjon Sulaj, Norwalk Transit District; Jack Molster, New Haven Transit District; Webster Zackery, Greater New Haven Transit District; Valerie Howard, Greater New Haven Transit District; and Valeska DeLaCruz, First Transit.

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CACT Member Highlight

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CACT Member Highlights

If you or a staff member would like to be featured in an upcoming issue, please send your bio and a jpeg photo to Mary Tomolonius at mary.cact@yahoo.com.

Advertising in the CACT Newsletter

The rates are full page \$300; ½ page \$150; and ¼ page \$100. CACT members receive a 10% discount. All ads must be submitted prior to the last week of the month to mary.cact@yahoo.com.



The 2015 Excellence in Transportation Awardees

CACT Chairman Joe Comerford introduced this years **“Friend of Public Transportation”** awardees Connecticut Department of Transportation and CTTransit. Typically this award is given to individuals, but due to the outstanding work both organizations did on CTfastrak, the organizations were selected. DOT Commissioner Redeker and CTTransit General Manager David Lee accepted the awards on behalf of their organizations. Congratulations to all the awardees.

Mark your calendar for next year’s Annual Meeting on June 22, 2016 .

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Post Your Job Opening in the CACT Newsletter

We are adding a new feature to our monthly newsletter: Job Postings. If you have an opening at your organization, let us know and we will include it in our newsletter. All postings must be emailed 7 days before the end of the month.

2015 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- \$2.9 billion in transportation bonding approved.
- Transportation funds can't be diverted by statute (no legal lockbox)
- Special Transportation Fund will get a portion of state sales tax receipts

Calendar

■ **Tuesday, September 22, Annual CACT Golf Tournament.** 18-hole tournament, Blue Fox Run Golf Course, Avon.

[Registration Forms on www.cact.info](http://www.cact.info)

New FTA Proposed Rule

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) today announced a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(PDF\)](#) that would improve the process for testing the safety and reliability of new transit buses funded with federal dollars. The proposed rule would establish minimum performance standards, a new pass-fail grading system for bus testing, and a weighted scoring process that would better assist local transit agencies in purchasing an appropriate vehicle.

-FTA website

CACT Golf Tournament

The 3rd Annual CACT Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, September 22, at Blue Fox Run Golf Course in Avon, CT. Registration begins at 8:00 am and the Shotgun Scramble starts at 9:00 am. **Registration is \$125 before August 15** and \$140 after the 15th. Last year many CACT members volunteered to help, and the many vendor sponsors made it a success.

Please contact Mary Tomolonius (mary.cact@yahoo.com) if you can help or want to be a golf sponsor.

(Golf registration form on our website: www.cact.info)

JOB POSTING



Looking for an exciting career opportunity in a great part of the country? Stamford is the third largest city in Connecticut and the seventh largest city in New England. The Stamford metro area is a bustling, vibrant urban area located approximately 30 miles from Manhattan. Stamford is in the Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk Metro area which is a part of the Greater New York metropolitan area.

CTtransit is seeking a dynamic Division Manager to lead the Stamford operating division of the state owned bus transit service. Stamford currently has 117 employees, operates and maintains a fleet of 52 fixed route buses on 17 local routes and 1 Express Interstate route to White Plains, New York. In 2014, the Stamford Division had 3.5 million passenger boardings.

This position is responsible for the management/oversight of maintenance and fixed route bus operations for the Stamford Division of CTtransit. It supervises all Division staff and reports to the Assistant General Manager of Transportation who is located at CTtransit Headquarters in Hartford. The ideal candidate will reside within the Stamford Division service area, have a valid commercial drivers license; at least five years of supervisory experience; and experience with transit software programs. He/she will be able to motivate personnel, communicate effectively, interact heavily with Union officials, handle details, meet deadlines, work independently, cooperate, and be professional in appearance, punctual, and reliable. CTtransit offers a competitive salary, generous benefits, and a rewarding professional environment.

To view the full job description for this position please visit our website at <http://www.cttransit.com/Careers/>. To be considered for this position please complete the on-line application and attach a cover letter and resume.

CTtransit is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer and strongly encourages the applications of women, minorities, and persons with disabilities