



SEPTEMBER 2012 Newsletter

Connecticut Transportation Updates

CTfastrak

The construction continues in Newington, Hartford, West Hartford and New Britain. For further construction updates and information go to <http://ctfastrak.com>.

Tom Condon recently wrote a column on the need for a salesman to better promote the busway.

http://www.courant.com/news/opinion/hc-op-condon-column-busway-0802-20120802_0_6990451.column

Don't Pass That School Bus

The CT Legislature approved the use of cameras on school buses during the 2011 session. This year six municipalities are participating in the program. Those drivers who don't heed the flashing red lights and bar in the front of the bus are likely to face a \$450 fine. http://articles.courant.com/2012-09-03/news/hc-cameras-bus-0904-20120903_1_smartbus-live-school-bus-cameras-red-lights

Safety Roundtable In Bridgeport

DJ Gonzalez is hosting a roundtable Training/Insurance Consortium at the Greater Bridgeport Intermodal Transportation Center at 710 Water St., Bridgeport on September 13, 2012 starting at 9:30 am. Some of the issues that will be discussed are: *Accident investigation (for managers, drivers, supervisors and/or drivers); Defensive driving; Distracted driving, Retraining information regarding preventable accidents; How to deal with difficult passengers; Customer service (sensitivity training) and any other courses offered that is specifically related to decreasing liability.* For further information contact DJ Gonzalez at 860-247-5329 x 3080 or djgonzalez@hartfordtransit.org.

National Transportation Updates

2012 Expo

The Railway and Mass Transit Interiors Technology and Design Expo are being held from October 24-26, 2012 at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston, MA. You can register on line for this three day conference at www.railwayinteriors-expo.com.

Technical Briefs Available

The National Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) has technical briefs available in their Resource Library at www.nationalrtap.org. One of the briefs "Tips for Being a Good Digital (and Real-World) Citizen" provides information on copyright issues and copyright infringement.

CACT Updates

CACT Member Highlight: Taleim (Tye) Salters



Taleim "Tye" Salters, a native of New Haven, CT, is the Associate Manager of Operations for the Greater New Haven Transit District in Hamden, CT. Hired in 2000 as a Driver, Tye moved into management as a Road Supervisor in September of 2002; he was promoted to Operations Supervisor in July of 2006 and became Associate Manager in July of 2007. While managing a team of over 90 employees, including Dispatch staff as well as Drivers, Tye works diligently to ensure that the day-to-day functions of the Operations Department are in order to keep the service running smoothly.

Tye studied marketing at Bowie State University in Bowie, MD and prior to working for GNHTD, he served as a driver for the contractor that operated GNHTD's paratransit before 2000. Simultaneously, he worked as a Taxi Cab Driver.

Due to his extensive knowledge of the streets of New Haven, Tye has been instrumental in the planning & development of new and more effective bus routes in collaborations between GNHTD and other agencies. With over 22 years of experience as a professional Driver, Supervisor and Associate Manager, Tye continues to be an asset to the Greater New Haven Transit District.

Advertising in the CACT Newsletter

CACT is now accepting ads for our monthly newsletter. The rates are full page \$300; ½ page \$150; and ¼ page \$100. CACT members receive a 10% discount. All ads must be camera ready in either a tiff or jpeg format and received by the 25th of each month. The newsletter is emailed during the first week of each month. Email your ad to mary.cact@yahoo.com.

Opinions & Opportunities

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