

Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference (SESPTC)

joint conference with the

Virginia Association for Pupil Transportation (VAPT)

“Focus on the Future”



*July 8 - 12, 2022
Embassy Suites and Convention Center
Hampton, Virginia*

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Friday, July 8, 2022

- 2:00 p.m. **SESPTC Board Business Meeting**
Location.....(ES) Raptor Boardroom
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Delegate Registration**
Location..... Hampton Roads Convention
Center (HRCC) Business Center
- VAPT Shirt Sales**
Location.....HRCC Business Center
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Companions’ Meet & Greet**
Coordinator: Tanya Deckard, Gloucester Co.
Schools, VA
- 6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. **State Directors’ Dinner**
Sponsored by Hydrotex
Location..... HRCC

Saturday, July 9, 2022

- 7 a.m. **5K Event**
Matteson Trail
Hampton, VA
Sponsored by Sonny Merryman, Inc.
(Transportation from conference hotel will be provided.)
- 8:00 a.m. **Bryan W. Morris, Sr., Memorial Golf Tournament**
Woodlands Golf Course
9 Woodland Road
Hampton, VA 23663
Coordinator: David Pace, Retired, VA
- 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Delegate Registration**
Location HRCC Business Center
- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon **NAPT Course**
#501 – Overseeing a Fleet Management Prgm.
Instructor: Sharon Moore, Newport News Schools, VA
LocationHRCC Room 104-105
- 8:30 a.m. *Buses will be available for Companions outing.*
- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon **VAPT Shirt Sales**
Location HRCC Business Center
- 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch on your own**
Shuttle buses will be available.
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Leadership Forum**
State Directors & Association Board Members
Presiding: Leonard Swilley, President, SESPTC
LocationHRCC Room 102-103
- 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **NAPT Course**
#703 – Personal Skills/Time Management
Instructor: Sharon Moore, Newport News Schools, VA
LocationHRCC Room 104-105

4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

State Directors' Meeting

Presiding: Vijay Ramnarain, State Director, VA
Location.....HRCC Room 102

VAPT New Directors' Meeting

Location.....HRCC Room 103

5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Ice Cream Social

Sponsored by Embassy Suites
Location.....Embassy Suites Ballroom

Sunday, July 10, 2022

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast on your own

7:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

Delegate Registration

Location.....HRCC Business Center

8:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

Companions' Hospitality

Location.....(ES) Mercury Ballroom
Please join other spouses, companions, & families for this SESPTC tradition. Participants are invited to bring small gifts for door prizes.

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Opening Ceremonies and Welcome

Presiding: Leonard Swilley, President, SESPTC
Heather Handschin, Vice Pres., VAPT
Location..... HRCC Grand Ballroom ABC

Presentation of Colors

Kecoughtan High School Junior ROTC Color Guard, Hampton, VA

Pledge of Allegiance

Kecoughtan High School Junior ROTC Color Guard, Hampton, VA

National Anthem

Warren James, Lead Security Officer,
Hampton, VA

Roll Call of States

Overview of Program Schedule

Heather Handschin, Prince William Co., VA

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Welcome

The Honorable Jimmy Gray, Vice Mayor,
Hampton, VA

Jillian Balow, State Superintendent of Public
Instruction, Virginia Department of Education

9:00 a.m.

Buses will be available for Companions outing.

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

National Updates

NAPT – Alex Spann, Region 2 Director, TN

NASDPTS – Ronna Weber, Executive Director

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Busing on the Lookout (BOTL) –Keeping Students Safe by Recognizing and Responding to Human Trafficking

Lexi Higgins, Deputy Director, BOTL

10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

Break

Sponsored by REI and SESPTC

Location.....Outside of Grand Ballroom ABC

10:10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

“Focus on the Future”

Dr. Jeffery Smith, Superintendent, Hampton
City Public Schools

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

“Finding the Funny in Change”

Jan McInnis, Speaker & Motivator

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Lunch

Sponsored by SESPTC

Location.....Outside Grand Ballroom ABC

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

Electric School Buses - OEM Updates

Blue Bird – Albert Burleigh, Executive Director, EV Business Development
IC Bus – Tom S. Polzin, NEXT/IC Bus EV Sales Specialist
Thomas Built Buses – Jim Crowcroft, Manager- North American Dealer Sales & Service

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Leadership – Administrative Track

Location..... HRCC Meeting Room 201-202

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Busing on the Lookout: Learning & Leading on Human Trafficking for School Transportation

Lexi Higgins, Deputy Director, BOTL

3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

PROS and CONS of Electric School Buses

Dustin Harris, Middlesex Co. Schools, VA
Phil Noteboom, VA Beach City Schools, VA
Lonnie Reavis, Fairfax Co. Schools, VA
Keyon Scott, Pittsylvania Co. Schools, VA

Safety and Training Track

Location..... HRCC Meeting Room 203 -204

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Using Data to Enhance Your Safety Program

Fonda Craig, Sr. Safety Consultant, VRSA
Kerry Miller, Associate Director, Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)

3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT)

Tasha A. Drew, Chesterfield Co. Schools, VA
Craig Feister, Division, Administrator, FMCSA
Kerry Miller, Associate Director, VDOE

Fleet/Technicians' Training Track

Location..... HRCC Meeting Room 104-105

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Electric School Bus Infrastructure & Funding

Rachel Chard, CALSTART
Nikki Hensley, NC Electric Cooperative
Claire Alford, Highland Electric Fleets
Wesley Dudley, Bertie County, NC

3:00 p.m. -3:50 p.m.

Transportation Conference – What's in it for Fleet/Technicians?

Bob Clinebell, Norfolk City Schools, VA
Anthony Hunt, Valley View School District, AR

4:30 p.m.

Offsite Event

Sponsored by Thomas Built Buses

Monday, July 11, 2022

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast on your own

7:30 a.m. – 7:50 a.m.

VAPT Business Meeting (Committee Reports)

Location.....HRCC Room 102-103

8:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

Trade Show

Location..... HRCC Exhibit Hall AB
Cash drawings every half hour/must be present to win

12 noon – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

Sponsored by Blue Bird Corporation
(Delegates & Registered Guests)

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Crisis Response Drill - Active Shooter

Hampton City Police Swat Team
Presiding: Kevin Harrison, State Director, NC
(Onsite - repeat 3 times)

1:00 p.m. - Yellow sticker on badge attend

2:00 p.m. - Blue sticker on badge attend

3:00 p.m. - Green sticker on badge attend

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Leadership – Administrative Track

Location..... HRCC Meeting Room 102-103

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

A Focus on Mental Health

Dr. Richard Mason, PhD, LPC, LSATP, CCMHC,
NCC, HCS Chair/Associate Professor

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

How to Attract, Hire & Retain School Bus Drivers

Tasha A. Drew, Chesterfield Co. Schools, VA
Mervin Hence, New Kent Co. Schools, VA
Danny Revis, Benton District, AR

2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Break

Sponsored by Edulog, GeoRef, SESPTC
Location.....Outside Room 202-204

3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Round Table Discussion - What has COVID Taught You?

Derek Graham, DG Consulting Serv., LLC, NC
Elisa Hanley, State Director, KY
Floyd Miles, Richmond City Schools, VA

Safety and Training Track

HRCC Meeting Room 201-202

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

The Final Rule – How does the Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse Impact Pupil Transportation?

Craig Feister, Division Administrator, FMCSA

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

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(Repeat of 1 p.m. session)

Craig Feister, Division Administrator, FMCSA

- 2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Break**
 Sponsored by Edulog, GeoRef, SESPTC
 Location..... Outside Room 202-204
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. **Transportation of Pre-K and Special Needs
 Students on a School Bus - Proper Position
 and Securement Options**
 Aaron Harris, Sales Manager, BESI, Inc.
- Fleet/Technician’s Training Track**
 Location..... HRCC Meeting Room 203-204
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. **Propane as an Alternative Fuel for School
 Buses**
 Steve Whaley, Director of Autogas Business
 Development, Propane Education &
 Resource Center (PERC)
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. **Round Table Discussion – The Future of
 Fleet Services**
 Caley Edgerly, Pres. & CEO, Sonny Merryman, Inc.
 BernNadette Jenkins-Booker, Richmond City
 Schools, VA
- 2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Break**
 Sponsored by Edulog, GeoRef, SESPTC
 Location..... Outside Room 202-204
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. **Common Hazards Found in Maintenance
 Garage Inspections**
 Andrew Ward, Norfolk VOSH Regional Office,
 Department of Labor and Industry
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **SESPTC Business Meeting**
 HRCC Meeting Room 201-202
- 6:00 p.m. **Banquet & SESPTC/VAPT Awards
 Ceremony**
 Sponsored by IC Bus
 Location.....HRCC Grand Ballroom ABC

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast on your own**
- 7:30 a.m. – 7:50 a.m. **VAPT Business Meeting (Committee Reports Continued)**
Location HRCC Room 102-103
- 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Debriefing and Reports**
Presiding: Janet Clarke, Sr. Trans. Mgr., AR
Location HRCC Room 104-105
- Active Shooter Debrief**
Captain Anthony Scheck, SWAT Commander,
 Hampton Police Dept.
Fonda Craig, VRSA
John Lambusta, Williamsburg City Schools, VA
- EPA Update**
Karl Simon, Director of Transp. & Climate
Division, Office of Transp. & Air Quality
- TSA Update**
Joshua Grey, Transportation Security Inspector
Joseph Lopez, Transportation Security
 Inspector
Darryell Williams, Supervisory Transportation
 Security Inspector
- Closing Comments – SESPTC/VAPT Board**
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **SESPTC Business Meeting**
- 11:00 a.m. **Conference Adjournment**
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **SESPTC Executive Board Business Meeting**

**WELCOME TO SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE 2023
CONFERENCE - July 9-15, 2023!!!**

Please thank these sponsors for their support!!

State Directors' Dinner	Hydrotex
Sunday Morning Break	REI and SESPTC
Sunday Night Event	Thomas Built Buses
Monday Lunch	Blue Bird Corporation
Monday Afternoon Break	Edulog, GeoRef, SESPTC
Banquet & Awards Ceremony	IC Bus

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Education Logistics INC	School Radio
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IN MEMORY OF FRED STANLEY VALENTINE



Fred Stanley Valentine, 80, of Henrico, entered eternal rest Sunday, June 12, 2022 at his residence. He was born in Chase City, Virginia on September 26, 1941 to the late John & Mary Lena Valentine. At an early age, Fred joined Concord Baptist Church where he maintained his membership. He attended Mt. Olive Baptist in Glen Allen. Fred received his early education in the Mecklenburg County schools & graduated

from West End High School in 1960. Later, he furthered his education, receiving a B.S. degree from Knoxville College and a M.S. degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. Fred started his career in education. He was a teacher, coach & administrator in Pittsylvania Co. Public Schools, Chatham, VA, and a coach, teacher & administrator in King William Co. Public Schools in King William, VA. He worked as an Asst. Supervisor at the VA Dept. of Education, Pupil Transportation Service & as Director of Transportation for Hanover Co. Public Schools in Ashland until his retirement in 2002. Fred wore many hats. After retirement, Fred served as a Consultant of Transportation for the State of Virginia. He served as President of VAPT. He was a dedicated member of the West End High School Alumni Association, having served as the President of the WEHS National Alumni Association and most recently as President of the Richmond Chapter & Advisor of the National Association. Fred loved people & it was easy for people to love & admire him. No one was a stranger to Fred. He opened his heart to everyone he met. He loved watching sports particularly, football & basketball. Left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife of 55 years, Carolyn B. Valentine; devoted son, Fred Sterling Valentine; loving grandson, Fred Sterling Valentine, Jr.; devoted sister, Johnsie V. Davis (John); brother, Robert Valentine; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, & extended family. Fred will truly be missed. We will always cherish the memories of Fred Stanley Valentine.