

**71st SOUTHEASTERN STATES PUPIL
TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE (SESPTC)**

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PUPIL TRANSPORTATION (SCAPT)**

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July 9-13, 2023
DoubleTree Resort
Myrtle Beach, SC



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Thank you, Mr. Benjamin Prince, and Horry County Schools, for transporting our guests!

Sunday July 09, 2023

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Dunes

NAPT 608 Course - Developing a Safety Program

Instructor.....Teena Mitchell

Special Needs Transportation Coordinator,
Greenville Co School District

2:00 – 2:50 p.m.

SESPTC Executive Board Meeting in Carolina

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Atlantic Pre-Function

Delegate Registration

Carolina

Current Issues Across the Region (Round Table)

All State Directors and District Leaders Welcome

Presiding..... Elisa Hanley

SESPTC President, KY State Director

6:30 p.m.

Springs

State Directors' and SCAPT Executive Board Dinner

Host..... Carolina International

State Directors and Registered Guests

Monday July 10, 2023

7:30 a.m. – Noon

Registration of Delegates at the Atlantic Pre-Function

8:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Exhibit Setup and Registration in the Exhibit Hall

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Carolina Ballroom

Opening Ceremonies

Presiding.....Elisa Hanley, KY

Invocation..... Ben Prince

Executive Director of Transportation, Horry County School District

Presentation of Colors.....SC Highway Patrol Honor Guard

Pledge of Allegiance.....Horry County School District ROTC

National Anthem.....Ten Oaks M.S. Orchestra

Directed by..... Chad Hammer

Monday July 10, 2023

Welcome and Opening Remarks

South Carolina.....State Supt. Ellen Weaver Invited
Deputy Superintendent Virgie Chambers

Mike Bullman, State Director
South Carolina Department of Education

Rita Allison
SCAPT Legislative Liaison

Roll Call of States.....Elisa Hanley
State Directors Introduction

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Keynote Speaker:**.....Zach Brewster, SC
**Moving Into the Future: How to Find the Right People and Put
Them in the Right Places**

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Break – Sponsored by Unity Bus Parts**

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Spouse/Guest Hospitality**
Dunes *Please join other spouses, companions, and families for this SESPTC
tradition. Participants are invited to bring small gifts as door prizes.*
Area Chamber of Commerce and Rita Allison

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **Human Trafficking**
Carolina Ballroom Presenter..... Lexi Higgins
Busing on the Lookout

11:15 – 12:00p.m. **NTSB – School Bus Accident Investigations – GA/AZ/SC/TN**
Presenter..... Meg Sweeney
National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)

12:00 – 1:45 p.m. **SCAPT Awards Banquet for SC Delegates**
Sponsored by Interstate Transportation in the Springs Ballroom
Lunch on your own (SESPTC Delegates)

Monday July 10, 2023

General Session

Carolina Ballroom

2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Roll Call of Sponsors.....MaShannon Rice, SC

2:30 – 2:40 p.m.

NASDPTS Update

Presenter.....Mike Simmons, AR
NASDPTS President

2:40 – 2:50 p.m.

NAPT Update

Presenter.....Alex Spann, TN

2:50 – 3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 – 3:50 p.m.

Atlantic A

McKinney Vento

Moderator.....Teena Mitchell, SC
Panel Members Irene Hamilton Jones, Greenville Co Schools
Sonja Jones, Charleston Co. Schools
Tangela Green, Colleton Co School District

Atlantic B

Conflict Resolution in the Workplace

Presenter.....Zach Brewster

Atlantic C

To Manage or Lead, that is the Question

Presenter..... Dr. Michael Lee
Tyler Technologies

4:00 – 4:50 p.m.

Atlantic A

Communicating Effectively with Elected Leaders

Presenter.....Rita Allison

Atlantic B

Human Trafficking Breakout Session

Presenter..... Lexi Higgins
Busing on the Lookout

Atlantic C

Ethical Employee Management

Presenter.....Mrs. Shawn Williams
Senior Chief Resource Officer, Richland Two School District

Atlantic D

On-Command Connection (Repeat)

Presenter.....Doug Paul, IC

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Event. Food and Entertainment Provided.

Hosted by Thomas Built Buses

All delegates and registered guests are welcome to attend

Tuesday July 11, 2023

7:30 – 12:00 p.m.

Registration of Delegates at the Atlantic Pre-Function

8:00 – 12:15 p.m.

Exhibition and Trade Show in Exhibit Hall

10:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Electric Vehicle Technician Training

Atlantic A

Presenter..... Dwayne Bethune
Trainer-Thomas Built Buses

Atlantic B

De-escalation for Drivers

Presenter.....Teena Mitchell & Monica Cox, SC

12:10 p.m.

Exhibit Hall

Drawing for Grand Prize at the Trade Show

Delegates only; must be present to win!

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch Provided by Carolina International and SESPTC/SCAPT

Delegates Only

1:30-3:00 p.m.

Atlantic A

Propane (LPG) Bus Training

Presenter..... Mike Howell & Todd Mouw
Trainers – Gregory Poole Equipment /Blue Bird

Atlantic B

Driver Support in Routing

Presenter..... Monica Cox & Daphne McNeely, SC

Extended Sessions

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Carolina Ballroom

Bendix Brakes

Presenter.....Ed Bruser, Bendix

1:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Dunes

NAPT 604 Course – Prioritizing & Evaluating Operational Safety

Presenter.....Teena Mitchell

1:30 – 4:05 p.m.

Atlantic A

Drug & Alcohol Reasonable Suspicion Certification Course

Presenter.....Richard Podmore, SCAPT

1:30 – 3:05 p.m.

Atlantic B

Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies

Presenter..... Rachel Njenga
KY PBIS/ISF Education Program Consultant

Tuesday July 11, 2023

Breakout Sessions

1:30 – 2:10 p.m. Atlantic C	How To Stay Out of The News Presenter..... Holly Hadden, SC
2:20 – 3:05 p.m. Atlantic C	Driver Support in Implementing Safer Routes Presenter..... Albert Burleigh Executive Director of EV Business Development, Blue Bird Corp.
Atlantic D	Essentials of Being a Leader Presenter..... Linda Toll Mandsager SC Office of Educator Effectiveness & Leadership Development
Springs ABC	Reunification After an Emergency Presenter..... Sgt Matt Southern
3:05 – 3:20 p.m.	Break
3:20 – 4:05 p.m. Atlantic C	Morals & Values in Management Presenter..... Keith Terry Director of Transportation, Orangeburg, SC School District
Atlantic D	Diversity in Hiring Presenter..... Elisa Hanley
Springs ABC	Self-Care – Social Emotional Learning Presenter..... Rachel Njenga
4:05 – 4:50 p.m. Atlantic C	Morals & Values in Management Presenter..... Keith Terry Director of Transportation. Orangeburg, SC School District
Atlantic D	Diversity in Hiring Presenter..... Elisa Hanley
Springs ABC	Self-Care – Social Emotional Learning Presenter..... Rachel Njenga
6:00 p.m.	“Putt-Putt” – On Site. Hors d’oeuvres Provided Hosted by Blue Bird All delegates and registered guests are welcome to attend

Wednesday July 12, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Exhibit Hall

8 hr. NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Restraint

Presenter..... Teena Mitchell
Sue Shutrump, OT/PT Supervisor, Trumbull County, OH
Patricia J Krause, SC Dept. of Ed.

General Sessions

Carolina Ballroom

EV School Buses, FY23 Clean School Bus Grants & Rebates

Presenter..... Daniel Blackman, EPA

Alternative Fuels Launch Panel (Propane & EV)

Moderator Don Tudor
Jim Crowcroft, Thomas Built
Albert Burleigh EV, Blue Bird
Tom Mouw, Roush
Tom Polzin, Regional Sales Manager, IC
Shawn Hinson, EV Application Sales Consultant, IC

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Carolina Ballroom

Non-Conforming Vehicles Used to Transport Students (Panel)

Moderator.....Richard Podmore, SDE
Ricky Stanley, Thomas Built, Mike Simmons, AR
Mike Bullman, Darryl Webb, Matt Gates

11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch – On your Own

1:00 – 1:50 p.m.

Atlantic A

Cyber Security

Presenter..... Sam Hamilton
Account Executive, Tyler Technologies

Atlantic B

Building Relationships & Getting Results

Presenter..... Dr. Ayesha Hunter
Director of Personnel, Darlington Co School Dist.

Atlantic C

Tools for the School Bus Driver Shortage

Presenter..... Transfinder

Atlantic D

Alternative Fuels Breakout

Presenter..... Jacqueline Bodine, Blue Bird
Tom Hopkins, Roush

Wednesday July 12, 2023

2:00 – 2:50 p.m.
Atlantic A

Lock-Out, Tag-Out

Presenter.....Jonid Castillo
OSHA, Safety and Health Training Coordinator

Atlantic B

Alternative Fuels Breakout

Presenter..... Thomas Built Buses

Atlantic C

Alternative Fuels Breakout

Presenter.....Tom Polzin

Atlantic D

Diversity in Hiring

Presenter..... Elisa Hanley

Springs ABC

Routing & Best Practices -Routing, Criteria, & Bus Stop Mgmt

Presenter..... Tyler Technologies
Sara Hansen

3:00 – 4:45 p.m.
Carolina Ballroom

Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies

Presenter.....Rachel Njenga
KY PBIS/ISF Education Program Consultant

3:00 – 3:45 p.m.
Springs ABC

System Validations & South Carolina D.O.E Support System

Manage Importing, Routing, My Ride, Tyler Drive, and Support
Presenter..... Tyler Technologies
Sara Hansen

Atlantic A

Heat Stress

Presenter..... Jonid Castillo

Atlantic B

Provide a Clean, Safe, Healthy Ride to School with Propane

Presenter..... Todd Mouw, Rousch

4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Above and Beyond the Basics

How to Use Data to Transform Transportation Processes, Next Steps
to Routing, My Ride, Tyler Drive

Springs ABC

Presenter..... Tyler Technologies
Sara Hansen

Atlantic A

Walking and Working Surfaces

Presenter..... Jonid Castillo

Atlantic B

On-Command Connection

Presenter..... Doug Paul, IC

Dinner on your Own

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Carolina Ballroom

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Recent Hi-jacking – Fort Jackson

Presenter.....Richard Podmore SDE
Sgt Matt Southern, SC Highway Patrol

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

**SESPTC Business Meeting & Closing
Ceremonies-Drawings, what are you Taking from the Conf.**

12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Officer elections-SCAPT Only

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Incoming SCAPT Board

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Post Conference SESPTC/SCAPT

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