

News and Job Openings

Transportation Administrators of America

News or Job Postings

Do you have a job opening? Are you planning a new driver training class and would like to invite other districts that need one or two drivers trained? - The TAA website can be used to announce this information. Please send them to Jay Morris, Website Editor to be posted online.

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Region 6 Mini-Conference

Hello to All!

It is time for our second mini-conference of the year. It will be held on February 7th, from 9:30am to 1pm at Washington Elementary School District - District Office - Navajo Room, located at 4650 W. Sweetwater Ave, 85304. Please see the attached map for parking instructions.

The agenda is below. This is a free conference and non-members are welcome. I will also have a "Certificate of Completion" available for those that need one. Please RSVP to me by February 3rd. Hope to see you there!

AGENDA

930: Welcome/Networking

945: Kevin Riddle - Transportation Director - Glendale Union HSD

Presentation: Adult Learning - This block of instruction discusses the science of adult learning.

It also looks at the different ways that adult learners are discouraged and encouraged. A great way to help

"get the message" to our transportation staff.

1115: LUNCH - Provided by TAA - Subs, chips, cookies and drinks! :)

1130: Round Table - Open Discussion

Topics:

1. Covering Bus Routes - Short Term and Long Term

2. Let me know what other questions you have....you can send them to me or bring your list to the meeting.

Noon: Kelly Moore - SafeGuard - Presenting their new product: SafeGuard XChange

100: Goodbye!

Thanks,

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A Unique Training Opportunity

Chandler Unified School District is hosting a train the trainer instructor course June 4 through June 8, 2012 at the Chandler School District. This course is titled "School Bus Safety Instructor" and covers the necessary presentation skills needed to be an excellent classroom instructor.

The class is extremely demanding with pre-class homework assignments, homework during the course and then a final to be completed within six months after the course is completed. It is a pass/fail course. The course is limited to 12 students so the instructors will be able to give enough attention to the students during this program.

We have a few student slots open and we would like to open the program to interested, dedicated school bus professionals. Please, this is an intense course and we are looking for people who will be committed to the process and the work. The cost is \$150 per student to cover books and materials.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Connie Draper at Chandler Unified School District at 480-812-7276 or by email at draper.constance@chandler.k12.az.us

While the course is demanding and probably one of the hardest programs you will ever go through, it will also be one of the most rewarding. We hope to hear from you soon!

NHTSA Offering CSRS Training Videos for Free

NHTSA has modified their school bus web page. They have included CSRS training videos and a school bus driver in-service safety training program, with free power point presentations and handouts. Go to: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/School-Buses> . On the right hand side is a section that says "Additional Resources"; the first two are the links to videos and the training program.

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