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HDPT Selected to Host State Competition

Harrisonburg, VA – The Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) was selected to host the 2015 State Transit Bus Rodeo Competition.

This competition will be held at the new HDPT facilities from Friday, March 20 until Sunday, March 22. It is anticipated that 12 city transit agencies from across the Commonwealth of Virginia will be participating.

“We are excited to host this event but also to network with other transit agencies,” said HDPT Transit Superintendent, Avery Daugherty.

The rodeo is an opportunity for mechanics and bus operators to show off their skills and knowledge of their jobs. The mechanics will compete in troubleshooting various issues with buses, including air conditioning units and engines along with identifying defects on the bus. In addition, they will be scored on a written exam.

Bus operators will also be scored in a number of different aspects including a timed obstacle course, written examination, and timed challenge to identify defective issues with buses.

Daugherty added, “While this event is a way to show off a number of skills learned on the job, it is also a way to promote safe and effective operating techniques for both technicians and drivers alike.”

Pictures and the final results of the winners of the competition will be posted at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/hdpt.

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