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## HDPT Driver Recognized at National Competition

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) is excited to announce the awards and recognition received by one of its own.

Robin Smith, driver with HDPT, was recently selected to compete in the 2016 Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) Rodeo Competition. This national competition sends winners from previous state rodeo competitions from all over the nation to compete in the contest. This contest was part of CTAA's annual expo that was held in Portland, Oregon.

Smith competed in the minivan division and placed 1<sup>st</sup> out of 19 total competing operators. In addition, she was awarded the Otis Reed Driver of the Year award and the Rookie of the Year award, which is given for a first-time competitor who scored the highest.

"This is the first time in the history of the CTAA that the same operator won all three awards at a single competition," explained Reggie Smith, director of HDPT. "We are so proud of Robin and her accomplishments and believe this is another testament of the high quality of drivers within our department."

Smith started working for HDPT in 2006 as a school bus driver and later began working part time as a transit driver. She worked for two years with another transit agency and came back to HDPT in 2014.

"I attribute my success in driving to the excellent training program that HDPT provides its drivers," said Robin Smith. "I enjoy all aspects of my job and serving the community!"

To learn more about HDPT, visit [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/HDPT](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/HDPT) and for additional information about CTAA and the complete list of rodeo results, visit their [website](#).

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