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## HDPT Recognized with Safety Award

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) was recently recognized with a statewide award.

HDPT is the recipient of the 2017 Outstanding Public Transportation Exceptional Safety Award by the Virginia Transit Association (VTA).

This award is given to localities who demonstrate exceptional safety through a variety of initiatives and programs. Over the past five years, HDPT adopted a safety program, Safety Management Systems, to identify trends in unsafe behaviors, mitigate recognized hazards, and train drivers in specific practices that will reduce future accidents based on the data that is collected.

The program goals were met through a combination of targeted training, implementation of new technologies, and public outreach.

“I am proud of our staff members, who earned this award,” explained HDPT Director Reggie Smith. “Safety is always our top priority when transporting members of our public to and from their destinations.”

Safety Management Systems is a program that was developed at a very low cost. It was simply a more focused use of resources, a commitment from HDPT staff, and assistance from the Virginia Transit Liability Pool in gathering data.

For more information about HDPT or to view bus routes, visit [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/hdpt](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/hdpt).

*Situated on a 16-acre site, the **Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation’s** newly constructed and award-winning administrative and maintenance facilities are home to approximately 120 employees and 117 buses, both school and transit buses. To learn more about HDPT, visit [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/HDPT](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/HDPT) or to follow them on social media visit their [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) sites.*



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