



National Association
of State Directors
of Pupil Transportation Services

50th Annual NASDPTS Conference
October 27-31, 2018
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Downtown Kansas City, Missouri
Preliminary Schedule and Agenda

Hotel Reservations

A block of rooms is available for attendees of the NASDPTS Conference at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Kansas City. Conference workshops and meetings will be held at the hotel. The conference room rate is \$143.00 (plus tax & resort fees) and is available Thursday, October 25 through Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Room reservations can be made by visiting <https://book.passkey.com/event/49672147/owner/56684/home> or by calling (816) 474-6664 x7500 and referring to Group Code: GLB.. The deadline to reserve rooms at the conference rate is **Monday, October 8, 2018**.

Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and check-out time is 12:00 p.m. Parking is limited. The overnight self-parking fee is \$19, and overnight valet parking is \$23.

NASDPTS Conference Registration

You can register for the annual conference by visiting <https://nasdpts24.wildapricot.org/event-2824063>. Please remember that you must use your email address to register, even if someone else is registering you.

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Saturday, October 27, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. NASDPTS Board Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. American Academy of Pediatrics' new policy statement, "*The School Bus Transportation of Children With Special Health Care Needs.*" Dr. Joseph O'Neil of Riley Children's Hospital will lead an interactive panel session. *By special invitation from the National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT), all NASDPTS registrants may attend this NAPT workshop at no extra cost.*
- 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. NAPT Special Event- This event will take place at the Kansas City Fire Academy and will feature a unique, life training event designed to better understand the effect a thermal event (fire in particular) has on evacuation times. During this live action event NAPT will use four school buses and real students to demonstrate three different real world, real life emergency situations. *By special invitation, all NASDPTS registrants may attend this NAPT workshop at no extra cost.*
- 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Reception, Dinner & Entertainment- This festive annual event sponsored by SafeFleet/Seon will be held off-site. Transportation will be provided.

Sunday, October 28, 2018

- 6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration
- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast (sponsored)
- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Presentations and Workshops
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (sponsored)
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Presentations and Workshops
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. NASDPTS Business Meeting (*state directors*)
- 4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. SNAC Business Meeting (*all NASDPTS members*)
- 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Reception, Dinner & Entertainment, sponsored by Thomas Built Buses

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Monday, October 29, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration
- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Presentations and Workshops
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. NAPT Workshop (tentative; NASDPTS registrants invited)
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Supplier Council Membership and Steering Committee meetings (time subject to change)
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (sponsored)
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Supplier Council General Membership and related meetings (time subject to change))
- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. NCST Steering Committee Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. National Transportation Safety Board Presentation- Michele Beckjord, MFS, Senior Accident Investigator, will discuss the Board's Special Issues Report: Selective Issues in School Bus Transportation Safety: Crashes in Baltimore, Maryland, and Chattanooga, Tennessee. She will also provide a glimpse into NTSB's investigation of the fatal December 2017 bus fire in Oakland, Iowa where the driver and a student both died. *This is a joint session being presented to NAPT and NASDPTS.*
- Time TBA School Bus Manufacturers Technical Council (SBMTC) Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Reception, Dinner, and Entertainment, co-sponsored by School Transportation News, Collins Bus Corporation, and Lowen Color Graphics

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. 2020 National Congress on School Transportation (NCST) Orientation- This workshop, hosted by the NCST Steering Committee, will be to update writing committee chairs and other interested parties on the process for submitting and processing proposed updates to the National School Transportation Specifications and Procedures. The schedule and activities leading up to the 2020 National Congress will also be discussed. *All NASDPTS members, other NCST sponsoring associations, and interested parties are invited to attend.*

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Tuesday, October 30, 2018 (continued)

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Breakfast, Presentations and Workshops (breakfast sponsored)

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. NAPT Trade Show (includes lunch)

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. New Ideas Exchange- This facilitated NAPT event is to provide an opportunity to connect and share ideas, lessons learned, and best practices. *By special invitation, all NASDPTS registrants may attend this NAPT workshop at no extra cost.*

Evening Dinner on Your Own

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast (sponsored)

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Presentations and Workshops

12:00 p.m. Conference Adjourns

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. NASDPTS Board Meeting

This year’s tentatively scheduled program topics include:

Federal Partners (invited):

Jeremy Gunderson, Program Analyst, NHTSA

Ryan Rahimpour, Office of Defects Investigation, NHTSA

David Cooper, Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

Michelle Beckjord, MFS, Sr. Accident Investigator and Project Mgr., NTSB (joint session at NAPT)

Jason Wilcox, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Larry Minor, Associate Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

Workshop Topics:

- **Updates on Federal Initiatives and Regulatory Activities** from NTSB, NHTSA, FMCSA, EPA, and TSA
- **NTSB Special Investigation Report and Updates**—including findings and recommendations from the investigation of the 2016 Baltimore and Chattanooga crashes (*joint session with NAPT*)
- **NASDPTS Position Paper and Follow-up Survey on School Bus Driver Qualifications—What Are Each State’s Strengths and Gaps?**
- **National Safety Council’s “Road to Zero” Campaign**

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- **American School Bus Council (ASBC) Update**
- **American Academy of Pediatrics Report: School Bus Transportation of Students with Special Health Care Needs** (*NAPT; all NASDPTS registrants invited*)
- **Combating Sexual Trafficking—How Student Transporters Can Help**
- **OEM Updates: New Technologies** (Electronic Stability Control, Collision Avoidance Technologies, Electric Power Units, Student Detection Systems)
- **Entry Level Driver Training Rule— Planning for the February 7, 2020 Compliance Date**
- **“Unspoken Sorrow”**—Author Kari Kounkel’s story of the 1997 Monticello, Minnesota school bus crash
- **ITRE Study—Effects of Lap/Shoulder Belts Use on Improving Student Discipline and Reducing Distracted Driving**
- **First Aid Kit Standardization**—Why ARE There More than 40 Part Numbers Needed to Meet States’ Specifications
- **NAPT Special Event at Kansas City Fire Academy** (*all NASDPTS registrants invited*)
- **NAPT New Ideas Exchange** (*all NASDPTS registrants invited*)
- **NASDPTS President’s and Executive Director’s Reports**
- **17th National Congress on School Transportation (NCST) Report**
- **National Associations’ Reports**
- **Supplier Council Presentations**
- **State and National Associations Council (SNAC) Report**

Meetings:

- **NASDPTS Board of Directors**
- **NASDPTS State Director Business Meetings**
- **SNAC**
- **NASDPTS Suppliers Council**
- **SBMTC**
- **NCST Steering Committee and Writing Committees**

For further information and updates, please visit www.nasdpts.org. If you have questions, please contact Michael LaRocco, NASDPTS President Elect and Program Chair, at mlarocco@doe.in.gov, Cherie Hime at adminservices@nasdpts.org, or Charlie Hood at ExecDir@nasdpts.org.